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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 12, 1895.

Manitoba.

H. V. Morso, hardware dealer, Molita, has taken John Douglas, of Winnipeg, in as partner.

Wilson & Haw, blacksmiths, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Wilson continues the business.

The Arctic Ice Co., of Winnipeg have established a cold storage warehouse in connection with their ice business.

The Selkirk Record is out with a special edition, telling of the advantages and industries of the lower Red river town.

Russell & Ironside, butchers and dealers in live stock, Brandon, has dissolved partnership. Frank Russell continues the business.

S. Copleman, burned out at Methven, has opened for business again. Out of over \$5,500 of stock, he has saved about \$600 worth.

Mr. Bousfield, of Hamiota, is fitting up one half of his creamery as a store, and purposes putting in a stock of groceries and provisions.

Work upon the construction of a new bakery building and store for J. T. Spiers, Winnipeg, opposite the north fire hall, has been started. The bakery will be in the basement and the storehouse, etc., upstairs. It will be built of solid brick and stone foundation, and is to cost \$5,000.

There were no local tenders for the steel superstructure of the Osborne street bridge in Winnipeg, but two eastern firms sought the work. The Dominion Bridge company, of Montreal was successful, its quotation being \$8,749, some \$400 less than that of the Hamilton Bridge company.

The first farm laborers' excursion from Manitoba arrived at Winnipeg on Thursday, in four train loads and nearly 3,000 persons on board. Another special excursion party will arrive about a week later. At this rate there will be an abundant supply of labor for the Manitoba harvest.

S. Copleman, general storekeeper, Methven, was burned out on Saturday night, August 10. Stock valued at \$5,500 wiped out with the exception of a few hundred dollars worth. No insurance. The building belonged to Rev. Mr. Kenner, of Stockton.

The idea of holding a fall fair of roots and grains has been abandoned by the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association, and no exhibition will be held until next summer

again. The financial statement of the association, presented at a meeting on Tuesday last, shows receipts of \$23,867 and expenditure \$23,856. There is still outstanding some \$2,850 due the association. The gate receipts were only \$700 less than last year, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, which no doubt greatly reduced the receipts. About \$2,650 were spent in permanent improvements, and a floating debt of \$2,000 has been paid off.

Alberta.

The Edmonton Bulletin reports heavy rain on Aug. 8, followed by a cool night and white frost in localities, but not severe enough to do any damage. Harvesting was beginning actively toward the close of the week ended Aug. 17.

At a meeting of the council of the Edmonton board of trade, John Cameron was selected as representative of the board to visit the Kootenay district of British Columbia in the commercial interests of Edmonton and see what were the prospects for shipping Edmonton district products to that section.

Land Commissioner Hamilton, of the Canadian Pacific railway, who has returned from the west, says there is a great deal more irrigation done in Alberta than people outside have any idea of. It has got beyond an experiment now. Since the dispute between the Calgary Irrigation company and the Springbank Irrigation company has been settled in favor of the former, that company has let the contract for a thirty mile ditch to run from the Elbow river through a fine country, giving promise of great fruitfulness in the future. They expect to turn on water this fall. Irrigation, however, was not required so much this year. They had plenty of rain in July, more this season than we had in Manitoba.

Northwest Ontario.

Fabien Mireault, hotel, Fort William, has been closed out under chattel mortgage.

Perry & Clark, grocers, Fort William have dissolved; Fred C. Perry continues the business.

Alexander Blue, director of the Ontario Bureau of Mines, has left for the Rainy Lake and Seine River gold region on a visit of inspection to the mines there.

Lumber Trade Notes.

Mr. Stevens has opened a lumber yard at Cypress River, Man.

Christies mill at Brandon has finished its cut of lumber for this season.

A very serious bush fire has been raging in the neighborhood of Canyon Creek, British Columbia, and within the timber limits of the Golden Lumber company.

The Lumber World says: "According to reports from Saginaw and other points in Michigan, the present season will witness the sawing of large amounts of Canadian logs in Michigan mills. The total that will cross Lake Huron from Canada to Michigan this season is set down at 850,000,000 feet of logs.

The strike of employees of the Ontario and Western Lumber company has fizzled out, and the men returned to work on Monday last. It appears that an advance made in the wages of some of the men, had a good deal to do with the strike. On the first of August the wages of the men getting the lowest scale were advanced to \$1.50 per day. Those who were already getting over \$1.50 were not advanced, and they had sufficient influence to bring on a strike, demanding \$1.75 instead of \$1.60. Some of the men it is said also wanted to get away to work in the harvest fields in Manitoba.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of Aug. 9 says There is a firmer feeling in ocean grain freights, Liverpool being quoted firm at 1s to 1s 3d, Bristol at 1s 3d to 1s 6d, and Glasgow 1s 6d to 1s 9d. To the continent 1s 9d to 2s is quoted nominally. There has been considerable business in sack flour at 6s Liverpool, and 7s 6d Glasgow and London, but shipowners are now asking 1s 8d more to Glasgow and London. Engagements of cheese were made yesterday and to-day at 1s to 17s 6d Liverpool, 20s Glasgow, 22s 6d Bristol, and 25s London. Cattle have been taken as low as 25s for London, and at 45s for Liverpool and Bristol. Inland water freights—Some good size jags of wheat at Duluth and corn at Buffalo have been engaged for the St. Lawrence route during the past few days. A round quantity of wheat was engaged at 4c from Duluth to Kingston, an advance of 3c, and a cargo of corn at 2 1/2c from Chicago to Kingston. From Chicago to Buffalo the rate is 1 1/2c wheat and 1 1/2c corn. From Buffalo to New York wheat is quoted at 2c, and corn at 1 1/2c. From Kingston to Montreal 2 1/2c wheat and 2 1/2c corn.

The Duluth Commercial Report of August 12 notes a firmer tendency in lake freights. Considerable wheat has been contracted for September at 3c to Buffalo, and a higher rate is now asked, owing to the advance in ore freight. The current rate to Kingston is 3 1/2c.

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William afloat, 59 to 61c
Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.55; Bakers, \$1.45.
Bran.—Per ton, \$11.
Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.
Oats.—Per bushel, 31 to 32c.
Barley.—Per bushel, 40 to 45c.
Butter.—Dairy 11 to 14c.
Cheese.—8 1/2 to 9c.
Eggs.—Fresh, easier at 10 to 10 1/2c.
Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 5 to 5 1/2c.
Mutton.—Fresh, 8c.
Hogs.—Dressed, 5 1/2 to 6c.
Cattle.—2 to 3c.
Hogs.—Live, good packing 4c off cars.
Sheep, average butchers 3 1/2 to 3 1/2c, live weight.
Seneca Root.—20 to 22c per lb.
Chickens.—per pair, 45 to 50c.
Hides.—No. 1, 2 to 2 1/2c.
Potatoes.—new 30 to 50c per bushel.
Hay.—\$4.50 to \$5.00 per ton, car lots.
Wool.—6 to 8c, unwashed fleece.

Official Crop Report.

A crop report, based on information gathered up to August 10, has been issued by the Manitoba department of agriculture. The report shows an average rainfall of 3.51 inches for June and 3.81 inches for July, with a heavy growth of all vegetation owing to much cool wet weather.

The estimated average yield per acre of the various crops for the province is as follows: Wheat 25.5 bushels, oats 45.3 bushels, barley 35.8 bushels, peas 25 bushels, flax 15 bushels, rye 22 bushels. The total wheat crop, based on this estimate of average yield, would amount to 29,136,815 bushels, oats 21,887,410 bushels, barley 5,507,310 bushels, flax 1,240,020 bushels. Harvesting is expected to be general about August 20 all over the province. A few wheat fields were cut previous to August 10.

About 5,700 extra men were wanted to assist in the harvest at \$25 to \$30 per month, including board free.

The hay crop is reported to be rather light. Potatoes and roots very promising.