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WINNIPEG, MAY 5, 1890.

## Manitoba.

Killarney wants a doctor.

Herron, of the Revere house, Gladstone, has sold out to Wilson.

James Land, of Winnipeg, has opened a butcher shop at Carman.

The Brandon electric light company has a capital stock of \$50,000.

J. Walker, of Neepawa, has opened a boot and shoe shop at Portage la Prairie.

Thomas Mrrdock, late proprietor of the Tecumseh house, Winnipeg, is dead.

R. B. Wish is erecting a building at McGregor to be used as a general store.

A. C. Fraser intends to commence the erection of a brick store at Brandon at once.

D. C. McKinnon, of the Grand Union hotel, Portage la Prairie, has sold out to Wm. Lyons.

H. Fryer, of Portage la Prairie, is starting a hardware store at McGregor, for which a building is being erected.

Wm. Bennett, late proprietor of the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg, left for Ontario last week, where he will reside in the future.

The Portage la Prairie paper mill will be prepared to purchase a quantity of flax straw this fall for manufacturing paper.

Thomas Taylor, book binder, Winnipeg, had his premises and stock damaged to the extent of about \$100 recently by fire.

Mr Bennett has sold his lease of the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg, to Rutley and McCaffrey, who will take charge of the business at once.

J. M. Fitzgerald, of the Union hotel, Portage la Prairie, has purchased the Woodbine hotel of the same place, lately conducted by Capt. Sheppard, who will now follow farming.

James Thompson, M.P.P., and B. Steves. C.P.R. agent, have formed a partnership in the agricultural implement trade at Emerson.

Mehlenbacher and Dafoe, tailor and shoemaker respectively, have located at Killarney, where they have commenced business in their lines.

The Real Estate Exchange, published monthly, by Crossthwaite & White, is the latest addition to the rapidly increasing list of Winnipeg publications.

A. C. Sewell, butcher, flour and feed, etc., Minnedosa, has taken a partner in the person of Joseph Burgess. After May 1st last the business will be conducted by Sewell & Burgess.

Saunders & Talbot, painters and decorators, Winnipeg, have been awarded the contract for painting and glazing the Northern Pacific & Manitoba hotel, which will amount to about \$12,000.

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

Plans are being prepared for an opera house, to be erected in Winnipeg, at a cost of \$40,000. Work on the structure will be commenced, it is said, early in June. Several local parties are interested in the enterprise.

Supt. Murray of the C.P.R. went over the new Souris branch last week. The track laid last fall is being ballasted and prepared for trains, and it is expected the further extension of the road will be gone on with at once.

The estate of Lyle, merchant tailor, Portage la Prairie, was sold at Winnipeg on Tuesday at auction, and was bought in by Lyle at 58c on the dollar for the stock; 20c on the dollar for the book debts; and \$150 for the building.

The close season for mink, fisher and martin commenced on the 15th of April. For plover and snipe the close season commenced on May 1st. Wild ducks, geese, otter beaver and muskrat may not be shot or trapped after May 14th.

The return of the Dominion savings bank, Winnipeg, for April are as follows:—

Deposits.....	\$18,091 00
Withdrawals .....	33,292 95

Excess of withdrawals.....\$15,311 95

The estate of R. B. Wish, of McGregor, Man., is offered for sale by tender, up to May 9th, by F. A. Fairchild, assignee, Winnipeg. Stock consisting of hardware, tinware, crockery, etc., valued at \$1,170; notes and accounts, \$1,275.

A Carman correspondent writes: "There is a great deal of building going on here. Nine stores, a public hall and six dwellings are in course of erection, and arrangements are being made for the building of two more grain elevators."

The Manitoba & Northwestern Railway will build a branch line from Westbourne to a point on the shore of Lake Manitoba, in the vicinity of Totogan. The branch will be a great accommodation to the growing trade on Lake Manitoba and its water connections.

J. H. Ashdown, the well known Winnipeg hardware merchant, has secured a verdict against the Free Press for \$500 for malicious libel. The proprietors of the Free Press are not satisfied with the verdict, and it is under-

stood they will appeal the case to the higher court.

A meeting of the patrons of the cheese factory at Royal, Man., was held last week. James Christie, John Radford and J. Galarneau were selected directors for the coming season. The factory will resume operations on the 19th of May, with considerable increase in patronage.

The Pilot Mound Sentinel reports that wild geese and other birds have been killed by poison put out to destroy gophers. Great care should be taken in depositing poison for gophers. The proper way is to place the poison in the gopher holes, where it will be out of the reach of other animals.

It is expected the mail difficulty on the Manitoba Northwestern railway will be remedied shortly. The Postmaster General said in Parliament last week his attention had been called to this matter and he was looking into it and hoped to be able to arrange for the rapid dispatch of mails along the railway.

Brandon Sun: On Friday last General Manager Graham, of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway, drove into the city from the end of the track, which at that time was about eight miles out. He assured the citizens that the road would be in a position to carry and deliver freight into Brandon by the 15th of May. Passenger arrangements will be completed about the same time. It is the intention of the company to proceed with all expedition in the completion of the terminal arrangements here.

R. Muir & Co., dealers in machinery, Winnipeg, have moved to the large building on Main street immediately north of the Canadian Pacific track, and formerly occupied as a planing mill. These premises will afford better accommodation for the goods handled. Mr. Muir has been appointed agent for the Hercules Manufacturing Company, of Petrolia, Ontario, manufacturers of an excellent line of flour-milling and other machinery, which is now being introduced into Manitoba. Saw mill and other machinery is also handled.

Brandon Sun: "Throughout this entire district the brightest prospects are in store for the farmers. The seed has never been placed in the ground under more favorable conditions. It has been well covered, and the rains that followed have secured it against any possible windstorm, which in previous seasons have blown the earth from the newly planted seed, and rendered the crop more or less a matter of speculation. This year we are pretty safe in saying it is now beyond any fear of danger from that source."

## Northwestern Ontario.

Thompson & Roehon, fruits, etc., Keewatin, have dissolved partnership. George Thompson will continue the business.

Rat Portage wants a bank. To the important lumbering industry of the place especially such an institution would be a great convenience.

At a meeting of the town council of Port Arthur on Monday night it was decided to expend \$6,000 in purchasing a site suitable for municipal buildings.

The Port Arthur Herald says: "Inquiries have been received by the secretary of the board of trade from a New York company, as to the possibilities of their securing all the high grade silver ore produced in the district."