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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 12, 1896.

Manitoba.

Dr. Macklin has opened a drug store at Roland.

S. Allen, butcher, has opened business at 600 Main st., Winnipeg.

Richardson & Loree, of Carman, are opening a branch store at Roland.

Mr. Rintoul, of Neepawa, will open in the book and stationery line at Dauphin.

The Canadian Pacific Railway depot at Stonewall was destroyed by fire on October 3.

Jones & Boardman, are erecting a building at Roland for a bakery and confectionery store.

M. Brice, of Carman, is building a store at Roland in which he will open a general store business.

A. H. McIntyre, jeweller, of Portage la Prairie, will open a jewellery store at Dauphin.

Rodgers Bros., general merchants, Treherne, are advertising a sale of their stock, with the intention of giving up business.

William Koneally, proprietor of the English chop house, Winnipeg, has purchased the tonsorial business of Edward Kelly.

W. Lowe, postmaster, at Roland, is erecting a building in which he will open a stock of groceries.

Steen & Co., doing a general store business for the last four years at Roland, have changed the style of their firm to Steen Bros.

Jas. McMillan & Co., hides, furs, etc., have sold out their Winnipeg branch business to Frank Lightcap. Mr. Lightcap was formerly manager of the business here, and will now continue it in his own name.

Dr. Hinman, of Winnipeg, city veterinarian, while in Eastern Canada recently, purchased four horses for the city fire department. A chestnut team he obtained for \$800, and a bay team for \$225. The cost of the freight was \$130; so that the city for the four animals pays just \$655.

The Solkirk town council has received a telegram from Ottawa stating that the fish hatchery at that place would not be operated this winter. Some time ago it was feared that it was the intention of the government to close the building this winter and a largely signed petition was sent down to the department of marine and fisheries praying that it should be operated. The reply is as above.

Northwest Ontario.

J. G. King, of Marks, King & Co., will build a large block at Port William, size 100 x 60, three stories high.

H. F. Holmes, Rat Portage, has just made the sale of the Bad Mine, the consideration being \$55,000. The property is situated about six miles east of Rat Portage. The new owners will put a force of miners to work to develop their property.

The product of the Lake of the Woods gold fields for the month of September was \$22,000. This is the actual amount of gold bullion which passed through the Rat Portage banks during the month.

A further meeting has been held at Rat Portage to organize a mining exchange. Forty-five parties subscribed as members. The number of directors was fixed at nine, and the following board was elected by acclamation: J. E. Rice, J. M. Savage, C. S. Morris, S. V. Halstead, H. Langford, George Barnes, R. Hall, H. Armstrong and N. C. Westerfield. A resolution was carried authorizing the provisional directors to call in five dollars per share of the stock subscribed. The provisional directors met immediately after the shareholder's meeting. The following were elected officers provisionally: J. M. Savage, president; Geo. Barnes, vice-president; H. Langford, Secretary; J. H. Neave, treasurer. In accordance with the resolution of the shareholders the secretary was instructed to call in \$5 per share of the stock subscribed.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—About 45c to 46c for No. 1 hard, country points, to farmers, and 59 to 60c afloat Fort William.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.85; Bakers, \$1.65.

Bran.—Per ton, \$11.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$18.

Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, new, local freights paid, 19 to 20c.

Barley—A few loads sold at 21c to 24c.

Flax Seed.—70c to farmers at country points.

Butter.—Dairy round lots 9c to 12c Creamery, 17 to 18c.

Cheese.—5½ to 6c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 13c net, jobbing at 15 to 16c.

Beef.—City dressed, 4 to 4½c.

Mutton.—Fresh, 5½ to 6½c; lamb, 6½ to 7c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 6c to 6½c.

Cattle.—Butchers' 2 to 2½c. Export 2½ to 3c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4½c.

Sheep.—Sheep and lambs 2½ to 3c off cars.

Seneca Root.—Dry 17 to 19c lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 35 to 40c per pair, fowl, 40c to 45c; turkeys, 8 to 9c lb., live weight.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, green salted weak at 6½c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece, 10 to 11½c.

Potatoes.—15 to 20c per bushel.

Hay.—\$5.50 to \$6 per ton, car lots.

The Standards Board.

Samuel Spink, grain merchant, Winnipeg, has been appointed by the Dominion government as chairman of the board which will meet this year to fix the grain standards. The gentlemen selected by the government to fix the grain standards are as follows: S. Spink, Winnipeg, chairman; C. B. Watts and M. McLaughlin, Toronto; T. A. Crane, and O. M. Gould, Montreal; J. A. Mitchell, Winnipeg; K. Campbell, Brandon; F. Young, Killarney; S. D. Elkington, Qu'Appelle; W. Postlethwaite, Brandon; James Elder, Virden; Jas. Riddell, Rosebank; C.

Castle, Fox'on, J. Moqueon, Cariovale, P. Ferguson, Kenles; R. M. Phinn, Moomoin; Chris. Johnson, Balur; W. W. McDonald, Fleming.

The first nine names represent the grain and milling interests, and the following nine represent the producers. As Mr. Spink will be chairman, the producers will have a majority of the board in voting. D. Horn, inspector at Winnipeg, and Mr. Gibb, inspector at Fort William, will be present as experts.

Regarding the proposed changes in the grades this year, Mr. Spink has asked the department to defer putting the changes into effect until an expression of opinion can be had from the standards board. The telegraphers' strike has caused a delay in collecting samples of the crop for the use of the board. Heretofore, the station agents at the various points have collected these samples, and now that the station agents in many cases have been away from their posts serious delay has occurred. The meeting therefore cannot take place before October 15 at the earliest, and possibly not then.

Canned Salmon.

The spot market has been somewhat demoralized this year owing to the fact that buyers generally carried over sufficient stock from last season to fill their requirements, consequently they have been slow in placing their orders. The prospects are very poor for any large sales being made in this market this season as it is claimed that buyers already have ample stocks on hand. Sales in this province this season are fully 75 per cent. short of last year. A few small lots of red salmon have been placed at \$1.25 per case, f.o.b. coast, and some sales of Cohoes at \$3.50 f.o.b. coast, and other sales are reported at \$1.00, delivered Montreal. The above price for red salmon is a decline of 25 per cent. as compared with the price it was offered at in the beginning of the season, but agents state that an order for 5,000 cases of either of the above brands would advance prices 25c per case. The demand from foreign markets this season for red salmon has been very active, and it is claimed that the bulk of the pack has already been shipped, and there is very little left for Canada, except the lower grades, which are being packed now.—Montreal Gazette.

Literary Notes

The Cosmopolitan for October is to hand. The number opens with "A Summer Tour in the Scottish Highlands," illustrated with sketches of some of the grand scenes of that picturesque country. Then follows "The Story of a Child Trainer," in which an account is given of the methods of Wm. L. Tomlins, the great social and physical trainer of the young. Capt. D. D. Gaillard, U. S. A. engineer, gives an interesting paper on the "Perils and Wonders of a Great Desert," in which he deals with the great deserts of the south-western states. Apropos of the recent visit of Li Hung Chang, General Edward Forester writes on "Personal Recollections of the Tai-Ping Rebellions," in which the great Chinese diplomat took part. Anna Wentworth Sears writes on "The Modern Women Out Doors." Then there is a paper on Cooks, by Courtenay Baylor. There is the usual member of articles of fiction and continued stories, and the literary and scientific department are specially interesting.

The tramway of the Ontario and Western Lumber Co.'s mill, No. 4, at Rat Portage, took fire recently and for a time the mill and lumber piles were in great danger. The fire brigade turned out and checked the fire. About fifty yards of the tramway was destroyed.