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WINNIPEG, JULY 23, 1894.

Manitoba.

Virden Milling Co., Virden, incorporation granted.

Peter Weibe has opened business in groceries at Rosenfeld.

John Farley, tinsmith, Winnipeg, moving to Hamilton, Ont.

Horne & Co., lumber, Reston, have sold out to Wm. Busby.

F. J. Desehr, lumber, Rosenfeld, has sold out to Duncan Stewart.

Jordon & Co., millinery, Winnipeg, stock sold to Mrs. J. P. Keeler.

Schaeffer Piano Co., Winnipeg, stock sold to J. F. Grundy and J. Patterson.

Walsh & Co., clothing, etc., Winnipeg, sheriff in possession; sale advertised for the 21st inst.

C. D. Anderson & Co., groceries, etc., Winnipeg, stock sold to C. D. Anderson at 60c on dollar.

The grocery stock of Magee & Co., Brandon, is to be offered for sale by auction on July 21 by the assignee.

Alphonse Phaneuf, grocer, St. Boniface, notice given of the assignment of book accounts to S. A. D. Bertrand.

The Northwest Navigation company's steamer Colville was burned to the waters edge at her dock at Grand Rapids on Sunday morning.

The butcher firm doing business under the name of Cusson & Degagne, of St. Boniface, has dissolved, Mr. Cusson continuing the business.

Gordon & Ironside made a shipment of hogs to Montreal from Pilot Mound. Baird Bros., of the same place, also shipped hogs and cattle to Winnipeg last week.

A number of farmers are engaged in plowing up fields that were sown with oats. The dry weather in June prevented the seed from sprouting and weeds sprung up.—Pilot Mound Sentinel.

Mr. Vrooman, furniture dealer, of Manitou, is giving up business at that place and moving to Boissevain with his stock.

The reported loss of 150,000 logs in a raft on Lake Winnipeg, some weeks ago, turns out to be only partially true. A tow it appears did break loose, but all the logs were afterwards saved.

Thursday's train from the east brought in some 100 emigrants for the province, 35 of whom were Icelanders. The majority of the others were English, and they will locate in different parts of Manitoba.

P. J. Russell, until recently travelling representative for Thompson, Codville & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, has left for Golden, British Columbia, where he will manage the general store business of Carlin, Lake & Co.

The first day of the Portage la Prairie Agricultural show opened with fine weather, and the prospects are that the show will be a success. The accommodation provided by the society at their new ground is ample and proves to be an excellent situation.

Birtle Observer: Thos Almack, who has just returned from the old country, drove down through the Birtle district in quest of beeves on Saturday. He says the market is pretty well supplied, but that he will take another train load over in a few weeks.

Greening, Balfour & Co., of Hamilton, write The Commercial in reference to the statement that R. T. Stevens had been appointed their representative here. They say that no one has such an appointment. The item was copied by The Commercial from another paper.

The partnership business carried on in Glenboro by Wm. Logan and J. A. Smith, under the name of Logan & Co., has been dissolved, Wm. Logan retiring and R. Logan taking his place in said firm. The firm name will hereafter be R. Logan & Co.

Harper Wilson's fruit store, Winnipeg, was robbed on Sunday afternoon of a considerable quantity of goods. The articles taken were about \$100 worth of cigars, several boxes of chewing gum, a gold watch in the safe which had been left unlocked, and an unknown supply of soft drinks, fruit and candy.

Dr. Hinman is examining dairies and milch cows in the Winnipeg district. So far he has examined 400 head out of a possible 2,500 in the district. He has found one case of tuberculosis, two cases of jump jaw, and several samples of milk are at present being tested to discover if certain suspicious signs are reliable.

The quantity of seneca root marketed this year is large. The Toronto Hide Co., Winnipeg, and A. Carruthers, also of this city, who handle large quantities of the root, are receiving shipments daily from all parts of the country. A good deal of the root is gathered by Indians and half breeds. It grows wild all over the country.

The finest steer ever raised in this district, says the Pilot Mound Sentinel, has been sold to Mr. Kobold, of Winnipeg, by Baird Bros., of this place. The price paid was \$285. The animal was fed by K. Watson, and although not yet four years old weighs about 2,400 lbs, and is clean built and handsome. The steer will be shown at the Winnipeg Exhibition on the 23rd. The large price obtained for this prime bullock shows what can be accomplished by skillful and proper feeding of well bred animals.

In order to test cases of supposed tuberculosis throughout the province the department of agriculture and immigration has secured a supply of tuberculin from Meister Lucius and Brunning, Hoechst, Germany, and the provincial veterinarian is kept busily engaged testing cases. By the use of this tuberculin for tuberculosis and mallein for glanders diseased cases can be accurately diagnosed. Where supposed cases of either exist, farmers should write the department and their cases will be attended to in order. Animals suspected should be placed by themselves and proper precautions taken until inspected.

Assiniboia.

The new iron and brass foundry business at Moosomin, established by McCurdy & Walker, is ready for operation. The first casting has been made.

The Canadian Agricultural Co. have just finished shearing 15,000 sheep at their farm at Swift Current. There were twelve shearers, two of whom, Australians, sheared from 140 to 150 sheep a day. The average clip is about seven pounds to the animal. The lamb crop has been exceptionally good this year.

Alberta.

MacLeod has now two papers. The new one is the Sentinel, which is to appear every Saturday morning. D. H. Murphy is the publisher.

The Poplar lake creamery, Edmonton, is making about 800 pounds of butter per week. At present the milk of 175 cows is used, but this number is being increased daily.

Another party of Moravian settlers arrived on Monday's train to join the party arriving on Thursday last, says the Edmonton Bulletin. The men of the united party started out with their teams on Wednesday morning for Beaver river, to view the township that had been reserved for them in that vicinity, and if they were not suited with it to select another, probably east of Egg lake.

The advantages of irrigation cannot be better illustrated, says the MacLeod Gazette, than by watching its effects on the police garden here. At a comparatively small cost the overflow of a spring a little distance away has been carried on to the garden, and the difference between the growth of the vegetables on that portion which is available for irrigation and those parts which lie above its reach, is almost incredible, considering the short time the water had been running, and the limited quantity available.

Saskatchewan.

Satisfactory progress is being made on the new roller grist mill which Joseph Kidd, late of Tilbury, Ont., is erecting in Prince Albert.

John Paul, cattle buyer for Gordon & Ironside, arrived on Saturday, says the Battleford Herald, and is taking a look at the cattle around the country. He has not yet announced the average prices he will pay for the different grades of cattle, but there is a general disposition among the cattle men to hold for higher prices than they got last year. There are a great many excellent animals in the district fit for any market.

Grain and Milling News.

A by-law to grant a bonus of \$4,000 towards the erection of a 50 barrel grist mill at Elkhorn will be voted on on August 4. A by-law was passed last year for a 100 barrel mill, but no one could be secured to undertake it, but Rowan, of Oak Lake, has expressed his willingness to build a 50 barrel mill for the bonus offered.

Insurance and Financial Notes.

The decision has been given in the case of interest to be allowed on deposits in the Commercial Bank. Reported fully in another column.

Some \$30,000 debentures of the Central judicial district of Manitoba are offered by tender, by the provincial treasurer.

An important conference of Canadian steamship men has been in progress at Montreal, and the result is the leading lines have decided to follow the suit of United States lines and seduce their steerage rates from \$20 to \$15.