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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 21, 1895.

Manitoba.

The stock of Philip Brown, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, was sold at sheriff sale to Rodgers Bros. & Co.

Ed. Boyce, dealer in carriages, etc., Winnipeg, has taken over the carriage building and blacksmithing business of Reiman & Gordon, on Ross Street, formerly carried on by him.

A gentleman is advertising in The Commercial for an opening for his capitol in the Winnipeg wholesale trade. He desires to become a partner, to the extent of \$10,000, in some established house here, grain, hardware or groceries preferred.

D. E. McKinty has become proprietor of the Manor house, in succession to W. R. Burton. The new proprietor will make improvements in the premises.

C. A. Gareau and others in the retail clothing and gents' furnishings business, in Winnipeg, have petitioned for an amendment to the early closing by-law, so as to allow them to keep their places open to a later hour in the evening; the hour for closing now being 7 o'clock. The Winnipeg retail association has appointed a committee to make and investigation to learn if there is any general desire to abandon the early closing regulations during the month of November. According to the civic by-law, early closing is not in force in the month of December, an exception being made of that month.

By circular the trade has been notified that the biscuit and confectionery business heretofore conducted in the name of Rubles, Riddell & Co., Winnipeg, has been separated from the wholesale fruit and produce business carried on by the same firm, and has been transferred to The Riddell Manufacturing Co., in which name the business will be conducted in the future.

Assiniboia.

Walsh Bros., general storekeepers, Alameda, are moving to Oxbow, where they will open a general store.

Further attempted incendiary fires are reported from Regina, one being the Standard newspaper office. Wm. Curran, an employee at the Dominion government public works office, has been arrested as a suspected party.

Gwynne's livery stable, Grenfell, was

destroyed by fire recently, which spread to and also burned McJaniet & Dale's carpenter shop. The stable was insured in the Royal Insurance Co., for \$900. The other building was not insured.

Alberta.

Mr. McNeil of the coal mines at Anthracite, in a recent interview, said: Regarding the season's work at his Anthracite mine, that it had been satisfactory. The output was about 20,000 tons, which amount could very easily have been quadrupled if the demand had occasioned it. The market for this coal lies between Winnipeg and the mountains, and the coal had a large sale in Winnipeg last winter. Mr. McNeil made this further important announcement that he would put \$100,000 into a coke plant and expects to have it running by this time next year. The coke will be in demand for the smelters being established in the mountains. These mines are located at the town of Anthracite, near Banff, and are the only mines producing Anthracite coal in the west.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—Large quantities of flour continue to be exported from this port, chiefly on through shipment. The market is firm under a good local and country demand and sales of round lots of straight rollers have been made for shipment to Quebec and the lower provinces on the basis of \$3.25 to \$3.30 on track here, aggregating about 7,500 barrels. A dealer here was offered a round lot of 90 per cent. straight rollers at \$3.25 on track here, but another western miller asked 10c more for the same kind. These prices show an advance of 10 to 15c since our last report. In broken lots delivered to bakers, prices range from \$3.45 to \$3.60, as to quality. A fair demand has also been experienced for strong bakers and spring patents, sales amounting to 3,000 and 4,000 barrels being reported for shipment to Quebec and the lower provinces, being reported at \$3.90 to \$4.00 for the former and \$4.10 to \$4.15 for the latter. Latest sales of straight rollers are reported at \$3.00 to \$3.05 f.o.b. at points west of Toronto, which is equal to \$3.35 to \$3.40 laid down here.

Oatmeal.—In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.85, and standard at \$1.75 to \$1.80. Pot barley \$4.25 in barrels and \$2 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

Bran, etc.—We quote \$14.50 to \$15.00. Shorts \$15.75 to \$17.50, as to grade.

Oats.—Sales at 29½ and 30c, which are the exact figures we quoted a week ago.

Barley.—Further business is reported in malting barley at 50 to 52c and feed barley is dull at 40 to 42c.

Pork, Lard, etc.—Canada short cut pork, per barrel, \$15.50 to \$16.50; Canada thin mess, per barrel, \$14.00 to \$14.50; hams, per lb, 9 to 11c; lard, pure in pails, per lb, 8½ to 9½c; lard compound in pails, per lb, 6½ to 7c; bacon, per lb, 9 to 11c; shoulders, per lb, 8 to 8½c.

Butter.—The feature of the market during the past week has been the increased activity along with an advance of ½ to 1c per lb. upon our last week's quotations, sales of between 10,000 and 12,000 packages having transpired at 18½ to 19½c, while more recent lots have sold at 20c for September make. Eastern townships fall ends have been placed at 17 to 17½c. Western dairy is quoted at 13 to 14½c, as to quality.

Cheese.—Another change for the better has taken place on this market and in the country, the price of September cheese being ½ to ¾c higher than a week ago, and if a buyer had to fill an order of say 1,000 to 2,000 boxes of

finest western on this market, he would have to pay 8½ to 8¾c. There have been sales of finest townships on this market at 8½ to 8¾c, and finest Quebec 7½ to 8c, while several lots of undergrades have sold at 7½ to 7¾c.

Eggs.—Sales of round lots have been made at 13 to 13½c for 50 to 100 case lots, and one dealer said he could have cleared off all his stock at the latter figure. Seconds are quoted at 11½c to 12½c. These prices show an advance of fully 1c on the week.

Honey.—Old extracted 5 to 6c per lb. New 7 to 9c per lb in tins, as to quality. Comb honey 10 to 12c.

Hides.—Dealers here are still paying 8½c to butchers for No. 1. Lambskins are 5c higher at 55c. We quote prices as follows: Light hides 8½c for No. 1, 7½c for No. 2. and 6½c for No. 3; Heavy hides 8½ to 9c; Calfskins 7c; Lambskins 55c.—Trade Bulletin, Oct. 11.

Dairy Trade News.

The low price of butter this year has about paralyzed the imitation butter business in the United States. People will not buy or sell butter substitutes when genuine, choice butter is so low in price. In Chicago vendors of butter substitutes are licensed and in September this year only 97 licenses were issued to sell butter substitutes, while a year ago 230 licenses were issued. The reason given is, that genuine butter is so cheap that the grocers do not find it necessary to keep butter substitutes in stock.

The Parsons Produce Co., Winnipeg, recently received a consignment of butter which was noticeable for the neat way in which it had been handled. The butter was the ordinary Manitoba dairy article, but every tub had been neatly stenciled with the gross, tare and net weight, and no other marks were on the packages. The lot was shipped by J. Hiebert, merchant of Pilot Mound, Man.

The value of strictly fresh butter as compared with held stock is illustrated by the price being paid in British Columbia for the home creamery article. A creamery was established at Westminster this year, and every day the butter is shipped to the Victoria market, as soon as it is made. For this butter Victoria merchants have been paying 25 cents per pound and they have been selling it to consumers for 35 cents, and our correspondent tells us they cannot get enough of it, the demand being far in excess of the supply. At the same time Manitoba creamery was selling at 19 to 20 cents and dairy at 16 to 17 cents. This difference is owing to the fact that the home article was strictly fresh, while the other had been held for a longer or shorter time.

The last shipment of this season's butter from the Manitou creamery, says the Mercury, was made on Tuesday to the Parson's Produce Co., Winnipeg. The consignment consisted of 1,800 lbs. and was sold for 17 cents per pound.

The Apple Trade.

Notwithstanding the report that the British market would not take any Canadian apples this year, owing to large stocks at home, exporters have been buying apples freely in Eastern Canada lately, paying \$1.75 per barrel for green and upward to \$2 for red apples and \$2.25 for fancy fruit. A considerable quantity have been shipped from Montreal. This export movement has stiffened the price of apples for shipment to Manitoba.

W. A. Turriff, has bought out Walsh Bros, general merchants, of Alameda.