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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 11, 1895.

Manitoba.

W. H. Daubney, publisher of the Deloraine Times, is dead.

The grocery stock of Ford & Lowe, Winnipeg, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Monday, Feb. 11. Stock amounts to \$2,490.

The round house of the Great North West Central railway at Chater was burned to the ground on Feb. 2, with the only two locomotives the road had.

A meeting of those interested in the formation of a Board of Trade was held at Selkirk recently and a committee appointed to canvass the town for the necessary number of charter members.

An effort is being made to start a cheese and butter manufacturing company in Arden. No better place for such an industry can be found on the line of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway.

Among the important measures to be introduced at the coming session by the local government is a bill on dairying, which is expected to greatly assist in the advancement of this industry in the province.

It is good news to learn that the government of Manitoba intends to employ a competent instructor in dairying. This would indicate that the government is alive to the necessity of encouraging this important interest.

The Manitoba Gazette contains an official proclamation summoning the members of the Manitoba Legislature for Thursday, Feb. 14, for the despatch of business. It is not expected that the sitting will extend beyond five or six weeks.

J. Corbett & Co., clothing and furnishings, Winnipeg, have sold out to R. B. Rodgers, who will continue the business. Mr. Rodgers is a brother of Geo. H. Rodgers, of Geo. H. Rodgers & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers, of Winnipeg.

The first contract for building improvements for the year in Winnipeg was awarded on Tuesday to Contractor D. D. Wood. The contract is the placing of a stone foundation under the Harris block at the corner of Main street and Market avenue for Crotty & Cross.

Before Justice Bain at Winnipeg, in the Commercial bank winding up proceedings on the application of the liquidators an order

was made for the payment of fifty per cent of the double liability by the English and foreign shareholders, payable ten per cent on the 1st April, June, August, October and November next. This completes the call of fifty per cent on all the stock.

The early closing by-law in Winnipeg, so far as grocery stores are concerned, has been quashed. In the case against F. Cloutier, for keeping open after the stipulated hour, it was shown that the law had been improperly enforced, the requisite two-thirds of the grocers of the city not having petitioned to have the act brought into force. The case was therefore dismissed. This case does not in any way test or effect the constitutionality of the law.

The Winnipeg board of trade is to be congratulated upon the selection of officers for 1895. Mr. R. T. Riley as president and Mr. Matthewson, manager of the Bank of Commerce, as vice, will make a strong and active team, who may be relied upon when hard work is to be done. In again re-electing Mr. Bell as secretary, the board could not do a better act. The council is composed of energetic members, who will no doubt have a good report to present one year hence.

Fire broke out Sunday morning in Jacob Winigraska's fruit and confectionery store, Winnipeg, located in a frame building on Portage avenue, next to the Queen's hotel. The flames had gained considerable headway before being discovered, but were speedily extinguished. The damage to the building was not extensive, but Winigraska's stock was nearly all destroyed, chiefly by smoke and water. The stock and fittings were valued at \$1,900, and were insured for \$1,400. The fire was caused, it is supposed, by an overheated stove.

A correspondent at Hilton writes as follows: "Hilton wants some one to open a good general store, a saddler and a doctor would also do well here. There is not a better point in the province for business men than Hilton, surrounded with a first-class farming country, thickly settled with well-to-do farmers. A good little town with good school, churches, etc., a hardware store, flour and feed store, two blacksmith shops, a large livery stable, large hotel, large elevator, two grain buyers and a lumber yard are among the business establishments of the place. A suitable building for a store can be obtained from C. Christie.

The following is a statement showing value of goods exported, entered for consumption and duty collected during January, 1895, and compared with same month 1894, at Winnipeg.

DESCRIPTION	VALUE 1894.	VALUE 1895.
Exported.....	\$110,574 00	\$128,420 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable.....	142,480 00	101,517 00
Entered for consumption, free...	33,429 00	35,787 00

Total for consumption..... \$175,859 60 \$187,804 00
Duty collected..... \$ 48,269 00 \$ 92,877 11

A considerable agitation has been going on in Winnipeg for a reduction in the price of bread, the bakers having recently advanced the price to 18 loaves for \$1, on credit, or 20 loaves for cash in advance. The trouble seems to be mainly with those who buy bread by the single loaf, in which case 10 cents was charged, as the bakers here, like other business places, do not have any smaller change than the 5 cent silver piece. Thus the very poor people who could not always buy \$1 worth of bread tickets in advance, were compelled to pay double the price of those who could pay for their bread in advance to the extent of \$1. Some of the bak-

ers are now meeting this reasonable objection by selling single loaves for 5 cents, or the same price as when one dollar's worth of bread is purchased at a time.

Alberta.

The Northwest Trading Company advertises its retail business in Calgary for sale, it being the intention of the Company to restrict its future operations to its wholesale trade.

N. D. Jackson, late of Red Deer, has moved to Edmonton, where he has started business as an auctioneer and general shipping agent under the style of Jackson & Co.

The Northwest Trading Company, of Calgary, contemplates establishing a pork packing factory. They are giving up their retail departments as soon as they can sell out these branches.

Saskatchewan.

The Prince Albert Board of Trade has addressed a circular letter to Territorial boards of Trade, town and city councils and members of the legislative assembly and prominent men throughout the territories asking expressions of opinion as to the feasibility of holding a convention at Regina during the Territorial Exhibition, on the subject of the Hudson's Bay Railway.

Northwest Ontario.

Hoover Bros. gents' furnishings, Port Arthur, have made an assignment to Mr. Duffield, of the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Company.

The Port Arthur board of trade held its annual meeting on Feb. 6. Jas. A. Fraser was elected president, James J. O'Connor, vice-president, H. A. McKibben secretary-treasurer, and S. W. Ray, Franklin, S. Wiley, George T. Marks, Geo. W. Brown, Daniel F. Burk, Joseph Brimson, William W. Russell, George Hodder, Joseph G. King, W. J. Schwigler, W. C. Doble and Jas. Meek, members of the council.

Freight Rates and Traffic.

The Minneapolis Market Record of Feb. 6 says: The open tariffs published make through rates on flour from Minneapolis to European ports in cents per cwt. as follows: Liverpool, 42.88; London, 42.88; Glasgow, 44.88; Bristol, 44.88; Amsterdam, 45.88; Leith, 45.88; Antwerp, 44.88. Beginning next Monday there will be reduction of 2c per hundred from above rates. This is in consequence of a rate of 18c from Milwaukee and 20c from Chicago to the coast to take effect on that day. A reduction of more than 5c from the above rates can now be obtained, and it looks as though this reduction in published rates merely means an advance in actual rates. If present unpublished rates can still be obtained the output of flour here in Minneapolis will be increased very materially next week, but if the roads hold firm to the new published rates the mills will perhaps just about keep up the capacity running this week. On Feb. 6th the same paper quotes rates about 5c lower than the above.

Western Hog Pack.

The western marketing of hogs has been considerably reduced the past week, says the Cincinnati Price Current of Feb. 1, packing operations indicating a total of 810,000, compared with 445,000 the preceding week, and 295,000 for corresponding time last year. From November 1 the total is 5,525,000, against 3,795,000 a year ago—an increase of 1,730,000, or 46 per cent.