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Manitoba.

Mr. Koller is erecting a new brewery at Brandon.

Tumoth & Dagg, general store, Belmont, Man., have dissolved; George Tumoth continues.

W. G. Smith, of Portage la Prairie, took a couple of carloads of cattle and hogs to Port Arthur recently.

The by-law to raise \$11,000 for school purposes at Carberry will be voted on on the 16th of July.

The Hudson's Bay Company have let the contract to build an \$11,000 business block at Portage la Prairie.

About 400 persons arrived at Winnipeg on Thursday, being the first excursion party from Ontario this summer.

The lowest tender for building the proposed Masonic temple in Winnipeg is for \$14,000, from Rourke & Cass.

The Toronto Hide and Wool Co., Winnipeg, are introducing a new English sheep dip, known as Quibbles Powder Sheep Dip.

One Brandon firm reports the sale of twenty buggies this season. The farmers up there must be buying on the good crop outlook.

Harper Wilson has opened a fruit store on the corner of Portage avenue, Winnipeg, in the premises formerly occupied by the Merchants hotel.

Smith & Burton, wholesale grocers, Brandon, announce by advertisement that they have decided to sell hereafter direct to consumers.

McKinnon & Kennedy, the new proprietors of the Portage la Prairie oatmeal mill, are shipping a carload of oatmeal to Vancouver, British Columbia.

Parrish & Lindsay, Brandon, have sold their grocery and provision business to Mr. Percival who has previously been managing the business for them.

The prize list of the Brandon Summer Exhibition, to be held at Brandon on Thursday and Friday, July 25th and 26th, has been issued and copies can be had by addressing Jas. A. Smart, secretary.

A. Jukes, manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada, at Brandon, will assume the management of the Winnipeg branch for the next two months, during the absence of C. S. Hoare in England.

G. Hargrave, contractor for the supply of a quantity of cedar block for paving Main street, Winnipeg, reports that he was unable to obtain a sufficient supply of material and the contract may be abandoned for this year.

John Hallam, who is now selling agent of the Toronto Central Prison binder twine factory, is placing some of the twine in the west. The Toronto Hide and Wool Co., Winnipeg, will handle the twine here.

The three business organizations of Winnipeg—The Board of Trade, The Grain Exchange and The Jobbers' Union—are arranging for an excursion to last three days, with the object of viewing the crops throughout the principal districts of Manitoba.

The old club chambers on Notre Dame street have been overhauled of late and the building is now known as the Kastner block. The latest addition to the business institutions in the block is the grocery store just opened by D. J. Taylor & Co., which is one of the neatest store rooms in Winnipeg. The whole block has lost the gloomy appearance it used to present to passers by.

Assinibota.

The firms of Millar & Co. and McCurdy & Walker, Moosomin, have been engaged in making complete creamery outfits to equip the Glen Adelaide and Cannington Manor creameries in that district, their tenders having been accepted in preference to outside manufacturers.

Alberta.

Edmonton Bulletin: The Edmonton butter and cheese manufacturing association make their first shipment to McMillan & Hamilton of Vancouver and Victoria by refrigerator car on the 2nd of July. The price is 16c. f. o. b. at Edmonton. The factory can turn out from 10 to 12 thousand pounds per month if supplied with sufficient cream. At present their output is something under 6,000 pounds.

Northwest Ontario.

At Port Arthur on Tuesday Fire Broke out in Barrie's photograph gallery. The building was badly gutted and the contents are a total loss. Insurance, \$500; loss, \$2,000.

Saskatchewan.

Messrs. Wittman and Hoffman, two Germans who have settled near Prince Albert, contemplate the erection of brewery in that town.

The sheep ranchers of the Prince Albert district, says the advocate have sold their wool this year at 8½ cents, an increase of 1¼ cents over last year's price.

Cattle buyers have been through the Battleford district picking up cattle for export. Gordon & Ironside secured 300 head, and Ben Prince and J. M. Skelton 350 head.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The Assiniboine Lumber Company, Brandon, will begin operating their mill the first of this week, their drive of logs having arrived.

D. E. Sprague has secured the contract to supply the lumber required in the erection of the Northern Elevator company's new elevator to be built at Winnipeg. The amount is over 500,000 feet.

R. A. Mackenzie's timber limit in the Beaver hills, Edmonton district, Alberta, was burned recently by a bush fire. Mr. Mackenzie lost some saw logs as well,

The logs are arriving down the Red River for Sprague's Winnipeg saw mill. About 6,000,000 feet of timber will be in the drive this year, including railway ties, which is the largest drive ever brought down the Red.

J. A. Christie of the Brandon saw mill is asking for tenders for hauling lumber to Hamiota. He states that lumber can be hauled cheaper by teams than by paying the high freight rates on the Great North West Central railway to that point.

Prince Albert, Sask., has three saw mills. Of these the local paper says: Sanderson's saw mill in the west end, and Shannon's mill in the east end are running full time at present. The Moore & Macdowell company are having trouble with their drive of logs, but expect to begin sawing operations in a few days. All these mills are preparing exhibits of Saskatchewan lumber for the Regina exhibition.

Cold Storage in Winnipeg.

J. J. Philp, Winnipeg, who has been working to have a cold storage warehouse in Winnipeg for some time, has now arranged for the construction of such a warehouse. It will be located on Elgin Avenue, a short distance west of the Grain Exchange building.

Cold storage is rapidly becoming one of the great institutions of the present day. The principal aim is to prevent the deterioration in quality or complete loss of such perishable commodities as butter, egg, cheese, meats, etc. Through the establishment of cold storage warehouses, the market for such commodities is regulated. A glut of the market is prevented, as such perishable commodities can be kept in excellent condition by means of cold storage for a long time, and the necessity for forced sale is obviated. The cold storage business has grown to be an immense thing in the large cities of the United States within a few years. It is estimated that there are now thirty million cubic feet of mechanical refrigeration in the principal cities of the United States, and this public storage has all been established within six or seven years.

The following description of Mr. Philp's building has been prepared by Mr. Greenfield, the architect in charge.

The cellar will be one of the very best that it is possible to construct, no pains are being spared to make it first class in every respect and impervious alike to both heat and cold. It will be 31 by 18 feet in size with a 20 inch stone wall 8 feet in depth with brick lining. The floor will be of cement, consequently there will be nothing to decay or rot used in the construction. The warehouse proper will consist of a room 22 by 48, and in the rear running the whole length of the building will be situated the cold storage compartments, these will consist of three rooms, one to be fitted up as a freezer and the other two being ordinary cold storage compartments. The upper flat will be devoted to general storage purposes. The specifications and plans call for a building of the very best material and workmanship. The capacity of the whole warehouse will be in the neighborhood of 20 car loads. The ice boxes will be about 45 feet in length, 11 feet wide and 5 feet high. The tenders call for the building to be completed and ready for occupation not later than the first of August. Mr. Philp proposes to call this building the Security Cold Storage and General Warehouse and will issue a tariff of rates in a short time.

Among the items passed in the supplementary estimates at Ottawa are the following for the west: \$6,500 for a wharf on Lake Winnipeg; \$3,600 to complete Brandon industrial school; \$10,000 for Portage la Prairie post office; and \$5,000 for the Prince Albert court house.