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WINNIPEG, APRIL 20, 1891.

Manitoba.

B. Mitchell is opening a general store at Dauphin.

J. P. Laycock contemplates building a hotel at Russell.

A. Pearson, clothier, Winnipeg, has sold out to N. Chevrier.

A Rae, livery, Rapid City, has taken R. A. Pickling in as partner.

A lumber yard and planing will be started at Carberry immediately.

Six cars of potatoes have been shipped from Carberry to the United States.

After April 20th the business men of Manitou will close their stores at 7 p.m.

Carmen merchants are discussing the question of organizing a board of trade.

Ormond's jewelry store, Winnipeg, was burglarized recently of several watches.

Alex. Gillies, of the Canada Paper Co., Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg last week, on a western trip.

E. S. White & Co., general merchants, of Carberry, have made an assignment to the official assignee.

Another batch of boys about 50 in number, arrived at the Barnardo Home, Russell, recently.

A. Laughlin has opened a general store at Cartwright in a building which he recently erected.

Porteous, formerly of a hotel at Birtle has purchased the Grand Central hotel at Minnedosa from John McLellan, the present proprietor.

R. J. Whitla and family left last week for the old country. They will be absent several months.

An agency will be opened at Rapid City for H. S. Wesbrook, agricultural implements, Winnipeg.

W. Bateman & Co., bakers and confectioner, Winnipeg, have sold out their entire Winnipeg business to W. J. Boyd, in the same line.

A car loaded with potatoes belonging to Parrish and Lindsay, of Brandon, was considerably damaged by fire at Rapid City recently.

"The Farmers' "Herald Printing and Publishing Co.," has been formed at Neepawa for the purpose of publishing a second paper there.

Thos. Lee, saddler, of Brandon, and a pioneer of that place dropped in, on THE COMMERCIAL one day last week, while on a visit to the metropolis.

E. Mutton has bought out the plant and business of J. Jones, butcher, Elkhorn. Jones who recently returned from England has accepted a position in Bristol, Eng.

The Indian department at Ottawa is calling for tenders for supplies of flour, bacon, beef, groceries, implements, etc., for Manitoba and Territorial Indians, for the next fiscal year.

J. D. Allan, of A. A. Allan & Co., wholesale hats, fur and straw goods, of Toronto, arrived in Winnipeg last week, on his regular spring trip. He will go west as far as British Columbia.

J. Leslie, of Scott & Leslie, furniture, Winnipeg, returned from an extended eastern business trip last week. He reports that eastern furniture manufacturers are having a very busy season this spring.

Owing to the large increase in traffic on the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway, the company is considering the advisability of establishing a daily passenger service. Three new engines have been ordered.

Minnedosa Tribune: "Strong efforts are being made to induce the provincial government to assume the whole or part of the bonuses granted to the M. & N. W. Ry. company. It would be a welcome relief to the municipalities."

The Rapid City Spectator of April 10th says: "The potato market has been very brisk during the past week. Several car-loads have been bought and shipped to the United States. The price paid has been about 30 cents per bushel."

Hon. Mr. Bowell, Minister of Customs, has received a petition from the merchants of Brandon, asking that Brandon be made a warehousing port, independent of Winnipeg. It is understood that the minister will accede to the request.

W. E. Flumerfelt, formerly in the boot and shoe trade at Brandon, has formed a partnership with T. Macfarlane, for the purpose of carrying on business in the real estate and insurance line at Brandon. The report that Mr. Flumerfelt had bought out Smale's boot and shoe business at Carberry, is denied.

May 7th, the first Thursday of next month, will be proclaimed Arbor Day in Manitoba. It is to be hoped that all over the country a general effort will be made to observe the day for the purpose for which it is made a holiday. In this prairie country, especially, there is a real need of tree planting on an extensive scale, and every resident should do something in this direction.

Chester & Co., seedsmen, Winnipeg, report a large demand this year for fodder-grass seeds, such as millet, hungarian, timothy and alfalfa. Sales are already several times larger than total sales of last season, and parcels are being sent to the country on every train. This indicates that farmers are trusting less to the natural prairie grasses for fodder.

Jas. Greig, who has resided in Minnedosa for the past three years, has gone to Russell to take charge of the estate of Boulton & Co., assigned. Though the estate shows a considerable surplus over liabilities, it evidently requires an experienced man like Mr. Greig to straighten matters out. The statement does not show very shrewd management in the past.

The Parsons Produce Company, of Winnipeg, have recently had a refrigerator put in their warehouse, in the Cauchon block. The refrigerator was constructed by a United States firm, and is the most complete one in the city. The capacity is equal to two cars. This thorough system of cold storage will be of great value to the company and its customers, as it provides excellent facilities for keeping perishable products, or articles injured by exposure to warm air.

A by-law has been passed by the Municipal Council at Deloraine which provides that stores within the municipality shall, between 1st April and 31st September, close at 7 p.m. every day except Saturdays, and evening proceeding public holidays, and for the balance of the year at 8 o'clock, with the same exceptions. Owing to the time at which the by-law was introduced not allowing of sufficient notice, it did not go into force this year until April 15th. The penalty for breaking this law will be a fine of not more than ten dollars.

A regular meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade was held Tuesday afternoon. Some amendments to the by-laws regarding the monthly meetings and membership of the council were voted on and carried. Considerable discussion took place regarding the electric street railway franchise, and it was decided to telegraph for some information and reports and call a special general meeting of the full board on Monday next to consider the whole question from a business standpoint. Action in the matter of increasing postal facilities and the improvements in the navigation of the Red River was reported to the meeting and it was decided to use every possible means to induce the Dominion Government to go on with the latter work this season.

A correspondent at Wawanesa writes: "Building operations are brisk. The late fire which destroyed one of the largest buildings in the village will not be allowed to work any injury to our business interests. R. W. Hector has already built a temporary warehouse in which to handle his business during the summer. D. Rickor has a large store well under way, immediately north of his old stand. When completed the ground floor will be occupied by Barclay Bros., late of Toronto, as a general store. The second floor will be fitted up as a hall and will be used by the several societies that were burned out when the old block was destroyed, and will also be available for any other purpose for which a hall may be required. R. J. Cowan, a recent arrival from North Dakota, has built a blacksmith shop on east Main street. Kerr & Magee, of Manitowish, have secured the contract for building the Presbyterian church, and will commence work on it at once. While here they will also make some alterations in Story & Avizon's premises,