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WINNIPEG, MAY 19, 1890.

## Manitoba.

W. Brown is opening a grocery store at Brandon.

G. Frankfurter, dry goods, Winnipeg, has assigned.

James White is opening a lumber yard at Rapid City.

J. Stork will open a drug store at Portage la Prairie shortly.

Charles Redfern, stoves and tinware, Winnipeg, has given up business.

D. L. Murray, of Napinka, intends starting a cheese factory this summer.

M. B. Snider has sold his grocery business at Portage la Prairie to J. McAuley.

J. Walker, formerly of Neepawa, has opened a boot and shoe shop in the Portage.

Pilot Mound and Deloraine merchants have adopted the early closing movement.

The rate of taxation in Winnipeg next year is expected to be two cents on the dollar.

R. S. Thompson has disposed of his furniture business at Wawanesa to E. Lambert, of Bois-evein.

The Victoria Soap Works, Winnipeg, owned by Gray & Co., have been destroyed by fire; loss about \$1,000.

T. J. McAdam, of Windsor, Ont., is establishing an agency for the Globe Tobacco Company in Winnipeg.

The Winnipeg Gas Company have purchased six new boilers and two 300 horse-power engines from the Polson Iron Works Company, of Toronto.

The latest addition of the railway land grants of this province is 6,400 acres per mile to the Manitoba Railway & Canal Co. This line

will run from Portage la Prairie to Lake Winnipegosis and its length will be 125 miles.

The Rapid City Woollen Mills intend turning out blankets, tweeds, etc., this summer, and for this purpose are putting in more machinery.

Messrs. Armstrong & Colgate, of Winnipeg, have been appointed general agents in Manitoba and the Territories for the Manchester Fire Assurance Company.

The Manitoba Southeastern Railway, which recently received a land grant from the Dominion Government, is now in a fair way to be constructed this summer. It will be built to the Lake of the Woods and run as a colonization railway. Probably an American road will connect with it at the boundary.

Mayor McFadden, of Emerson, has been making arrangements to have the old municipal debt of that town settled. The creditor who objected to the proposed plan of settlement has now given his assent to it and it will be carried into effect as soon as possible. We would be glad to see Emerson get things in shape again as we are sure that the town has a bright future ahead of it if given a proper chance.

The English company which has purchased the land of the Manitoba Northwestern Railway company have already given evidence of good intentions towards the country. They propose to cut the land into small homesteads and to loan any settler \$500 to enable him to go on working it at once. If this scheme is carried out it will mean millions to Manitoba. The agent of the company in this country is Mr. A. F. Eden, who has for years administered these same lands as commissioner for the Northwestern road.

## Alberta.

W. Lougheed is opening a watch making and jewelry establishment at Lethbridge.

D. M. Ratcliffe, of Seaforth, Ont., intends to start a dairy and cheese factory at Calgary.

T. D. Smith & Co., of Winnipeg, have purchased the business of J. D. Sibbald & Co., at Lethbridge.

Calgary is to have water works this year; about four miles of pipe will be laid as soon as the work can be done. Two engines with a pumping capacity of 1,500,000 gallons per day have been contracted for. It is estimated that the cost of the work, when completed, will be about \$60,000.

Messrs. Brownlee and Boorne, representing the *Dominion Illustrated*, are in Calgary taking orders for the special Calgary number of that paper to be issued about the 15th of June. Mr. Boorne has taken a number of photos of the business portions of the town, which will appear in that number.

## Saskatchewan.

Geo. Smith is opening a tin shop at Saskatoon.

Mr. Burnell has started a blacksmith shop at Duck Lake.

Duncan & McKay intend opening a general store at Saskatoon.

The boats of the Winnipeg & Western Navigation Co. will make regular trips up the North Saskatchewan from Prince Albert to Edmonton hereafter.

A bridge is being built across the Battle River at Battleford, it is expected to be finished about the 30th of June.

Saskatoon which has needed a railway for so long is to have two this summer. The Great North West Central and the Long Lake railway, the latter will be in next month.

## Assiniboia.

Geo. Fleming is opening a grocery store at Regina.

George Johnson is about to open a butcher shop at Langenburg.

Wendt & Leigh are going into the tailoring business at Medicine Hat.

Regina merchants have signed an early closing agreement which will go into effect this week.

Managing Director Crerar has called for tenders for the erection of the Saltcoats Dairy Association's buildings. Prof. Barro of Winnipeg will supply the plant and a firm of commission merchants at Victoria, B.C., will handle the output.

## Lumber Cuttings.

J. L. Campbell, of Brandon, is shortly to embark in the lumber business at Melita.

The Brandon saw mill will start running this week. There is a sufficient number of logs to keep them running about two weeks.

The American ship *Pachtolus* has cleared from Moodyville, B.C., with 808,000 feet of lumber for Shanghai. The Willie Reed, of New York, is ready to clear from the same point with 1,029,000 feet for Valparaiso, and the *Ninevah* will be ready by the end of the week with 1,000,000 feet for Sydney, Australia.

The largest cedar tree in the state of Washington is said to be on a tract of land owned by Ulmer Stinson three miles east of Snohomish city. It is a dead cedar which has been hollowed out by fire, the top being broken off, so that the tree stands only about sixty feet in the air. But its diameter is twenty-three feet; in fact it is greater than this at the surface of the ground, for the tree must be over one thousand years old, for eight hundred rings were counted on the butt of the large tree on the Clay farm just below Snohomish, and this cedar is several feet larger. When the rings by which the age of a tree is ascertained run up in number to about six hundred they then become so fine and close together that they are counted with much difficulty. The age of the trunk must, therefore, be given approximately. The average height of trees in Washington is one hundred and fifty feet. The tallest are two hundred and fifty feet, those higher than this being extremely rare. The largest tree in the world is the "Father of the Forest" (fallen), in California; length four hundred and fifty feet. The tallest standing tree is a eucalyptus, in Tasmania; height three hundred and fifty feet. The oldest fruit tree in the United States is an apple, in Cheshire, Conn., ago one hundred and forty years. The largest stick of timber ever hauled from the woods of any country was cut in Washington in February, 1888, and sold to the Port Madison Mill company. It was one hundred and sixty-five feet long, and its dimensions were twenty-eight by thirty-two inches.—*Mississippi Valley Lumberman.*