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Manitoba.

The stock of W. Burton, of Portage la Prairie, which was purchased by A. Holliday, has been moved to Boissevain.

Winnipeg music dealers have decided to close their places of business on Thursday afternoons, during the months of July and August, starting July 9.

A telegram was received in Winnipeg last Saturday evening announcing the sudden death at Butte, Mont., of W. M. Ronald. Mr. Ronald was well known throughout the West, having been at one time a member of the wholesale crockery house of Porter & Ronald, Winnipeg, and later in business alone in the same line. He represented his firm as commercial traveller for years, thus becoming personally known to business men all over the country.

Mr. Emanuel Ohlen, formerly a resident of Winnipeg, but who is now carrying on business at Montreal as agent and broker in the exportation and importation of special lines of goods, is on a visit to the West. He left Winnipeg for British Columbia last week. Mr. Ohlen has handled several lots of western furs and hides for export. Some lots of heavy hides he has shipped to Sweden for sole leather purposes. He is well posted on Swedish manufactures, and can give full information regarding any goods required from that country.

Northwest Ontario.

A. S. Horswill is opening in fruits, confectionery, etc., at Rat Portage.

Brydges & Griffiths, livery stables, Rat Portage, have sold out to Delbridge Bros., who come from Whitewood, Ass.

Saskatchewan.

The Battleford Herald says: "Digging seneca root is in full operation, and hundreds of the native population are dividing their time between fighting mosquitoes and digging root. Several heavy shipments of the latter have already been made."

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

R. P. Ritchie & Co., of Victoria, British Columbia, in their last freight and shipping report says:

"For the great part of the period since our last circular the market for grain vessels

was very dull. Towards the end however chartering was resumed and rates have proved to be firm with an upward tendency. A fair demand continues to prevail for lumber vessels but freights have hardly been maintained at their previous level. For China particularly rates are not what they were, although there is still some enquiry for tonnage. We quote freights as follows: Grain, from San Francisco to Cork for orders, 24s. 6d. New crop loading, 27s. 6d. Portland to Cork, for orders, spot, 25. Lumber, Burrard Inlet or Puget Sound to Sydney, 82s. 6d.

Business is reported in heavy grain freights, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin of June 19, for forward shipments at 2s to London, Liverpool and Glasgow, 2s 6d to Leath and to the continent. Plenty of Manitoba wheat is offered for shipment at workable prices; but as all available ocean tonnage at this point has been taken, nothing can be done at present. Sack flour 11s 3d London, 10s Glasgow, and 8s 9d Liverpool. Provisions 12s 6d Liverpool and London, and 12s 6d to 15s Glasgow. Cheese firm at 20s London, Liverpool and Glasgow. and 25s Bristol.

Death of W. F. Henderson.

Many people in Winnipeg, particularly among the business element, were surprised and pained to learn of the death of W. F. Henderson, of W. F. Henderson & Co., wholesale commission merchants, Winnipeg. Mr. Henderson had been absent from the city for some weeks, and at the time of his death was in Vancouver, British Columbia. While in the Kootenay district he contracted malarial fever, but recovered partially and went to Vancouver. At the latter place typhoid fever developed, to which Mr. Henderson succumbed.

Mr. Henderson was one of the best known of Winnipeg's business men, having been in business here for over fourteen years, and his death will be deeply regretted by a wide circle of personal and business friends. Mrs. Henderson, who was with her husband at the time of his death, arrived in the city on Friday with the remains, on her way to Toronto. Mr. Henderson leaves no family, his only child having died a few years ago.

Dairy Trade Notes.

J. C. Sproule, of Winnipeg, has been appointed agents for Telfer & Huey, of Glasgow, Scotland, provision merchants.

The Toronto Globe of June 19 says: "The offerings of butter at country points are liberal, but as there is no export demand and the local consumption is small local buyers do not care to take very large stocks. Country merchants are pressing in their offers, but local men say they will have to come down in their ideas before they take hold."

At the cheese board at Belleville, Ont., on June 17, 21 factories offered 1,410 boxes white and 180 boxes of colored. Sales: 85 boxes white at 7½c, and 70 colored at 7½c; 50 white at 7½c and 305 white at 7 5-16c; 100 white at 7½c; 260 white at 7½c; 200 white at 7½c.

At the cheese board at Woodstock, Ont., on June 17, eleven factories offered 1,549 boxes. Sales: 85 boxes at 7½c; balance unsold; six buyers were present; market adjourned for a week.

At the cheese market at Brantford, Ont., on June 19, 16 factories offered 2,265 boxes June 1st to 13th make. Sales—890 boxes at 7½c. Six buyers present. Next meeting Friday, July 8.

A weak feeling developed in cheese at Montreal Saturday June 20, and on Monday following. To sell any cheese a holder would have had to concede ½c to ¾c. About 4,000 boxes were offered of Quebec cheese and sold

at a decline of ½c on the ruling for the previous week, the range being 6½c to 6¾c with 7c paid in some instances.

J. A. Ruddick, of the dairy commissioners' staff, will inspect the government dairy stations at Indian Head and Moose Jaw, Assa. After that he will hold travelling dairy meeting at Maple Creek, July 8rd and 4th; Lethbridge on July 7th; Pincher Creek, July 10 and 11; and Fort MacLeod July 14. About Aug. 1st Mr. Ruddick will proceed to British Columbia and visit different parts of the country with the travelling dairy.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, Fort William, afloat nominal at 99c.
Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$2.25; Bakers, \$2.05.
Bran.—Per ton, \$11.
Shorts.—Per ton, \$18.
Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 83 to 84c.
Earley.—Per bushel, about 40 to 42c, local freights.
Flax Seed.—Small sales retail at \$1.50 per bushel.
Butter.—Country dairy 10 in a small way, and very dull. Creamery, 15c.
Cheese.—New —c.
Eggs.—Fresh, 8c net, jobbing 9½c.
Beef.—City dressed, 5 to 6c.
Mutton.—Fresh, 7 to 8c.
Hogs.—City dressed, 5½c.
Cattle.—Butchers' 3 to 3½c.
Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.
Sheep.—¾ to 8½c.
Seneca Root.—Dry 17 to 19c lb.
Poultry.—Chickens, 40 to 45c per pair, turkeys, 8c lb., live weight.
Hides.—No. 1 cows, 7½c.
Wool.—Unwashed fleece, 9 to 10c.
Potatoes.—45c per bushel.
Hay.—\$1.00 to \$1.50 per ton, car lots.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	May 23	May 30	June 6	June 13	June 20
Extra Manitoba hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	49	43	10	42	23
No. 2 hard.....	32	17	50	24	30
No. 3 hard.....	19	7	6	13	10
No. 1 North'n.....	8	1	0	2	4
No. 2 North'n.....	3	0	0	1	2
No. 3 North'n.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring....	0	0	1	0	1
No. 2 Spring....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted ..	19	4	5	5	1
No. 2 frosted ..	7	5	9	1	10
No. 3 frosted ..	3	2	0	1	5
No. 1 Rejected..	23	17	4	7	3
No. 2 Rejected..	19	13	8	11	5
No Grade.....	4	3	1	7	5
Feed.....	0	1	0	0	0
Total.....	190	115	64	114	99
Same week last year.....	135	105	47	38	12

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

The recent speculative excitement in silver has died away, but the market has been steady to strong under the continuance of Japanese demand. At the end of the week the market was well sustained at a slight advance. Silver prices on June 19 were: London, 31 7-16d., New York, 68¾c.