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WINNIPEG, JUNE 16, 1890.

## Manitoba.

Mr. Seymour is opening a store at Westbourne.

J. E. Saunders is opening a furniture store at Melita.

J. Gordon, hotelkeeper, Wapella, has been burnt out.

Langman & Sills have opened a general store at Morden.

R. Kirchoffer, livery stable, Plum Creek, is selling out.

Compston & Brett's livery stable at Wapella has been burnt.

J Davidson has opened a tailoring establishment at Brandon.

The Dominion Express company has opened an office at Morris.

J. Davidson has opened out in the tailoring business at Brandon.

Money order offices are to be established at Carberry and Deloraine.

H. O. Oly has opened up a fruit store and restaurant at Rapid City.

The branch store of the Hudson's Bay Company at West Lynne is to be closed.

J. H. Tilden, auditor of the E. & C. Gurney Co., left for the east on Thursday last.

It is rumored that a sash and door factory will be started at Boissevain this year.

During the past year \$30,000 worth of cattle have been shipped east from Pilot Mound.

It is reported that a branch of the Commercial Bank will be opened at Deloraine this fall.

Shillington and McPherson have purchased the blacksmithing business of McDonald at Portage la Prairie.

W. Boyd has bought out W. Bateman's bakery at Winnipeg.

Speers & Chambers, butchers, Wawanessa, have dissolved partnership. D. H. Chambers continues the business.

The daily output of bricks at D. McVicar's kiln in Brandon is 25,000. They sell for ten dollars a thousand as they come from the kiln.

The shipments of agricultural implements to Manitoba and the Territories by A. Harris, Son & Co., of Brantford, Ont., so far this season amount to eighty-six cars.

Refrigerator cars will be run regularly all summer between Winnipeg and Vancouver for the accommodation of shippers of dairy produce. The cars will leave Winnipeg every Thursday.

The Brush Electric Light Company which has for some time past been trying to make arrangements with the Portage la Prairie town council for the lighting of that place have given up the idea.

The C.P.R. are doubling the capacity of their stock yards at Winnipeg to enable them to handle the increasing cattle trade. The shipments of cattle from western ranges to the east are expected to be larger than usual this fall.

E. H. Eadie, of Portage la Prairie, has severed his connection with the Watson Manufacturing Company and has accepted the general agency of J. I. Case and McCormick Manufacturing Company for the eastern portion of Manitoba.

A. A. McLennan, solicitor for Portage la Prairie, was in Winnipeg last week and succeeded in effecting a settlement with Dr. McArthur, who is one of the town's principal creditors. The old debentures were exchanged for new ones and the balance of the \$187,000 borrowed was paid over.

A local passenger service is to be established between Winnipeg and Brandon by the C.P.R. Trains will leave Winnipeg at 5.30 and Brandon at 7.30 daily, and will make the run in about five hours. Only passengers will be carried at first but arrangements will shortly be made to have a mail car attached.

## Assiniboia.

Sherwood & Swift have opened a feed store at Indian Head.

About 43,000 trees of various kinds have been planted on the experimental farm at Indian Head.

In the fire which destroyed a large portion of the town of Moosomin early on the morning of the 7th instant, the following business men and firms were burned out: Narovlancky & Ripstein, general storekeepers; F. G. Lewin & Co., general storekeepers; G. A. Morrison, general storekeeper; Dr. Scott, drug store; Richard Tees, general storekeeper; and J. M. White, jeweller.

## Northwestern Ontario.

The assessed value of real and personal property in the town of Rat Portage is \$749,585, an increase over 1889 of \$425,000. The population is now 1,800.

The traffic on the C. P. R. steamers from Port Arthur to Owen Sound is assuming very large proportions, and they carry cargoes as full as the capacity of the Soo Canal will allow. The "Alberta" recently took down about 1,315

tons, consisting of 22,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat and 35 carloads of flour.

A by-law to grant a bonus of \$7,000 to the Canadian Pacific and also the remission of \$3,000 disputed interest due by the company was voted on by the rate-payers of Port Arthur last week. A majority of 70 for the by-law was polled, but this was not sufficient to carry it.

## Dairy Matters.

The cheese factory at Boulah started running last week.

A sale of cheese was made by the Manitou cheese factory recently at 12½ cents a pound. This was the first sale of this year's product.

The Minnesota Creamery Company have contracted to furnish 1,500 tubs of butter which will aggregate about 100,000 lbs. for European export.

A butter inspector has been appointed by the merchants of Viriden, who will grade all butter that is offered for sale and after this has been done merchants are open to purchase it according to its value.

## Railway News

The Canadian Pacific earnings for the week ending June 7th were \$298,000; for the same week last year, \$271,000.

The Grand Trunk railway is making rapid progress with its tunnel on the American side, 2,200 feet being now completed.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Northern Pacific railways are establishing a fast train service between Chicago and Portland, Oregon.

Surveying on the Calgary & Edmonton is being rapidly completed and in a few days the line from McLeod to Red Deer, a distance of 200 miles, will be finished.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has announced its intention of resuming steamship service between Vancouver and San Francisco. Rival companies say that such an action will bring about a wholesale slaughter of rates between those points.

An entirely new time table has been put on by the Northern Pacific over all their lines. The south-bound passenger train leaves Winnipeg at 10.05, instead of 10.50 as heretofore, and arrives at 5.35 instead of 4.15. On the Morris-Brandon branch three trains a week will be run, leaving Winnipeg on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and returning Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. On the main line two through passenger trains will be run daily to the coast. The run will be made in about a day less than formerly.

A rate war has been started between the American Lake Shore routes and the Canadian railways. On Wednesday last the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern made a large number of reductions in east-bound freight tariffs to meet rates made by the Chicago & Grand Trunk, National Despatch and Canadian Pacific. The dressed beef rates from Chicago to New York and Boston has been reduced from 45 to 42 cents, lard in tierces and pork in barrels from Chicago to New York were reduced from 25 to 23 cents. Cattle rates from Chicago to New York and Boston were reduced from 26 to 24 cents. These rates have been met by all the central tariff lines.