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WINNIPEG, MARCH 16, 1891.

## Manitoba.

Brandon aldermen talk of purchasing a second fire engine.

John Horseman, hardware merchant, Oak Lake, is dead.

Dr. Goulding, of Gladstone, contemplates moving to Virden.

F. Hughes, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, has been sold out by the sheriff.

A good many car loads of horses are arriving in the Province from the east.

A. F. Rykedale & Co., boots and shoes, Winnipeg, have been sold out by the sheriff.

K. Burden contemplates establishing Turkish baths in Winnipeg, something needed here.

The stock of I. Bennetto & Co., photographers, Winnipeg, was damaged by fire recently.

Wm. McFarlane, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, has had his stock damaged by fire; covered by insurance.

The stock of W. J. Middleton, dealer in boots and shoes, Winnipeg, is in the hands of the sheriff.

W. G. Robinson, of Cartwright, cheese maker, contemplates establishing a factory at Pilot Mound.

H. B. Rose, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, left last week for Lethbridge, Alberta, where he decided a short time ago to locate permanently.

At the experimental farm at Brandon last year, one plant of corn attained a stalk growth of 81 feet, and the yield for fodder ranged from 12 to 40 tons per acre.

The Winnipeg agency of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., is now in charge of A. McMicken and John Paterson as joint agents.

This is the company recently represented by the late Hon. Gilbert McMicken.

J. E. T. Powers, formerly in business at Brandon, held a sale of his household effects recently before leaving for Portland, Oregon, where he expects to make his future home.

Four colonist sleeping trains left Toronto on March 7th for Manitoba. There were 57 cars of stock and 186 passengers. In addition to these 247 passengers left on the regular train.

A McGregor correspondent writes:—"W. J. Thompson has purchased the dry goods, boots, shoes and groceries from J. H. Ashdown, who bought the entire stock formerly owned by C. E. Wisch. H. B. Fryer bought the hardware

A meeting of farmers of the Oak Lake district, was held at Thompson's hotel, to consider the cultivation of chicory. The farmers propose growing fifty acres this year, as an experiment. Chicory is in appearance something like a parsnip. It can be left in the ground all winter without injury. Its market value is about 30 cents per pound.

Thompson Bros. who contemplate starting a cheese factory near Emerson, have arrived from the east. They brought with them two car load of horses. They have purchased the farm known as the McKechnie farm containing 640 acres, about two miles north of Emerson and will put on the farm 100 head of milk cows.

Manitoba Mercury:—"We are pleased to learn that Mr. Fullerton, since his return from Montreal, has decided to remain in Manitou and continue in the business which he has so successfully established. The many friends of the old firm of Fullerton & Ross will be glad to learn that there will be no change in the business."

W. J. Mitchell, recently in the wholesale drug trade in Winnipeg, but now residing in the east, visited this city in time to plump his vote for the government candidate. He says he does not wish to see Winnipeg made subordinate to St. Paul yet. He remained in the city a week or so after election day, shaking hands with his many friends and renewing old acquaintances before returning east.

Since the advent of the railway at Souris, says the Brandon Times, the population of the place has more than doubled and the business done has more than trebled. Souris now stands third in the race for places as the wheat markets of the Province. Up to the time of our visit two weeks ago there had been marketed not less than 460,000 bushels of wheat of which the firm of McCulloch & Herriot had purchased about 118,000 bushels.

An example of what energy and good farming will do in Manitoba was exemplified by Mr. Kee, a practical farmer who purchased a quarter section of land near Emerson two years ago. The first summer he broke and backset the entire quarter section. Last year he put in a crop and after paying the purchase price of the farm, \$1,600, out of the proceeds of sale of the grain grown on his land, he had \$300 cash left and 1,000 bushels of oats and barley.

John Horsman, hardware dealer, died at Oak Lake on Saturday last, in the 65th year of his age. Deceased was for many years a leading hardware merchant of Guelph Ont. His premises were destroyed by fire and he subsequently opened out in Watford and Toronto. Mr. Horsman was in Winnipeg during the boom, then went to Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and after-

wards to Oak Lake, Manitoba, where he opened in the hardware line and continued until a few months ago, when he handed it over to his son in law, E. Dickson, M. P. P. Mr. Horsman had been in failing health for some time.

## Alberta.

Mahaffy & Clinksill, general dealers, of Battleford, Sask., are having a building erected at Lethbridge, where they intend opening a general store.

J. G. McCallum has signed a contract with the Alberta Hotel Company, of Calgary, for the erection of an addition to the Alberta hotel. The proposed additions will cost nearly \$20,000.

## North West Ontario.

The Fort William council have procured some fire apparatus.

The bricklayers engaged on the C. P. R. hotel at Fort William have finished their work.

James Plumridge, baker, West Fort William, is closing out business and moving to Vancouver.

No 1, vol. 1, of the Sudbury Sun a paper devoted to the mining and general local interests of Sudbury and its surroundings has been issued.

## Assiniboia.

The stock of W. Cruickshanks & Co., general dealers, Regina, is advertised for sale on March 17.

The Moosomin Courier is advocating the establishment of a board of trade in that place. Good idea.

Peter Ferguson, of Indian Head, is in Eastern Canada, where he goes as immigration agent for the Indian Head Agricultural Society. He has with him samples of grain grown in the district.

## French Wheat Crop.

The French wheat crop has been a strong bull factor recently. Special reports on the wheat crop in France, sent to the National Association of French Millers, are summed up as follows: The situation is unfavorable in the most important sections, viz, in the north, northwest, west and centre, and also bad in the northeast. In the east, however, an ordinary crop is expected, and the injury is unimportant in the southwest, south and southeast. Two-thirds, therefore of the total area have suffered disastrously, but the remaining third not to any material extent. The extent of the injury cannot, of course, yet be fixed. What hopes might have been entertained that the plant would recover have been dispelled by the unfavorable weather in the past week which has perhaps done more harm than the most severe frosts in mid-winter.

## New York Money Market.

The decreasing bank reserves and apprehensions of heavy gold shipments had an apparent effect upon the New York loan market, although time money is still quoted at 4 1/2 per cent. for six months, and a light supply of commercial paper finds takers at 5 to 5 1/2 per cent. Call loans, however, stiffened, and bankers' balances through the week ranged from 2 1/2 to 4 per cent., with average rate to stock market borrowers in the neighborhood of 3 per cent.—Bradstreet's, March 7.