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Manitoba.

Hirman Weidman, jewellery, etc., Winnipeg sheriff in possession.

John Hill, drugs, contemplates starting business at Portage la Prairie.

Baird Bros., general store, Pilot Mound, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Hindson & Adkin, general store, Rapid City, is succeeded by J. G. Hindson.

The date of the meeting of the Manitoba legislature has not yet been decided on.

H. A. Roirdan, dry goods, Winnipeg, succeeds Preston & Norris in their branch store.

Hunter & Moore, general store, are reported giving up the branch of their business at Crystal City.

Jas. Young, hardware, Melita, has given up his branch business at Nesbitt and moved the stock to Hartney.

Archibald McLaren, proprietor of the Brunswick hotel, Winnipeg, died on Tuesday after a long illness.

The Canadian Pacific Railway shops, Winnipeg, are working on short time and with a considerably reduced staff.

Winnipeg city bakers are selling eighteen loaves for \$1 instead of twenty as heretofore, owing to the rise in the price of flour.

Cowan & Co., bankers, Brandon, are dissolving partnership; Campbell and Crawford retiring, Wm. Cowan continues.

Preston & Norris, dry goods, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by John Norris & Co.

T. G. Mather will retire from the legal firm of Munroe, West & Mather of Winnipeg, and will form a partnership with Jos. Martin.

A fire resulting in over \$300 damage, occurred in the upper rooms of Wm Ferguson's general store, 483 Ross street, Winnipeg, on Wednesday.

E. H. Smeed, who is leaving J. W. Peck & Co's, Winnipeg establishment to take charge of their office in Montreal was waited upon by his fellow employes and presented with a handsome gold locket.

Application will be made to the provincial legislature at the approaching session by E. A. Greathed and W. McCullough, of Winnipeg, for power to form a company according to the provisions of by-law No. 882, of the city of Winnipeg, relating to the Assiniboine water-power.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of A. M. Dalton, cashier of Harrison's Neepawa bank, has not yet been unbound, notwithstanding the thorough search instituted by the police and numerous friends of the missing man. Mr. Dalton's friends seem convinced that he has been the victim of foul play, and they are much alarmed.

On Sunday morning fire was discovered in the butcher shop of J. Angus, of Elkhorn. At the time of discovery the flames had gained much headway and all that could be done was to protect the unoccupied store on the east and the hotel on the west, which was done as the inmates of the latter were aroused. The building burned was a small one. The estimated loss is \$500, insurance \$200.

The most largely attended meeting yet held of the Winnipeg Retailers association took place Tuesday at the Delmonico hall. Among the subjects discussed was that of retailing done by the wholesale houses of the city; Another matter taken up was that of the high postage rate, two cents, on drop letters; the views of the association on this will be presented to the board of trade, and co-operation will be sought to bring about a change. The question of early closing also received attention; and the members, were unanimous in their expression that steps ought to be taken to enforce the by-laws. Twenty-six new members were added to the roll. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock at the Delmonico.

Alberta.

H. Hetu of the Edmonton Saw Mill Co. is taking out two million feet of logs this winter to be sawed at the mill up up the river

Murdock's Exchange, at Calgary, was burned on Jan. 8. It was insured for \$800 and was owned by D. McDougall, Morley. The cause is supposed to be from a stovepipe.

Geo. T. Bragg has been appointed agent of Canadian Pacific Railway lands in the Edmonton district in place of Fitzgerald & Boucher, of Calgary, for whom he acted last summer.

Additional piping for the government petroleum boring outfit at Athabaska Landing went north last week. The piping did not arrive as soon as was expected, and probably now that colder weather has set in there will be no further boring until spring. The intention is to go down at least 1,800 feet if necessary, that being the supposed depth of oil bearing strata.—Edmonton Bulletin.

Grain and Milling.

The Farmers' Mill & Elevator Co., of Portage la Prairie, Man., is in financial difficulties. An effort is being made to form a new company with increased capital, to take hold of the concern. The directors attribute their loss to speculating in wheat and flour.

An immense new chimney is to be built at the Ogilvie mill in Winnipeg. The plans have been prepared, showing the height to be 125 feet, and the chimney inside will be 7 feet in diameter and 15 to 20 feet in diameter outside at the base. Four new boilers are also to be put in.

Plans have been prepared for the half dozen or more new elevators the Ogilvie company will build in Manitoba this year. The capacity will be 80,000 bushels each.

The rapid export movement of the wheat this year has been a surprise to the millers, as it has left them somewhat short of stocks. This is no doubt the reason why the two large milling concerns are going so largely into elevator building this year. It will enable them to buy and store more wheat during the busy delivery season, so they will not be caught short of supplies again.

Arthur Atkinson, one of the leading grain buyers of Winnipeg was on the floor of the Montreal corn exchange one day recently.

W. A. Hastings, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, is going on a Mediterranean trip and will probably be away for several months.

Edmonton Bulletin: S. Parrish, grain and produce dealer of South Edmonton, has sold out his grain business to Parish & Lindsay of Brandon Man., who have also bought out the interests of Allen & Essery, at South Edmonton, and have leased two grain warehouses belonging to Mr. Parrish. They will at once commence the purchase and shipment of grain. Mr. Lindsay is here at present and will make the necessary arrangements for conducting the business before returning to Brandon.

Brackman & Ker, oatmeal millers of Victoria and New Westminster, British Columbia, propose erecting an elevator at Edmonton. They have been securing considerable quantities of milling oats from Edmonton, and this looks, as though they intended to rely largely upon the Edmonton district in the future for their supply of oats.

Agnew & Co's elevator at Dominion City, Man., will be offered at mortgage sale on January 14,

Live Stock Markets.

The cable from Liverpool on January 7 reported cattle $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher all around, best steers bringing 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Sheep were 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher at 13c for the best.

The Montreal Gazette of January 8 says: "The shipments of sheep from here by way of Portland are commencing to fall off, owing to the fact that the bulk of the supply left in the country suitable for the export trade have gone forward, and it is safe to say, by the 20th of this month, the balance will be shipped, when the sheep trade will be wound up until the opening of navigation. The exports since the close of navigation have probably been in the neighborhood of 20,000 to 25,000 head."

A fair amount of business was transacted in live stock in the Montreal Stock Yards, at Point St. Charles on January 7th. The supply of cattle was not large, for which the demand was good from local buyers owing to the fact that they were pretty well cleaned out of beef. The market, on the whole, was moderately active and steady and values showed no change. Good heaves sold at 8c to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, fair at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 3c and inferior at 2c per lb. live weight. The receipts of sheep continue large both for sale and export account, which is no doubt due to the recent favorable advices from abroad and the late advance in prices. The demand from exporters was good and all choice lots of shipping stock met with a ready sale at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, while common grades sold at 8c to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. live weight. The market for lambs was steady, and the bulk of the offerings was taken at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 9c per lb. live weight. The receipts of live hogs were small, owing to the cold weather no doubt, and the large arrivals of dressed at present. The market, however, was firm and the advance in prices noted last week maintained, sales being made at \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 100 lbs. There was a good enquiry for choice calves which were scarce and high, sales being reported at \$10 to \$15 each, while common stock brought \$2 to \$6 each.

Tenders at a rate on the dollar are invited for the purchase of the general store stock belonging to the business lately carried on by M. B. Lang, deceased, at Golden, up to the first day of February.