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## Manitoba.

A. W. Bailey, dealer in harness, Rapid City, has added boots and shoes to his business.

Thos. Spence, second-hand dealer, Brandon, has closed out and removed to Wawanesa.

J. A. Rogers, dealer in furs, hats and caps, Winnipeg, has closed out his business here.

M. Banks, formerly of Winnipeg and late of Miami, has opened a drug store at Carman.

The Morden Farmers' Club has received a cartload of binding twine from the Dartmouth Mills, Nova Scotia.

The well-known firm of Abrams & Esau, Gretna, are making a change in the name as follows: "Esau & Loewen."

P. Gallagher & Sons, of Winnipeg, have purchased from Wm. Usher, of Carman, 30 head of cattle for the sum of \$1,600 cash.

Thirty houses, says the *Portage Review*, have been built this summer or are in course of construction west of the Grand Pacific Hotel.

A Winnipeg employment agency reports that the demand for labor is very largely in excess of the supply. Farm and railway laborers are very scarce.

W. R. Ross, of Pentland & Co., is building a stone store at Hollaad. It will be two storeys high, and when finished will be a handsome and substantial edifice.

W. J. Mitchell, formerly of the Mitchell Drug Company, Winnipeg, took his departure last week for Toronto. He was presented by his late employees with a handsome cane before leaving the city.

G. Hector Clames, representing the *Canadian Grocer*, published at Toronto, was in Winnipeg

last week. He will go as far west as the coast in the interest of his journal, which the trade will find a valuable publication.

The list of Manitoba journals continues to increase. The latest is the *Carman Weekly Standard*, published at Carman by E. A. Burbank. The *Standard* has an excellent constituency, and we wish it success.

The Winnipeg exhibition committee met Hon. Mr. Dewdney when in the city last week and made him an offer of \$20 per acre for the 80 acres of Dominion Government land just north of the C.P.R. track. Mr. Dewdney said he would recommend the offer for acceptance.

As a result of the dry season and scarcity of wild hay last year, a good many farmers have this year undertaken to experiment with cultivated grasses. A good deal of millet and Hungarian grass has been sown. One retail seed dealer in Winnipeg, who only sold a couple of hundred bushels of this seed last year, had his sales of this article increased this year to over 1,500 bushels.

An electric light company has been formed at Portage la Prairie. It is to be called the "Portage Electric Co.," and possesses a capital of \$20,000. A station will be erected on Tupper St. and a plant consisting of a 650 light Huston & Thompson dynamo run by a 65 horse-power high speed engine. The system is alternating and the wires will extend from Garland St. east to T. A. Garland's west, and as far north as the C.P.R. track. The wire used will be all of the best K.K. insulated copper and will be otherwise efficiently protected according to law. The dynamo used will be of the Huston & Thompson manufacture and will supply a maximum current of 2,000 volts. The work it is estimated will be finished and the Portage lighted by electricity within two months.

## Assiniboia.

R. H. Williams and A. D. Ferguson are erecting a brick block at Regina.

The report contradicted in last week's *COMMERCIAL* that Macaulay, Higginbottom & Co., general merchants, Whitewood, were dissolving partnership, arose from the fact that Mr. Macaulay is at present in Vancouver, where he is disposing of some produce, and doing business for some eastern manufacturing concerns. He has no intention of withdrawing from the Whitewood business, and expects to return thither in the fall.

Shearing is over in this district and though the wool has not been all weighed, enough has been handled to enable a fair estimate to be made. This estimate places the amount at something over 100,000 pounds. Thyne & Hole, who sold this week to Hallam, of Toronto, for 13c, had a total clip of over 15,000 pounds. The total clip on the C.A.C. & C. Co.'s Dunmore farm is estimated at 70,000 pounds. One of the bands averaged 7½ pounds throughout. The weights of some of the fleeces are remarkable. One four year old wether clipped 20 pounds and two others 15 pounds each, while numbers produced all the way from 9 to 12 pounds of wool.

The Keewatin Lumbering Co. have been awarded the contract for supplying the lumber for the new elevator to be built by the Assiniboine Milling Company at Portage la Prairie, Man.

## Alberta.

Mr. Gillespie, tea dealer, Calgary, has assigned.

W. A. Allan, of Ottawa; Henry Lejeune, J. H. Secretan, A. F. Eden, and H. Archibald, of Winnipeg, have been incorporated by letters patent as the Crowfoot Coal Company, limited, with a capital of \$250,000.

Dr. Lafferty, mayor of Calgary, has received a telegram saying that the Hon. E. Dewdney, Minister of Interior, will visit that place on Monday, the 21st inst., and turn the first sod of the Calgary and Edmonton railway.

## Northwestern Ontario.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating the Silver Centre Mining Company of Ontario (limited), with a capital stock of \$300,000.

The Northwest Transportation Company's new boat Monarch, which will run between Sarnia and Port Arthur, is one of the largest on the lakes. She will cost when completed between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

A petition has been prepared and is to be circulated along Rainy River to ask the Dominion Government to improve the rapids on the river so that boats will not have the same amount of danger to contend with as they have now and to enable the boats to make better time.

A Port Arthur telegram says: "A new vein has been struck in the Porcupine location lately purchased by the Badger Company, which even excels in richness that on which they are now mining. Argentiferous galena carrying 700 ounces of silver per ton has been discovered 150 miles east of Port Arthur. This opens an entirely new silver belt."

## The Exhibition.

Notwithstanding the defeat of the exhibition by-law in Winnipeg, the projectors will go right on and complete the organization of the association, so that everything will be in readiness for an exhibition next year. It is so evident that the last by-law was defeated merely through carelessness, that in all probability another by-law will be submitted to the electors at the time of the next municipal elections.

## Grain and Milling.

John Dilworth is building an elevator at High Bluff, Manitoba.

A heavy breakdown occurred at the Assiniboine Mills, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, recently. The nut had worked from the end of the piston rod and the piston was displaced causing a general break up in the cylinder and breaking the ponderous crank. The machinery has been dissected and the parts sent to Winnipeg for repair.

## British Columbia.

The Depot hotel, a new house, has been opened at Westminster by P. Bilodeau.

N. C. McKeen & Son, grocers, Westminster, have dissolved partnership. N. C. McKeen will continue the business.

A Victoria dispatch says the Cariboo stag was trapped by highwaymen near Ashcroft, B.C. It is not known how much booty they secured, as particulars are not yet obtainable.