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WINNIPEG, JUNE 4, 1894.

Manitoba.

The new Deloraine cheese factory is now running.

William Gossell, jeweller, Neepawa, reported sold out.

Geo. Case, blacksmith, is opening business at Binscarth.

J. C. Nash, hotel, Napinka, has sold out to J. Keneally.

During the month of April Manitoba received 1,053 settlers.

P. L. Samson, baker, etc., is opening business at Winnipeg.

A. Phaneuf, grocer, St. Boniface, has sold out to Adolphe Turser.

J. W. Carroll, grocer, Winnipeg, is succeeded by Carroll & Howard.

M. C. Greenwood, barber and cigars, Winnipeg, closed out by sheriff.

R. A. Whitman, general store, has opened business at Portage la Prairie.

Alf. Bourque has commenced the manufacture of bricks at Pilet Mound.

D. H. Coates, cider manufacturer, Winnipeg, is advertising business for sale.

Jackson & Co., druggs, Winnipeg, have opened a branch at Fort Francis, Ont.

Office Supply Co., Winnipeg, stock sold by sheriff to James Teas at 50 cents on the dollar.

Chalmers Bros. & Bethune, Pilot Mound, shipped a car load of fat cattle to Winnipeg on Friday, May 25.

Jas. E. Pulford & Co., hardware, etc., Winnipeg, have purchased the bankrupt stock of Jas. Ferguson, crockery, at 50 cents on the dollar.

The system of grading butter, formerly in vogue at Selkirk, has been discontinued, and as a consequence it is said that there has been a deterioration in the quality.

W. H. Cameron and W. S. Barker have purchased a plot of land near Whitewater station on which there is said to be first-class brick clay and will establish a brick yard on once.

Selkirk, says the Record, can boast of a new bank, a new doctor, and two new lawyers. These make ten additions to this town's business and professional openings this spring.

Barro Bros., jewellers and manufacturers, of Seattle, Wash., have leased the Golden Lion premises, on Main street, Winnipeg, and propose to establish a business here at an early date.

The Bank of Ottawa, Winnipeg, is now located in its handsome new buildings on Main street, opposite Portage avenue. It is undoubtedly one of the most handsome business blocks in Canada.

W. A. McKay, of the Winnipeg Business college, has disposed of the business. The new proprietor of the W. B. C. is C. A. Fleming, of the Northern Business college, of Owen Sound.

A meeting was held at Selkirk on Friday last for the purpose of discussing the question of establishing a woollen mill. A committee was appointed to draw up a prospectus and complete details for forming a company.

P. McConnell has resumed possession of the business at Cheapside Store, Deloraine, the partnership between him and T. H. Evans having terminated. A full line of groceries, flour and feed will be carried in addition to the bakery business.

The Queen's hotel furniture and movable property, Winnipeg, was offered for sale on Tuesday. The highest bid was 55 cents on the dollar, made by Wm. Clougher, and this was not accepted by the assignee.

The Dominion Government Savings Bank transactions at Winnipeg for the month ending 31st May, 1894, were:—

Deposits	\$16,961 00
Withdrawals	21,507 54

Withdrawals exceed deposits by . . . \$4,546 54

The Winnipeg civic authorities were planting trees this week around the city hall square. Trees have been planted annually around this square for the past eight years, and only about a dozen are now living out of all these plantings. The work is likely to go on annually for a great many years in the future, if it is continued as it has been done in the past. It is safe to say that hardly a tree will root out of those planted this week. It is useless planting trees so late in the season.

The banner presented by Sir Donald A. Smith for the best exhibit from electoral divisions at the Winnipeg Industrial, and which was awarded the Russell Agricultural Society last year has just been completed. It is a beautiful design, purple silk, the lettering being in gold and silver bullion with the provincial coat of arms in the centre, the buffalo of which is worked in the natural hair of that animal. The work was done by Mrs. A. Smith, wife of Mr. Alex. Smith, of the provincial emigration office, Winnipeg.

Assiniboia.

J. H. Ross, speaker of the Northwest Assembly, and T. B. Baker, of Moose Jaw, are at Ottawa, to ask the government to assist a scheme to dam the river and create valuable water power privileges at Moose Jaw.

Alberta.

F. J. Claxton, fruit, etc., Calgary, is moving to Golden. †

The Edmonton Times of last issue contained the valedictory of the former proprietor, J. B. Spurr. The business will be continued by W. P. Evans, formerly of the Edmonton Bulletin.

Northwest Ontario.

The Hudson Bay Co. at Rat Portage are asking for tenders for the erection of an addition to their store to double its capacity.

Albert McGillis, dealer in boots and shoes, Port Arthur, is dead.

The Lake of the Woods hotel is the name Mr. Billodeau has given his house at Norman.

H. Hook & Co., of Rat Portage, have taken over the business of Billodeau & Giguere, butchers, Norman.

Jackson & Co., of Winnipeg, have opened a drug store at Fort Frances, with a line of sundries, paints, oils, etc.

A complete newspaper and job printing plant has been sent to Rainy Lake City. The publication is to be called the Rainy Lake Journal. The proprietor is Fred J. Bowman.

A meeting was held at Rat Portage in the office of C. W. Chadwick, in reference to building an elevated tramway, connecting Rat Portage, Keewatin and Norman. Correspondence has been going on in connection with the proposed enterprise between the Gagnier-Griffith company and W. H. Harrison, and a visit of Vice-President Gagnier has been arranged for.

Insurance and Financial Notes.

A recommendation has been made by the Winnipeg Finance Committee to accept the offer of James Wishart, of Kirkcaldy, Scotland, viz., 1.01½ for \$6,000 in seven years local improvement debentures.

Money is in large supply at Montreal at 4 to 4½ per cent on call, and discounts on mercantile paper are 6 to 7 per cent.

Grain and Milling.

W. H. Wilson has purchased the flour mill at Arden, Man., which was recently advertised for sale by the municipality.

Lumber Trade Notes.

A monster conflagration occurred at New Westminster, British Columbia, on May 25, nearly the whole of the Royal City mills being consumed. The blaze started in the mill of the extensive yards. Owing to the dryness of the material and the breeze the flames gained rapid headway, and the whole building was on fire within two minutes from the time it was first noticed. The machine shop and plant, the shingle mill, box factory, three engines, four boilers, lumber racks, lumber piles, and wharf were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The fire originated in the furnace room.

The steamers Fisherman and Hazel have arrived at Selkirk, Man., from Hole river, Lake Winnipeg, with a large raft of logs for H. B. Mitchell's new mill.

The steamer Red River arrived at Selkirk on May 26 with the first barge load of lumber of the season. It came from Drake's mill. She left again on Monday for Fisher Bay.

Silver.

The market for bar silver has been dull, with only a moderate purchasing demand. Quotations in London were fractionally higher at the beginning of the week, but declined slightly at its close. The New York market was rather weaker in tone, the price declining from 53½c per ounce to 52½c on somewhat larger offerings. The only important item in connection with the silver situation is the announcement of a sterling loan for £5,000,000 to be offered in London by the Indian exchequer. The purpose of the loan is to retire outstanding India Treasury bills, but it is considered as indicating that there is no intention of reversing the government's policy with reference to the closing of the mints. The India Council this week sold 50 lakhs of rupees at firm prices, but announced that the weekly offerings henceforth would be only 50 lakhs (5,000,000 rupees). Silver prices—May 25: London, 28½d; New York, 63c.