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WINNIPEG, MAY 7, 1894.

Manitoba.

R. C. Sparling, butcher, is opening at Deloraine.

J. W. Erratt, general store, Treesbank, has assigned.

E. A. Yorton has opened in the harness line at Arden.

W. McLeod, blacksmith, is starting business at Elkhorn.

S. J. Hamm, blacksmith, is starting business at Newdale.

F. Kay has opened the Windsor hotel at Rapid City.

J. H. Cook, furniture, Winnipeg; stock damaged by fire.

The Ferguson Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, has been incorporated.

Robert Kelly, hotel, Hamiota, succeeded by Thos. Beaubier.

An effort is being made to establish a cheese factory at Souris.

Robert McLenaghan, general store, Minnedosa, has assigned.

Silas Wannamaker, butcher, is starting business at Pipestone.

Kent & Co., tobacco and cigars, Winnipeg, is offering to sell out.

Lake Winnipeg Fish Co., Selkirk, is applying for incorporation.

Rea & Donald, livery, Rapid City, dissolved partnership; Rea retires.

W. P. Duncaffe, druggist, formerly at Morden, is opening business at Cartwright.

McKeller & Jackson, agricultural implements, Rapid City, are adding lumber to their business.

About \$10,000 were paid out at Pilot Mound this week by the dealers in fat cattle, says the Sentinel.

Elliott & McJannett, furniture and undertakers, Pilot Mound; succeeded by R. McJannett.

Greenwood & Bousfield have decided to establish a creamery at Douglas, on the cream-gathering system.

It is reported that the implement business of J. J. Bryan, Souris, has been purchased by David Gibson.

W. A. Rogers, blacksmith, Hartney, has taken a partner in the person of Jas. Robinson, late of Boissevain.

T. E. Williams has opened a grocery store on the corner of Higgins and Gomez street, Winnipeg, with Harry Morgan as manager.

Wallace & Co., grocers, Brandon, have purchased the bankrupt grocery stock of John Gilbert, of the same place, at a rate on the dollar.

J. H. Ashdown, accompanied by his family, returned to Winnipeg on Monday after an absence of two months and a halt, spent on the Mississippi coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

A large block will be erected on the corner of King and Market streets, Winnipeg. The old frame buildings have been moved away or pulled down, and the excavation work is now going on.

The Queen's hotel, Winnipeg, has assigned to G. F. & J. Galt and S. A. D. Bertrand. The hotel will continue to run as before, and the management will remain in the hands of T. K. Grigg & Co.

Brandon Times: Parish & Lindsay on Saturday 21st inst., had seeded 655 acres with wheat on their farm at Kemnay. The grain is just appearing above ground and is looking well.

John Howie, of the firm of Burchill & Howie, butchers, Brandon, says the Times, returned from the pacific coast yesterday. He left here two weeks ago with two double decked cars of hogs and returned so well satisfied with the trip that the firm will make another shipment about the middle of May.

Last fall the Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg, practically closed down their mechanical shops, and during the winter only a few men were employed. Lately the staff has been materially increased and the works are now in general operation again. This is the most important industrial concern in Winnipeg, and it will give satisfaction to know that work has been resumed in all departments.

A heavy reduction has been made in the staff of the Canadian Pacific railway at Winnipeg. About 150 men have been dropped off, amounting to 25 to 50 per cent of the full force engaged in the different departments of the shops here. General slackness is given as the cause. A large number of men have also been discharged at Vancouver and also at Montreal.

There is trouble between the Winnipeg master and journeymen painters and paper hangers. The masters decided to reduce the wages of their employes 5 cents per hour, from 27 1/2 to 22 1/2 cents for paper hangers and from 25 to 20 cents for painters. The employes refused to accept the reduction, and on Tuesday nearly all the men engaged in the trade quit work. The masters have been compelled to suspend work on most of their contracts.

The following paragraph was published by a Winnipeg paper a few days ago:—"The hide dealers of Ottawa state that their business is threatened to be destroyed altogether by the shipments of large consignments of hides from the Northwest. Hides are now selling at only a cent a pound, while a year or two ago they were worth three cents a pound. The shipment of hides from the Northwest began only last year, but they have glutted the Ottawa market altogether and promise to injure the business of eastern hide dealers for some years to come." This of course is all wrong. Green salted hides are worth 1 to 3 cents per pound in Winnipeg, according to grade, and hides have been shipped out of the country ever since there was any way of shipping them out. The quantity is so small as not to materially affect prices east.

Following is a statement showing the value of goods exported, imported, and entered for consumption, with the duty collected thereon, during April, 1894, at the post of Winnipeg, compared with the same month of 1893:—

	Value. 1893.	Value. 1894.
Exported.....	\$ 47,873	\$ 34,348
Entered for consumption dutiable.....	159,142	110,522
Entered for consumption free.....	71,555	68,841

Total for consumpt'n \$230,697 \$179,363
Duty collected.....\$ 53,351.85 \$32,62.372

The inland revenue receipts for the month of April, 1894, at the inland revenue office, Winnipeg division, were:—

Spirits.....	\$ 6,901 17
Malt.....	2,000 02
Tobacco.....	10,585 00
Cigars.....	785 85
Licenses.....	25 00
Petroleum inspection.....	101 30
Fines.....	25 00
Other receipts.....	16 00

Total.....\$20,439 94
Receipts April, 1893..... 33,819 59

Decrease.....\$13,379 65

The Dominion Government savings bank transactions at Winnipeg for the month ending 30th April, 1894, were:

Deposits.....	\$21,269 00
Withdrawals.....	22,589 96

Withdrawals exceed deposits by...\$ 1,320 96

Alberta.

Eli. Taylor, livery, is starting business at Innisfail.

R. Wynn, brick maker, is starting business at Innisfail.

Nicol & Ornisby, confectionery, is starting business at Innisfail.

Jackson Bros., machinists, have opened business at Edmonton.

G. W. West, general store, Innisfail, adding tinsmithing to his business.

S. Parrish, flour and feed, South Edmonton, have sold out to Juergens & Co.

The Canadian Pacific hotel at Banff will be opened for the season on the 15th.

Edmonton Bulletin: It is estimated that the cash sales of fur at Edmonton for the present season have amounted to \$16,000 and that they will aggregate \$25,000 before its close. Although this is not as large a money value as the sales of last year, owing to the lower prices it represents a greater quantity of fur. A very large proportion of the furs dealt in here are lynx, and they are worth only half what they were last year.

On being asked about the prospects of the Rocky Mountain railway, J. R. Costigan told the Calgary Herald that he had made arrangements to get all the money required to build the road as soon as the coal is reached. A diamond drill has been ordered, and if it arrives in time to be sent to the field before the rivers rise the work will go on at once, but if there is any delay operations cannot well be commenced until August. The road will reach the outcrop of anthracite coal at a point west of Red Deer and will bring the coal into Calgary, thus affording competition to the company at present putting Alberta hard coal on the market.

The bill to change the name of the Winnipeg & Hudson Bay Railway Company to the Winnipeg Great Northern Railway Company, and the bill reviving the act incorporating the Brandon Southwestern Railway Company were passed at Ottawa last week.