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Manitoba.

Stonewall school debentures to the amount of \$3,500 are offered by tender.

The cheese factory at Poplar Point, is running again under Mr. Ross, whose brother ran it last year.

The implement firm of Frost & Wood have opened a branch at Brandon, with J. J. Baird in charge.

Max. Goldstein's clothing store, Winnipeg, was burglarized Sunday night, and about \$200 worth of goods taken.

David Chalmers, of Pilot Mound shipped a carload of stock, consisting of cattle, sheep and pigs to Winnipeg on Saturday.

R. Ironside, of Manitou, has shipped a mixed car of cattle and hogs to Nanaimo, B. C. J. Laidlaw accompanies the cargo to the coast.

H. J. Rickett has given up the idea of establishing a cheese factory at Mountain City, and will ship the plant to Holmfild, where he will commence operations this week.

The new Pilot Mound cheese factory has commenced operations. Owing to the decline in the price of butter it is expected that a considerable quantity of milk will be received at the factory, more than was at first expected.

Thompson Bros. new cheese factory has completed its first month's operations, says the *Emerson Times*. The farmers are taking a lively interest in it, and the success of the undertaking for both farmer and proprietors is assured.

J. C. Dutton, local freight agent for the Northern Pacific Railway in Winnipeg, has resigned his office to accept a position with the

Confederation Life Assurance Company. It is understood that C. E. Lang, agent at Portage la Prairie, will succeed Mr. Dutton.

It is very likely that an enterprising Minnesotan will make arrangements at an early day to purchase butter for cash, says the *Minneapolis Tribune*. This will be a boon to both farmers and merchants, and is a long desired reform in the butter business that will be fully appreciated.

The leading cigar and tobacco dealers of Winnipeg asked the city council to charge them license of \$15 a year, and the by-law authorizing the license has been in effect for some time. Though anxious to have the by-law passed, the dealers have been so slow to pay the license that they have been threatened with prosecution.

The planing mill of Robinson & Co., at Selkirk narrowly escaped being burned recently. One end of the engine house caught fire and before it was discovered fairly good headway had been made, but fortunately a great many men were at work in the locality and succeeded in getting the flames under control before much damage was done.

Grading on the extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Souris branch from Melita to the coal fields will be commenced this week. Egan Bros. outfit will be shipped to the scene of operations by way of Deloraine on Monday and contractor Dennison, who is now completing the grading of the Glenboro branch west of Methven, will move on to the work in a couple of weeks.

W. G. Robinson's new cheese factory at Pilot Mound was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon. The hands had just quit work a few minutes when the fire broke out. Nothing was saved but a few cheese. The fire no doubt originated from the boiler. He had \$1,000 insurance in the Northwest Company on the building. Mr. Robinson intends putting up a new building at once.

Assiniboia.

Hallett & Hallett have opened a grocery store at Saltcoats, and are doing a good cash trade.

Moose Jaw Times: Our town has experienced quite a building boom this spring. A number of neat residences have already been put up and others are in course of erection. The Presbyterian congregation is building a brick manse on the west side of Main St., and Messrs Brass have laid the foundation of a planing mill and sash and door factory.

British Columbia Trade Letter

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

VANCOUVER, June 8.—Interest in everything else, even in business itself, has been absorbed by the news of Sir John Macdonald's illness and death. No subject has ever so completely engrossed the public mind, and though there is in British Columbia a greater element than in any other part of Canada that knew not the great statesman either personally or politically, yet it may be questioned if the country's loss is any more keenly felt anywhere than here. British Columbians had a peculiar admiration for Sir John Macdonald. He for a term sat for a British Columbia constituency when his own old love deserted him. Then again, his policy as related to this province, appealed directly to its sympathy and interests. The veteran

premier had only friends on the Pacific coast. Ottawa was too far away and political lines too faintly drawn to develop the political loves and hates of the east; but while Sir John Macdonald was never an idol in the hearts of his friends, he was revered for his sagacious administration of public affairs, for his distinguished abilities, his conspicuous qualities of head and mind that won to him the people and their leaders and for that liberal, and comprehensive statesmanship which apprehended the conditions and needs of every part of the Dominion, and adjusted the whole as fairly and amicably as political conditions would permit. More particularly did British Columbia understand and appreciate this last named trait of his character. His memory will ever live green in the hearts of this people.

And now that Canada's greatest statesman has departed, the busy scenes of a long life, the question of a successor is a pertinent one. The man to whom the eyes of British Columbia are turned more than to any other is Sir Charles Tupper, if his health will allow it. By priority of right, long and eminently successful services, his foresight, force of character, administrative abilities and intimate knowledge of and association with the affairs of Canada fit him to take the lead at this the most critical epoch of our history. Two facts account for his popularity here, one, the large element of Maritime people in British Columbia, and the other the great assistance he has rendered in promoting the C. P. R. and its tributary enterprises of national importance, which effect this end of the Dominion the most palpably. The next man in favor is undoubtedly Sir John Thompson. However, who ever succeeds he must, to retain the confidence of this province, strive to carry on the governmental policy in regard to its fiscal and commercial affairs on the lines laid down by the one for whom a nation mourns to-day.

Business presents no noticeable feature. There is a competition in flour which is unsettling the market somewhat. Butter is stiffening slightly. New potatoes, California cherries and B. C. strawberries, are on the market. Meats have advanced. New vegetables are arriving daily. Prices are as follows:

Flour and Grain—Manitoba patents, \$6 50; Manitoba bakers', \$6 00; Oregon, \$5.50 to \$5.75. Shorts, 26 per ton; bran \$24; wheat, \$36 to \$40; oats, 40 to \$45. Cornmeal and oatmeal, \$4, and rolled oats \$4.25. Oil cake at \$10 per ton.

Butter—California, 23 to 30c; Manitoba rolls, 23 to 25c.

Eggs—Quoted at 18 to 20c per dozen.

Cheese—Unchanged at 13½c per pound. Cured Meats and lard—Roll, bacon, 12c; breakfast, 41c; backs, 13½c; hams, 15c; mess pork, 22½c; pickled pork, bellies, 15½c. Lard, in tubs, 12c; in pails, 12½c; in tins, 13½; compound, 12c.

Sugar—British Columbia granulated, 7½c per pound; yellow, 6½ to 6¾c; cube, 8c.

Fruits—Oranges, Navals, \$4 50 to \$5.50; Riverside seedlings, \$2.75 to \$3.25; San Gabrielle, \$2.75. Scilian lemons, \$6.75 to \$7.50, and California lemons, \$4.00 to \$4.75. Cherries, California, \$1.15 to \$1.25 per box and are in good demand. Bananas, \$3 to \$4 per bunch.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$20 to \$25 per ton. New potatoes are fetching \$1.75 per 100 pounds, and onions \$2. Cabbage is worth 2 to 2½c per pound.