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WINNIPEG, MARCH 30, 1891.

Manitoba.

H. S. Weeks, Grocer, Winnipeg, has assigned.

A post office savings bank has been opened at Pilot Mound.

Andrews & Johnston will start a lumber yard at Newdale.

A. McBean, general store, Clearwater, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

James Hatch, contractor, Portage la Prairie, contemplates giving up business.

The plant of the Rapid City Spectator was disposed of by the sheriff on Monday.

The Estate of Minnie Zickrick, general store, Ninga sold to McLaren of Boissevain.

Scott's creamery at Shoal Lake is being put into shape for the seasons operations.

W. G. Smith shipped a car of fat cattle from Westbourne, on Monday, for Port Arthur.

A savings bank dept. has been opened in connection with the Emerson post office.

The grist mill at Pilot Mound is running full time, and can scarcely overtake all the work.

H. Benard, butcher, Winnipeg, has sold out to Holman Bros., butchers, of the same place.

The partnership of Johnston Bros. livery, feed and salesmen, Brandon, has been dissolved.

It was estimated last week that there were upwards of 350 Ontario horses in Brandon for sale.

The Hotel du Canada, Winnipeg, has been leased by H. Benard, who will take possession shortly.

J. T. Gordon, of Pilot Mound, has purchased 300 head of cattle for shipment to the Old Country later on.

Thos. Nixon, jr., returned to Winnipeg last week. He has secured a position with a wholesale house.

T. W. Prout, liveryman, Portage la Prairie, has sold his stables to M. K. Harkness, for the sum of \$3,000.

A brick yard is to be operated at Rapid City the coming summer by E. C. Gossett Jackson, of Strathclair.

Baird Bros. & Chalmers, of Pilot Mound, shipped the first car-load of cattle from that district this season.

There is talk of forming a mutual fire insurance company for the business community of Portage la Prairie.

Saunders & Thompson, butchers, Glenboro, has been changed to Barr & Saunders, who will continue the business.

The by-law increasing peddlars' fees to \$25 and \$50, received its final reading in the Winnipeg city council, and is now in effect.

The town council of Minnedosa, has decided to hold a sale on the 4th of next June of town property in arrears of taxes over one year.

One Robinson intends erecting a cheese factory at Pilot Mound this spring, and has gone east to purchase the necessary machinery.

B. M. Canniff, druggist of Portage la Prairie, was moved to the Winnipeg hospital last week. The doctors considered his case to be critical.

The estate of N. Chevrier, clothier, Winnipeg; Stock and book debts sold to N. Chevrier for \$846, of which \$150 was for debts.

The transient traders' by-law at Portage la Prairie, will be enforced against parties who bring in horses to sell, without taking out a license.

Elie Chamberland, has taken the Hotel Quebec, at St. Boniface, and Gabriel Arial, formerly of the latter house, has taken the Russell house at Morris.

Thos. Churchill, of Virden, has returned from Ontario, accompanied by his brother John Churchill. They intend establishing a blacksmith shop at Virden.

There is a big demand around Emerson for farms to rent, says the Times, and the prospects are that every piece of available land will be under crop the coming season.

The stationery store of R. D. Richardson, Winnipeg, was burglarized on Wednesday and about \$10 worth of stamps besides \$6 or \$7 out of the cash register were taken.

John G. Boulton—Boulton & Co.,—general dealer, of Russell, whose financial troubles were noted last week, has placed his assignment in the hands of the official assignee.

The Scottish, Ontario and Manitoba Land company announce that they have decided to dispose of the Binscorth stock farm in this province, which will be sold about the middle of June next.

Mr. Peck, of Carscaden, Peck & Co., Winnipeg, was slowly recovering at latest report, but it will be weeks before he will be able to be out again. He has had a pretty severe tussle to pull through.

The Brandon Sun reports that Geo. Armstrong, a farmer near that place, has sold the balance of his wheat crop in lump to the Carberry Milling Company, for 87 cents per bushel. There are about 12,000 bushels. He has 4c elevator charges to pay on the grain.

A MacGregor correspondent writes: "R. B. Wisch, hardware dealer, of McGregor, before he left for parts unknown forged some notes. One of our citizens was called to Catberry having been sued. However, he was able to prove the note was forged."

A subscriber at the point mentioned below, writes: "Routhwaite, on the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway, with only one elevator, has shipped 143,250 bushels of wheat, besides a large quantity of oats, potatoes, etc. There is a good opening at this point for a blacksmith."

Statistics of the Canadian Pacific land department, at Winnipeg, show that the immigration to this country during February was seventy-five per cent. larger than for the same month last year. The company's land sales for the month were sixty per cent. larger than for the corresponding period of last year.

A subscriber at Gladstone sends the following items: Dr. Goulding, of Gladstone has sold his drugstore and residence to M. Wilson and has moved to Virden.—A young man named W. Fowler, from Ont., has opened a harness shop at Gladstone.—Gladstone now wants a doctor, a good, live newspaper and a grist-mill.

A subscriber at Elkhorn sends the following items, for which thanks: Joseph Bradley has resigned his position as agent of Massey & Co., at Elkhorn, and will now devote his whole attention to his hardware and lumber business. Massey & Co. are erecting a large two-storey warehouse, at Elkhorn, size about 25x50. The outside walls and roof will be covered with corrugated steel siding, which will make the building fireproof. Alex. Stewart, junior, has been appointed agent for the company at Elkhorn.—Harris Son & Co., have opened an implement warehouse here with Wm. Kennedy as agent.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., wholesale grocers and provision merchants, Winnipeg, have arranged with the McCormick Manufacturing Company, of London, Ontario, to handle the goods of this concern in Winnipeg. The manufactures of this old company are well known, and consist of bisouits, confectionery, jams, jollies, etc. A full stock of these goods will be carried in Winnipeg by J. Y. Griffin & Co., and the first car lot is due to-day. The McCormick company have placed their western business in excellent hands, and they are not likely to regret their business connection with the Winnipeg firm mentioned.

The following items are from the Carman Standard: It is understood that considerable building will be done in Carman during the summer. A couple of years like the last will make Carman quite a little city, and they are coming.—Our townsman, John Russell, is now perfecting arrangements for opening a steam laundry.—Fred. Starkey, lessee, has purchased the Starkey house, and will very soon commence to overhaul and renovate it from garret to cellar.—The wheat market is very dull in Carman averaging now about 1000 bushels per day. by the first of April there will not be much wheat left in the Carman district.

Steps are being taken at Ottawa to organize a Canadian branch of the United Empire Trade league for the purpose of advocating British commercial unity.