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WINNIPEG, APRIL 7, 1890.

L. MALONE, hotel, Gleichen, Alberta, is dead.  
 J. LESTER, shoemaker, has begun business at Moosomin, Assa.

WM. MCKINNON & BRO., Rat Portage, have dissolved partnership.

A. G. WILLIAMS has opened a flour and feed store at Gladstone, Man.

MRS. BERNARD, confectionery, Birtle, Man., has closed up and will move to Winnipeg.

The legal firm of Richards, Brophy & Bradshaw, Winnipeg, has dissolved partnership.

G. L. PETERSON, confectionery and fruit, Port Arthur, has sold out to John Andrews.

WILCOX & Co., general store, Virden, Man., have dissolved partnership; C. E. Pineo retires.

C. GALLAGHER, of Regina, has purchased three car loads of fat steers from a Cypress Hills rancher.

A SPECIAL immigrant train arrived at Winnipeg last week from Montreal, having on board 144 British immigrants.

TURNER, MCKEAND & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, have moved their offices from the corner building into their block one door to the east.

HINDSON & BEA have abandoned the idea of starting a creamery at Rapid City. H. C. Clay, however, has decided to establish a creamery at that place.

A NEW paper, the Brandon *Saturday Night*, has made its appearance at Brandon, making the fourth newspaper for that place. It is under the control of J. B. Frazer.

SMITH & FERGOUSON, hardware dealers, Regina, have admitted J. W. Smith, hardware dealer of the same place, into partnership. Style of business now, the Smith & Ferguson Company, Limited.

ED. SCARLETT, who has had charge of G. W. McLaren's drug and stationery store at Manitou, Man., has purchased the stock, etc., and will carry on the business in his own name in future.

The transactions at the Dominion Government savings bank Winnipeg during March were as follows:—

Deposits .....	\$10,626 00
Withdrawals .....	23,819 42
Withdrawals exceed deposits by .....	\$12,193 42

HENDERSON & BULL, wholesale commission merchants, Winnipeg, have moved a few doors west of their old stand, and now occupy the corner building in Turner, MacKeand & Co.'s block, on Banuatyne street east, where they will have more roomy and convenient quarters.

BEGINNING next Wednesday the passenger service of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway will be extended to Winnipeg. Trains will run over the Canadian Pacific between Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg, connecting at Winnipeg with trains to and from the east.

It is understood the Manitoba Government has decided to give a guarantee of interest at the rate of four per cent. for twenty years, on bonds to the amount of \$1,400,000 in aid of the Hudson Bay railway. This will be in lieu of the cash bonus of \$750,000 outright to the company.

The insolvent estate of Van Blaricorn & Clark, merchants, Arden, Manitoba, will be sold by public auction on April 5, at the office of the official assignee, Winnipeg. There are \$2,123 of goods, \$721 in accounts and buildings valued at \$700, the latter subject to \$200 mortgage.

THE Ontario Government will vote to the Ontario and Rainy River railway, a cash subsidy of \$3,000 per mile for construction of twenty miles of road westward from Sand Lake, the present terminus. This is the road upon which construction was commenced at Fort Arthur last year.

The following officers of the board of trade of Maple Creek, Assa., have been elected:—John Dixon, president; E. Fearon, 1st vice-president; H. A. Greely, 2nd vice-president; L. Rankin, secretary; W. R. Abbott, treasurer. Council:—I. C. Dixon, J. G. Fauquier, A. J. Smith, V. Levesque.

S. NAIRN, of the Winnipeg oatmeal mills, has imported from Scotland several varieties of grain, which he intends to test thoroughly in this country. Among the different samples are the following high grade kinds: Longfellow, black tartarian, Hamilton, Blainslie and Sandy oats, and Chevalier and Italian barley.

THE southeast corner of Main & McWilliam streets, Winnipeg, has been sold by Mr. Donohue, late of Selkirk, to an eastern company for \$15,000. Mr. Donohue purchased the property last fall for \$11,000. Mr. Donohue has now purchased the Grand Union hotel together with all the furniture and fittings for \$20,000, and will shortly take possession.

At the last monthly meeting of the board of trade of Vancouver, B. C., attention was directed to the bad quality of a good deal of produce, especially butter, sent from the East, and it was suggested that the council of the board of trade should take it up and make representations to the boards of trade in Winnipeg and Eastern Canada, with a view to securing a better class of produce.

ONE of the largest fish ever seen in Winnipeg was received by J. H. Davis, fish dealer, last week. It was a monstrous specimen of the halibut species and came from British Columbia. The weight of the fish was 154 pounds. The express charges come heavy on fresh fish from the coast, and economy in shipping is necessary. In the case of this large halibut, the waste in the head and tail is placed at between fifteen and twenty pounds, upon which express charges would have to be paid. In shipping large fish, if the useless parts such as the head were removed, a very considerable saving would be made in express charges.

THERE appears to be something unpleasant in connection with the recent sale of the estate of C. W. Gauthier, of Selkirk, Man. A large fishing business is carried on on Lake Winnipeg by this concern and a similar business is carried on down east. The Lake Winnipeg business it is claimed has paid well, but the eastern business has been unsatisfactory. An eastern man has now stepped in and gobbled up the whole plant and stock, valued at about \$75,000, under execution, leaving local creditors entirely in the lurch for goods supplied the company, to the amount of ten or twelve thousand dollars. Winnipeg creditors are entirely out in the cold. There is a fishy smell about the business, though the local creditors still hope to make something out of their claims.

THE *Manitoba Colonist*, for April is out, and it is a fine number, being filled with information about the country, in a condensed form. This is the kind of matter which is most valuable to the country, and useful to the reader. Northern Manitoba receives special attention in the issue and a few columns are devoted to relating the experiences of practical western farmers, as told by themselves. The *Colonist* is not sectional. It has no object in favouring one district over another, and avoids comparisons such as are some times made with the object of showing the superior advantages of one district over another, but which often have the effect of injuring the country as a whole. Following on these lines the *Colonist* will do a great deal of good wherever it goes, in making known the advantages of the West.

THE annual report of the Dominion Minister of the Interior has been completed. In Manitoba and the Territories, during 1889, there were 696,050 acres of homestead entries, 212,651 acres of pre-emptions, and 177,092 acres were sold. The area entered by actual settlers was greater than any year except 1882 and 1883, the increase over 1888 being 275,000 acres. Arrangements are being made by which the difficulty caused by the abolition of pre-emptions will be avoided and settlers given an opportunity to purchase the adjoining quarter section on easy terms. The net revenue of the department for the year ending October, 1889, was \$588,861 against \$563,709 for the previous year. The revenue from timber, mineral and grazing lands was \$102,732; timber dues, \$77,071; grazing lands, \$7,811; bay dues, \$6,909. The report estimates the live stock in the Alberta and Assiniboia grazing districts to consist of 106,063 cattle, 13,322 horses and 44,822 sheep, but is unable to state the number in the remainder of the Territories or in Manitoba. The revenue of school lands for the year ending October was: Manitoba, \$42,859.82; Territories, \$11,159.74; total, \$54,019.56. This is merely the sum received.