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## Manitoba.

J. Kuhn & Son, general storekeepers, Balmoral, have assigned.

O'Connell & Latham, hotel, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. C. J. O'Connell continues.

The contract price of the Brandon post office was \$31,500, but the actual cost has reached about \$45,000.

E. Mariton, jr., and John A. McLaren, proprietors of the Northern hotel, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. McLaren will continue the business.

On Sunday last some youths broke into the store of Joseph Josephson, Winnipeg, and carried off nearly all his stock, amounting to about \$80 worth and also about \$80 in cash.

The news reaches us on excellent authority, says the Morden Monitor, that some Mennonites have threshed barley during the past few days which yielded the fine total of 65 bushels to the acre.

Jacob Hieman, of Morden, has purchased the property of the Commercial hotel at that place. This will make Mr. Hieman owner of 200 feet frontage on the Main street. It is his intention after a time to erect a large hotel on the site.

The union picnic of Winnipeg grocers, butchers, fruiterers, etc., to Brandon last Wednesday, was a great success. Over 1,500 persons took it in, going on two trains by the Canadian Pacific, and one train by the Northern Pacific. The visitors were well received at Brandon, and had a good time generally.

Geo. McBroom, of London, Ont., an experienced hand in exhibition work, has been appointed superintendent of the Winnipeg Industrial, at a salary of \$400, his duties to cease on the completion of the exhibition. Mr. Bedford, of the Manitoba experimental farm has secured a space of twenty feet square for the farm at the exhibition.

The Morden Monitor of Thursday last says: "The harvest is well advanced in this neighborhood. At the time of writing probably 50 per cent. of the crop has been cut. On account of the lateness and the advent of some rather cold nights, farmers have been cutting on the green side. There has been no frost in this district. A few more days and the anxiety will be over.

Mr. Bedford, manager of the Manitoba Experimental Farm, has forwarded samples of Red Fyfe and Ladoga wheat grown this year. The Ladoga is thoroughly matured and is pronounced a first-class grade. The Red Fyfe is not quite ripe, though sown only one day later. In his letter Mr. Bedford states that "the Ladoga was sown on April 6th, and reaped August 11th, while the Red Fyfe (not quite ripe) was sown April 7th and reaped August 20th."

## Assiniboia.

J. F. Mowat, men's furnishings and boots and shoes, Regina, has assigned.

Hathaway, the photographer who skipped from Moosomin with a horse and buggy, has been extradited from Montana.

Hathaway the Moosomin photographer, who skipped to the States, and took a horse and rig along with him, the property of another, has been extradited and sentenced to five years in penitentiary.

Medicine Hat Times, Aug. 13: Farmers are jubilant over the safe garnering of their grain. This week will see all the wheat and barley safely stocked, while most of the oats will be cut. A few late sown fields are still green. As no threshing has been done it is impossible to estimate the yield with any degree of accuracy but good judges claim that many wheat fields will average thirty bushels to the acre while oats run all the way from thirty to fifty bushels. A few fields may go above this. The C. A. C. & C. Co., have a field of oats at Dunsmore which would do credit to any country.

## British Columbia.

J. & W. Ramsay, says the Victoria Times, have arrived here from Toronto to establish a confectionery manufactory.

B. C. Sealers have prepared a memorial to the Imperial Government, submitting their grievances, and claiming compensation.

The Hudson's Bay Company's dwelling house at Yale was totally destroyed by fire on Aug. 25. The dwelling was occupied by the clerk of the company. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.

The smelter at Revelstoke, has closed down operations, having reduced to bullion the stock of ore on hand. As there is very little lead ore in the country ready for shipment, says the Star, it is not probable that the furnace will be blown in again until next spring.

Four by-laws were voted on in Victoria recently, two of which were defeated. The following are the by-laws and the majorities for

and against: Sale of corporation gravel pits, majority for, 45; sale of Deluge engine house, majority for, 39; appropriation of \$50,000 for electric lighting, majority against, 82; appropriation of \$10,000 for cemetery, majority against, 17.

Westminster Columbian: Two Chinese capitalists named Chu Lai and Uog Sun, who arrived from Hong Kong on the Empress of Japan, have decided to erect a large salmon cannery on the Fraser river. The cannery will be erected in time to begin packing next year. The Chinese Rice Mill syndicate, mentioned a few days ago, have purchased a site below the Royal City planing mills, and the erection of the mill will soon be proceeded with. There are four Chinamen interested.

The Columbia & Kootenay Navigation Company's new steamer Columbia, arrived at Revelstoke recently on her trial trip, carrying a number of passengers. The Columbia, says the Star, is a fine-looking river vessel. She is 150 feet in length, 23 feet wide, and has first-class accommodation for about forty passengers, as well as being able to carry heavy freight. Her machinery worked splendidly, and there is no doubt that she will make good time.

Victoria Times: The sealing schooner W. P. Sayward, Capt. Ferey, arrived at the outer wharf about five o'clock this morning. She had on board 801 sealskins captured in Behring Sea. This brings her catch for the season up to 1,726 skins. The Captain says the seals are more plentiful in the sea this season than for years. Capt. Ferey left Behring Sea on Aug. 1st, making the trip to Barclay sound in 17 days, where she lay for days. He ran in there to land the sealers. The Sayward was not warned out of Behring Sea, but her sealers, hearing the news of the seizures, became frightened and refused to work, so Capt. Ferey was compelled to return. Another sealer left at the same time as the Sayward. Capt. Ferey did not speak her, and was not sure what boat it was, but thought it was either the Annie C. Moore or the Sapphire. There is a sealer lying in the Straights now, waiting for wind.

The Vancouver News says: Inquiries were yesterday made of C. E. Hobson, secretary of the Underwriters Association, of Vancouver, as to the relative standing of the cities of the Pacific Coast in the matter of insurance rates. It was then learned that Victoria and Vancouver have the lowest rates of any of these cities. In 1890 the Underwriters Union of San Francisco sent up an agent who made an insurance survey of these cities and prepared what is called an underwriters' map. This survey placed the rate in Vancouver at 70 cents per \$100 per annum on brick business premises, and 50 cents on residences. Previous to this the rate was \$1 25 on all stores. The present rate is almost as low as in any part of Eastern Canada. The rate for all the cities on the Sound was \$1.50, and the same for San Francisco, so that even with the proposed reduction Vancouver and Victoria will still be more highly favored by about 30 per cent. than their sister cities to the south.

Owing to the bad markets on the other side says the Montreal Gazette, the Beaver and Dominion steamship lines have reduced the freight rate on cattle 5s, bills of lading being made out at 65s. This move on the part of the steamship companies is much appreciated by the shippers.