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WINNIPEG, MARCH 18, 1895.

## Manitoba.

Jas. Ovas advertises closing out his business at Brandon.

D. Craig has commenced business as shoemaker at Manitou.

Mr. Simpson, of Boissevain, is opening a general store at Crystal City.

A. Patterson & Co., Hotel, Virden, have dissolved partnership, Alex. Patterson continues.

Mr. Pickering, of Denison & Co., Minnedosa, has purchased the Commercial bank building there for \$2,500.

Capt. Robinson's cold storage fish warehouse at Salkirk, which was burned a few months ago, is being re-built.

W. Burton, merchant, Portage la Prairie has abandoned the project of moving to High Bluff, and will remain in Portage.

The firm of Gordon & Ironside is establishing an office at the C.P.R. stock yards in Winnipeg to facilitate the export cattle trade.

The creamery committee at Manitou are making good progress and expect to have everything ready to commence operations in the spring.

Hams, bacon, eggs and other provisions were stolen from the store of Coltart & Hendry, Winnipeg, one night last week, to the value of \$50.

The people of Arden district have decided to have a cheese factory. The affair will be carried on by the Arden Joint Stock Cheese Manufacturing Co.

Meikle & Coppinger, general merchants, of Morden, have adopted a new method of doing business. Their goods are all marked in two prices; one price for spot cash only, the other for trade or credit.

T. B. Escoff & Co. have appointed Hood Bros., Winnipeg, agents for the sale of "Grand Mogul" tea and "Lion Digestive" coffee for Manitoba and the Northwest territories.

The seneca root and fur business heretofore carried on by F. H. Lyon at 210 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, will be continued by F. V. Lyon. Lyon Sr. will devote himself to insurance and travel.

C. H. Wilson, furniture dealer, Winnipeg, will begin an auction sale of his large stock of furniture on March 18, continuing during the week. The object is to reduce stock and increase cash receipts.

A cheese factory is to be built five or six miles south of Wawanesa at Lloyd's lake. The capital stock of the company is to be 200 shares of \$10 each. The promoters of the scheme are now canvassing for subscribers.

Carruthers, dealer in hides, wool, etc., Winnipeg, has opened a branch at Brandon, Man., where he will buy hides, wool, seneca root, etc. Mr Carruthers shipped a full car, containing 28,000 pounds of seneca root, from Winnipeg to New York last week. He also purchased last week a car load of wool from the Rapid City woolen mills.

O. H. Pollard and Jas. Daniels who have for a number of years been connected with the job printing department of The Commercial office, have now assumed the entire management of this department of the business. The Commercial job department will hereafter be continued by The Commercial Printing Co Messrs. Pollard and Daniels are both highly skilled artisans in their respective lines, and under their control the mechanical department will no doubt give better satisfaction than ever before. Mr. Steen retains his interest in the department. The publishing department of this office is in no way affected by the change in the mechanical department.

## Alberta.

Mr. Goddard, of Calgary, has secured a carload of cattle in the Prince Albert district.

The firm of Hull Bros. & Co. has decided to separate its Alberta interests from those in British Columbia, the firm being dissolved. W. R. Hull will take the Alberta branches, and J. R. Hull the British Columbia business.

## Assiniboia.

The Canadian Pacific Railway section house at Regina was burned on March 8.

R. H. Williams has secured the contract for the erection of the main buildings of the Territorial fair at Regina, some twenty-one tenders were received for this work.

Reports from all sections, says the Moose Jaw Times are unanimous in reporting that the present winter has been a favorable one for stock. M. T. Bambridge, six miles south of Moose Jaw, has a drove of 600 sheep, a score or so of cattle and some horses. All are in prime order. He stables the cattle and has sheds for the sheep. Mr. Ferguson the meat man, states that many of Mr. Bambridge's sheep are quite fit for the butcher's stall. This gentleman has made an unqualified success of sheep raising. He brought a small stock from across the line some years ago. By careful breeding and attention he has succeeded in materially raising the standard of the flock.

## Saskatchewan.

A pump factory is to be established in Prince Albert.

There is a prospect that the farmers of Collestone, Prince Albert district, will organize a joint stock company, and undertake the erection and operation of a creamery.

D. L. Shannon, who recently sold the machinery of his sawmill at Prince Albert to Smyth Bros., of Steep Creek, has purchased a 50-horse power engine and boiler, and a more extensive outfit of machinery, and is fitting up his mill to manufacture lumber, shingles and lath. The capacity of the new mill will be 20,000 feet of lumber, 20,000 shingles and 30,000 lath per day. About twenty men will be employed during the summer. The mill is expected to be in operation about April 1st.

John Paul, Gordon & Ironside's buyer at Prince Albert, has purchased during the winter about five car loads of cattle in the Prince Albert district. They will be shipped early in April. Over \$30,000 in cash was paid in 1895, by the firm of Gordon and Ironside to farmers in the district, for cattle purchased by the firm.

The town of Prince Albert has suffered the loss of no less than three grist mills by fire says the advocate. The Hudson's Bay Co's first mill was burned in 1831; Thos. McKay's mill at the West End during the same year, and last week's cremation of the Hudson's Bay Co's East End mill makes the third victim.

An order-in-council has been passed setting apart certain even numbered sections in the Prince Albert district for a Mennonite settlement. In his report recommending this reservation, the Minister of the Interior states that it has been represented to him on behalf of the Mennonite settlers in Manitoba that their two reserves in that province are now overcrowded, hence the desire to establish a new Mennonite settlement.

## Northwest Ontario.

Dougald McMurphy, grocer, Rat Portage, has assigned.

A new fish company has been organized to operate in the Lake of the Woods this season. It will be known as the Lake of the Woods Fish company. F. W. Colclough, is manager. The erection of an ice-house and fish-house will be started at once.

## Lumber Trade News.

The Mississippi Valley Lumberman, published at Minneapolis, which represents the white pine lumber trade interests of Minnesota and Wisconsin, claims that the railways are discriminating in their freight rates against the white pine interest and in favor of the southern yellow pine. The yellow pine lumber is shipped north and meets the white pine which has been shipped south, in the central western states of Kansas, Nebraska and the region thereabouts. The Minneapolis paper claims that proportionately lower rates are given by the railways on the yellow pine lumber shipped north than are given on the white pine shipped south and southwest. On this account it is claimed that the yellow pine has made serious inroads into the white pine markets. The rate on white pine from Minneapolis to Omaha, Nebraska, is 17 cents, a distance of 325 miles, while the yellow pine is carried to Omaha, a distance of about 1,000 miles, for 22 cents. The rate from Minneapolis to Lincoln, Nebraska, is 20 cents for 100 pounds, as compared with a 22 cent rate on yellow pine bought more than double the distance from the south. Yellow pine is carried to Chicago for the same rate of 22 cents. The white pine people claim they should get a rate of 12 cents to Nebraska points.

## Fraudulent Assignments.

The legislature of New Brunswick has passed a bill regarding assignments and preferences. The object of this legislation is to prevent fraudulent assignments and to secure to all creditors equitable treatment in the distribution of estates. It provides that if any insolvent person, knowing his condition, gives a judgment to defraud any of his creditors, it can be voided. Even preferences to one creditor over the others are voidable, as are the transfers of goods, chattels property or securities. Gifts and conveyances are in the same position. Assignments for the benefit of creditors take precedence over all executions. The bill provides ample machinery it is said for the quick, cheap and easy carrying out of all its provisions.