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WINNIPEG, MARCH 22, 1897.

Manitoba.

James Lamont, boot and shoe dealer, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand.

The Winnipeg city council has adopted a resolution to the effect that Rudolph Hering, C.E., of New York, be engaged as consulting engineer to make examinations and report on the questions submitted to him on the subject of water supply and waterworks for the city.

Winnipeg city commercial travellers held their third annual at home at the Hotel Manitoba, on Tuesday evening last. About 300 persons were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The stock of John Brennan, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, will be offered for sale on March 5, by auction. Stock amounts to \$2,816.

T. J. White, grocer, William St., Winnipeg, is out of business.

The Brandon Sun says: Messrs. Codville & Georgeson, of the wholesale grocery firm of Thompson, Codville & Co., Winnipeg, were in town on Tuesday arranging for extensive improvements in the Coombs & Stewart block which the firm has recently purchased.

A by-law will be submitted at Portage la Prairie to raise \$100,000 to flood the slough and create a 600 horse-power water-power. A by-law for \$60,000 was voted some few months ago, but it had since been estimated that this amount would not be sufficient, and a new by-law, increasing the sum to \$100,000 will now be voted on.

W. J. Young and Mr. Badd will open a grocery store at Brandon.

At the annual meeting of the Provincial Mutual Hail Insurance company of Manitoba, the following were elected directors for the year 1897: John Benton, Deloraine; T. J. Marton, Gladstone; J. Thomson, Virden; John Hettle, Boisvovain; Jas. Molland, Glendale; Frank Schultz, Baldur; Robert Straug, Winnipeg.

The Cavanagh hotel at Elkhorn was burned on Feb. 21, caused by a lamp exploding in the cellar. The contents were mostly saved. Insurance, \$7,000 in the British America, Lancashire, Queen's, Western and Phoenix, of Brooklyn. Hard work by the citizens prevented the fire from spreading.

At Miami early in the morning on Feb. 21, fire broke out in the general store of Piling & Schooley. When discovered the whole inside of the building was on fire, so that nothing could be saved. The harness shop of B. C. Bundy was cleaned of stock and the building torn down and removed, which saved the buildings to the west of the fire. The burned building was owned by Geo. Cummings, of Emerson, and valued at \$1,500. The stock was valued at \$5,000 and carried the following insurance: Commercial Union, \$2,000; Atlas, \$1,000, and the Western Fire Co., \$1,000. The harness shop was owned by Dr. A. L. Shanks, of Miami, and was valued at \$800; no insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. will erect a cold storage warehouse at Winnipeg, with a capacity of about twelve car loads, for the handling of perishable freight to the best advantage.

Alberta.

The following weather report showing the highest and lowest reading of the thermometer at MacLeod for a week, will indicate the condition of the weather in the range country. The dash preceding the figures indicates below zero:

| | Max. | Min. |
|---------------|------|------|
| Feb. 18 | 31 | 9 |
| " 14 | 33 | 15 |
| " 15 | 41 | 19 |
| " 16 | 45 | 25 |
| " 17 | 37 | 9 |
| " 18 | 36 | 17 |
| " 19 | 36 | 9 |

Donald McLean, flour miller, Calgary, has assigned.

Assiniboia.

Fire broke out about midnight on Feb. 24 at Qu'Appelle station in the rear of A. S. Empey's general store, soon spreading to Scott & Co.'s butcher shop and A. McKenzie's bakery and confectionery store, consuming all these buildings. Before it could be checked great damage was done. The total loss is estimated at over \$15,000. All the losers are said to be well insured.

L. C. Rodgers, boots and shoes, etc., Regina, has sold out the branch at Craven to D. McAra & Co.

Northwestern Ontario.

The old Dick & Banning water power, near Keewatin, has been sold by the Rat Portage Lumber company for \$25,000 to an Ottawa syndicate.

L. H. Coxetter, merchant, Savanne, is dead.

Grain and Milling.

It is reported that negotiations are in progress for the purchase and removal to a more suitable site of the mill at Qu'Appelle station. This mill has not been operated for some time.

A. McKinnon, of Portage la Prairie, is asking for a loan of \$5,000 from the municipality of Saskatchewan for the purpose of building an oatmeal and barley mill on the Balkwell water power at Rapid City, Man.

A movement is on foot for the establishment of a flour mill and a mill machinery manufacturing business at Fort William. Toronto parties are negotiating for a bonus from the town for these industries. They want a free site, tax exemption, and \$25,000 cash by way of bonus.

Lake Shore elevator "4" at Toledo, Ohio, was burned on Feb. 19. 600,000 bushels of wheat was destroyed.

The town of Owen Sound, Ontario, has voted \$100,000 to the Canadian Pacific Railway company in aid of the large elevator and flour warehouse which the company propose erecting there. The railway has agreed with the town to increase the capacity of the Owen Sound elevator from 250,000 to 1,500,000 bushels, the flour shed to 30,000 barrels, and other improvements.

Owing to the improved demand for bran at Montreal, the market there ruled strong, and millers on Feb. 19 advanced prices 50c per ton, to \$10.50 per ton including bags.

H. B. Mitchell's flour mill at Millwood, Man., has been re-modelled and enlarged from 100 to 150 barrels' capacity, under the direction of J. Nummay W. McKinnon, late of Portage la Prairie, has been engaged to take charge of the mill. This mill is operated by water power entirely.

Bran advanced another 50c per ton at Montreal, on Feb. 20, to \$11 per ton, including sacks.

Rolled oatmeal has again declined at Montreal 10c per barrel to \$1.50 to \$1.55 per bag.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The Montreal Gazette of Feb. 19 says: Receipts of roll dairy continue large, offerings being made in much larger volumes from the districts north and west of Toronto than is usual at this season. It is assumed from this that the home market in Toronto and the West is not as good as it was last year. In consequence of these free offerings prices are easy and 11c was accepted for rolls, prices ranging up to 13c, according to grade.

Prof. Robertson, dominion dairy commissioner, has arranged for government creameries at the following places: Whitewood, Grenfell, Wolsley Cream gathering stations will be located at a number of points tributary to the points where creameries will be started, such as Fort Qu'Appelle, Le Bret. The government will also operate the creameries at Moose Jaw, Qu'Appelle Station, Calgary and Edmonton. The business of the Moose Jaw creamery has increased 50 per cent. annually since it was taken over by the government. These creameries will all be supplied with cold storage and every other convenience.

Commercial Legislation.

A Bill to amend the executions act has been introduced in the Manitoba legislature. The amendment contemplated is an extension of the right of exemption. It has been found by decisions of the courts, that the privilege of exemption does not exist after the death of the husband, and that the widow is not entitled to receive the benefit: the bill is intended to remedy that defect.

A Bill to declare and amend the law of partnership is now before the Manitoba legislature. The measure deals with: 1. The nature of partnerships; 2. Relations of partners to persons dealing with them; 3. Relations of partners to one another; 4. Dissolutions of partnerships and its consequences. This act will repeal section 4 of the mercantile law amendment act, and the whole of the act to amend the law of partnership.

A Bill entitled "The Mines Act, 1897," has been introduced in the Manitoba legislature. The bill is drawn very much on the lines of the act in force in Ontario.

A Montreal report quotes a further decline of 2c in Manitoba fresh fish in that market. They are quoted in a jobbing way at Montreal as follows: whitefish, 5 1/2c; trout, 5 1/2c; pickerel, 4 1/2 to 5c; pike, 8 to 9 1/2c.