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WINNIPEG, MAY 4, 1891.

Manitoba.

Arbor day May 7.

Longstreet & Co., hardware, Stonewall, sold out.

A. Pope will open in drugs and stationery at Melita.

Charles Carr, grocer, St. Boniface, sheriff in session.

The Minnedosa town tax sale is fixed for the 4th of June.

Edward Bowers, harness, Morden, sold out to J. H. Ruddell.

Robert Hunter, saloon, Winnipeg, sold out to Jas. Fairbairn.

C. A. Larkin, lumber, Brandon, has sold out to L. J. Ashley.

Duncan Bros., hardware, Austin, have sold out to E. C. Wheeler.

Lindsay & Co., general store, Griswold, stock sold at 61c on the dollar.

Fire in the linseed oil mills at Winnipeg, did slight damage one day last week.

The capacity of McDough & Shea's Winnipeg brewery has been considerably increased.

Samuel Robinson, brother of the former proprietor, has leased the Carney House, Emerson.

D. J. Dyson & Co., who secured the Winnipeg spice mill's last fall, report a good business so far.

Some Winnipeggers are suggesting a wheat palace as an attraction for the proposed city industrial exhibition.

W. C. Riesberry, clothing and boots and shoes, Carberry, has moved to his fine new store in the brick block.

The stock of Hill & Currie, of East Selkirk, has been sold by the Sheriff at 70c on the dollar to Henry, of East Selkirk.

M. Bull, manager of the Royal Soap Co., has been Elected by Acclamation to Represent Ward one in Winnipeg's council board.

The people of St. Boniface will vote on a \$35,000 by-law to assist the Norwood Company in building a bridge over Red river above the Assiniboine.

W. J. Hemenway, general dealer Carman, has moved from the Starkey house to the Campbell block, where he has large and commodious quarters.

J. D. Roberts, western agent for the Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., of Toronto, has opened an extensive sample room at No. 182 Market st east, Winnipeg.

A. D. McIlquham, who has carried on a tinshop at Wawane a for some time, has started the erection of a store and when completed will move his business to Alexander.

The negotiations by Porteous, of Birtle, for the control of the Grand Central hotel, Minnedosa, have fallen through, and the hotel will continue under its present management.

Several coopers are employed in connection with the Winnipeg breweries, but there is no cooper shop in the city. It is thought that such an industry would pay in Winnipeg.

Gordon's train of fat cattle, says the Pilot Mound *Sentinel*, to leave here on May 5th, will consist of nineteen car loads. The animals will be brought into town by farmers on Monday, May 4th.

Lawley & Barker, livery and feed stable, at Deloraine, have dissolved partnership; Barker continues, and Lawley goes to Melita, where he contemplates going into the flour and feed business.

E. S. Hill, of the Northwest Aerated Water Company, Winnipeg, is on an extended trip west. The works are kept very busy supplying the demand, so that operations have to be kept up almost night and day.

W. H. Mallet, jeweler, of Souris, is opening a branch shop at Hartney. The merchants of Hartney say they feel the want of a bank. Mr. Hopkins, veterinary surgeon, has hung out his shingle at Hartney.

St. Laurent, Dominion civil engineer, is taking levels on the Red river between Selkirk and Winnipeg. During last winter he was surveying and taking levels as regards the proposed locks at St. Andrews Rapids.

A Winnipeg industry which is turning out considerable work in a quiet way, is the Winnipeg show case works, carried on by J. & D. J. LaLonde. All the varieties of counter and standing cases, etc., are made and supplied to the trade.

J. A. Christie, of the Brandon saw mills, says the *Times*, has seven million feet of logs coming down the river for his mill. One and a half million feet are about 17 miles from the city and the balance of the logs are at Birtle and further up the river.

W. W. Stirling and John McCaul have formed a partnership to carry on a general store business at Emerson. They are well known at Emerson; Stirling has been manager of the Smith estate since the assignment, and McCaul has been with Whitman & Co. for some time.

There has been some talk of late regarding the acquirement of the Winnipeg system of water works by the city. This is exactly what should be done. It is most necessary that the city should control the water works, and it is worth while making some sacrifice to attain this end.

A sale was closed through A. M. Peterson last week for forty-eight feet on Rosser avenue, Brandon, just west of the Bank of British North America. The purchasers were the Imperial Bank of Canada, and it is understood that the price was \$7,500 or over \$155 per foot. A new bank building is contemplated.

The Brandon city council and board of trade propose combining in a memorial to the Dominion Government to have a mail service inaugurated on the Northern Pacific and also to have work commenced at once on the Great Northwest Central, or have the road handed over to the Northern Pacific, to be operated by that company.

Jas. White has started operations for the erection of a double three-story store at Alexander. The masons are now at work on the foundation, and when completed it will add much to the appearance of the town. Dickson Bros., storekeepers at Chater, have rented one of the stores, and will move to Alexander when completed, about the end of June.

W. W. Watson, assistant secretary of the Watson Manufacturing Company, of Ayer, Ont., and manager of the western business of the company, with headquarters at Winnipeg, has resigned both these positions. He has been succeeded in the management of the Winnipeg business by A. E. Watson. W. W. Watson, it is understood, will remain in Winnipeg and will retain his interest in and connection with the Winnipeg business, though he will also handle some lines of implements on his own account. The business of the Watson Manufacturing Company in the west will not otherwise be affected by the change, and will be continued as before.

Dawson & Graham, solicitors, give notice in the *Manitoba Gazette* that Robert Strang, of Winnipeg; S. J. Jackson, M.P.P., of Stonewall; John Hettle, M.P.P., of Boissevain; Alexander Lawrence, M.P.P., of Morden; Robert G. O'Malley, M.P.P., of Somerset; John Fleming, of Deloraine; John Crawford, M.P.P., of Neepawa; Kenneth McKenzie, M.P.P., of Burnside; S. J. Thompson, M.P.P., of Carberry; F. W. Colclough, M.P.P., of Selkirk; will petition the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council to grant a charter by letters patent under the great seal of the province constituting them and such other persons as may become members in the company thereby created a body corporate and politic under the name of "The Provincial Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Manitoba." The objects for which the incorporation is sought is for the purpose of enabling the above named persons and such others as are or shall become members to carry on the business of mutual insurance against loss or damage by hail, tornadoes, cyclones and hurricanes in all branches and modes of conducting the same. The chief place of business of the company will be in Winnipeg, and the directors of the company are to be: Robert Strang, F. D. Lord, of Grand Forks, J. Hettle, F. W. Colclough, and A. Lawrence.