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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 10, 1894.

## Manitoba.

Munro & Co., liquors, Brandon, have assigned.

The Hotel Leland Company, Winnipeg, has been incorporated.

Fort Garry Park Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, has been incorporated.

H. W. Davis, auction mart, Winnipeg, is retiring from business.

The Great No. 7 Western Tea Co. is opening business at Winnipeg.

O'Neill & Gillies, tailors, Winnipeg, have opened business at Morden.

T. R. Horner, groceries, provisions, etc., has opened business at Brandon.

Luther Hazelwood, baker and confectioner, Glenboro, has moved to Moosomin.

Miss M. Nash, millinery and fancy goods, Oak Lake, has moved to Union, B. C.

Thos. Matcalle and A. Bonar of Winnipeg have opened a law office at Portage la Prairie.

Mr. Jenkens, stationer, Morden, died recently of typhoid fever. He came to Morden from Portage la Prairie last spring and opened business.

The Winnipeg board of trade will be represented at Toronto waterways convention, and the Winnipeg city council will also send a delegate.

Wilson & Co., fruiterers, Winnipeg have sold out to Daniel Coats. H. Wilson has taken a position with Rublee, Ridgell & Co. as traveller.

The estate of The Misses Coverly, millinery, etc., Winnipeg, has been sold by the sheriff to R. Elliott at 35c on the dollar.

The stock of Watson & Co., cigars, &c., Winnipeg, has been sold to John Erzinger at 53 cents on the dollar.

Wild plums are a good crop this year in this district, says the Morden Monitor, and are now selling at from 25c. to 40c. per bushel.

Three trains of beef cattle passed through Winnipeg on Tuesday for Montreal. Two were from ranges in Alberta and were shipped by Gordon & Ironside; the other was domestic cattle belonging to T. Hay, of Laohute, Que.

A train load of 23 cars of cattle were shipped on August 30, from the Manitoba North-western railway district for the Montreal market. The train consisted of 9 cars for Taylor Bros., 9 cars for John Wake, and 5 cars for Alex. Brown.

Thos. Frankland, of Stonewall, near Winnipeg, has sent samples of 50 varieties of plums to be placed on exhibition in the Provincial Immigration office in Winnipeg. Many of these are seedlings which he has propagated in his own garden.

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Among the vegetables, and other products offered on the Winnipeg street market one day last week were a few pails of native grapes. It is not generally known that grapes grow in Manitoba. The grapes are a wild variety, which are found in the woods along the Red and Assiniboine rivers, near Winnipeg, and no doubt they may be found in other localities, such for instance as the Pembina valley.

The announcement regarding the change in the firm of Scott & Leslie, Winnipeg, has been misunderstood in some particulars. The firm has dissolved, as stated last week. J. Leslie has formed a partnership with his brother, T. W. Leslie, and will open a new business, in the warehouse formerly owned by the Hay furniture concern. The old business of Scott & Leslie will be continued by Mr. Scott.

Two writs have been issued against Carley Bros., clothing, Winnipeg, one by J. W. McKeddie & Co. Montreal, and the other by Cornell, Spera & Co., Winnipeg. The liabilities are principally due to J. W. McKeddie & Co., whose total claim is said to be about \$16,000. The other liabilities of the firm, amounting to about \$4,000, are distributed among a number of local and eastern houses. These claims are all represented in the writ of Cornell, Spera & Co.

Receipts at the inland revenue office, Winnipeg division, for August, 1894, were as follows:—

Spirits.....	\$14,241 21
Malt .....	1,628 00
Tobacco .....	14,395 75
Cigars .....	449 70
Licenses .....	170 00
Petroleum inspection.....	78 45
Other receipts.....	282 39

Total for July, 1894..... \$31,245 60  
" " " 1893..... 34,198 98

Decrease August, 1894..... \$ 2,951 48

The Selkirk Record has the following to say regarding the proposal to start a bakery in connection with the Selkirk insane asylum: "The number of loaves used now per month is 2400. This at contract price of 5c. per loaf costs \$120. Now on the other hand we make the following:

Wages for 1 man.....	\$ 65 00
37 sacks flour at \$1.65.	61 05
4 cords of wood at \$2..	8 00
Yeast at 40c. per pound	5 40
Salt .....	1 00
Lard for pans .....	35

Total .....

This leaves a balance in favor of contracting of \$20.80. The estimated outlay for oven pans, troughs, tables, etc., is \$300, and interest on this is to be added to the \$20.80. These figures are made supposing the flour, one-half Patent and one-half Strong Bakers, average \$1.70 and \$1.60 per sack."

The portage Liberal relates the following plan of keeping bees in Manitoba:—Mr. Fielder has a novelty in his house which is much admired by visitors to his place. In the parlor is a bee hive connected with the outside world by a passage way through which the little workers come and go. As the hive is walled with glass the whole work of the little toilers is visible to persons in the parlor. The bees are watched in their work from the time they arrive with a load until they depart again, unmindful of the criticisms of the spectators in the parlor."

The merchants of Morris have made an agreement regarding credit business. In a circular just issued the scheme is explained as follows: "It may be well to mention here that at a meeting of the board of trade in Winnipeg elsewhere it was unanimously decided that the credit system was ruinous alike to the wholesale merchant, the retail merchant and the consumer, and that it was necessary to devise some scheme to do away with it to a great extent and at the same time make it reasonable to those who are depending upon the credit system to carry them along from year to year. They have arranged this plan, for all who wish to take advantage of it, namely, to give six months credit, and sell for six months for cash and cash only. This is the scheme we propose to carry out commencing on the 1st day of November 1894, until the 1st day of May 1895, when those who feel compelled to ask for credit or are desirable accounts will again be given the privilege of taking advantage of credit for the period above mentioned—six months, the object at issue being to enable country merchants to compete in selling goods with our friends in large cities, and to increase the local trade by offering the public a material reduction in the price of goods."

## Alberta.

McKenzie, Powis & Co., wholesale grocers, intend putting up a building at Edmonton 26 x 50, says the Edmonton Bulletin.

F. C. Vanbuskirk, of Winnipeg, has bought out the stock and sundries of the Fort Saskatchewan drug store from Bole, Wynne & Co.

The third shipment of cattle for Messrs. Gordon & Ironsides left Lethbridge on August 28, and consisted of two trainloads. The cattle were from the Cochran ranch and were a fine looking lot. Two more trainloads were shipped on August 31.

## Lumber Trade News.

In addition to the reduction of 5 1/2 per 100 pounds in Canadian Pacific Railway freight rates on lumber from Rat Portage and Keewatin to Winnipeg and other Manitoba points, a reduction of 11 cents per 100 pounds has been made from Fort William on the same commodity. Following shows the new and old rates:

Fort William	Old Rate.	New Rate.
to—		
Winnipeg.....	27	16
Portage la Prairie.....	29 1/2	18 1/2
Brandon.....	33 1/2	22 1/2
Virten.....	35 1/2	24 1/2
Moosomin.....	37	26
Gretna.....	27	16
Emerson.....	27	16
Morden.....	29	18
Carman.....	29 1/2	19 1/2
Souris.....	33 1/2	22 1/2
Manitou.....	31 1/2	20 1/2
Deloraine.....	37	26

## Insurance and Financial News.

C. H. Gooderham, of Toronto, president of the Freehold Loan & Savings Company, arrived from the east a week ago. It is his intention to visit all the principal farming districts of Manitoba, after which he will proceed west on a trip to the coast.