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WINNIPEG, APRIL 30, 1894.

## Manitoba.

May 10 is Arbor day for Manitoba, and will be a public holiday.

L. J. Treble, blacksmith, Crystal City, is succeeded by T. H. Argue.

Glenboro merchants are anxious to have a bank established in their town.

J. L. Wells, plumber, Winnipeg and Brandon, has decided to close up his Winnipeg business.

A. A. Jackson, late of the Commercial bank, Winnipeg, has opened a private bank at Selkirk.

D. McIntosh has disposed of his blacksmith shop, tools, etc., at Rosburn to S. J. Hamm, of Newdale.

The jewelry store of the Manitoba Jewelry Co., Winnipeg, was reported burglarized and \$25 worth of silverware taken.

Application is being made to the Government for letters patent incorporating the Lake Winnipeg Fish Co. The applicants are Dr. R. H. Orton, Dr. Grain, Roderick Smith, J. E. Ross and C. J. Logie, all of Selkirk.

The Winnipeg Produce and Commission Co., of which Jos. Carman is manager, has moved to the Boyle block, corner of McDermot street east and Roré street, where more suitable premises have been secured.

A trade sale of bankrupt stock goods will be held at the sale rooms, Winnipeg, on Tuesday of this week, when a large number of merchants are expected to be present. This plan of disposing of the bankrupt stocks is proving a success.

N. F. Calder, who was lately connected with a large grocery establishment in Minneapolis, has opened a grocery store in Winnipeg, at No. 525 Main st. He has put in a very nice stock of goods, and reports that he will do a strictly cash trade, on as small a margin of profit as it is possible to work on.

At Crystal City, R. Rollins has purchased the hardware stock of the estate of Greenway

& Richards, and will continue the business on a cash basis. Elliott & McJannet have purchased the stock of furniture recently owned by R. Rollins.

Eighteen carloads of fat cattle arrived from the west Tuesday, and twenty-three cars on Wednesday. The entire shipment went east to Montreal Wednesday evening, where they will be shipped to the Old Country. The stock is owned by Gordon & Ironsides and Mr. Lane, of Calgary.

It may be interesting to some people to note that after midnight on Monday, April 30, all persons found in a bar room after hours will be liable to a fine of \$10. The amendment to this effect in the liquor act passed last session will go into effect on Tuesday morning, May 1.

Wilson & Co., wholesale paints, etc., Winnipeg, have been appointed agents for the sale of Cabot's sheathing quilt for the West. This material is claimed to be much warmer than any sheathing paper, and even warmer than brick plastering. It is claimed also to be much more durable than paper, and valuable for deadening purposes.

Sinclair & Co., Brandon, says the Times, have sold their fuel, grain and feed business to F. Purdon and T. Smart. While welcoming the new firm we regret that there is a possibility of our losing J. C. Sinclair. Alderman Keddy, who composed the old firm. It is their intention to go into the wholesale business somewhere, and while we trust that Brandon may be made their headquarters, yet we know that other points offer special inducements by way of better railway facilities.

The Winnipeg Jobbers' Union has issued a circular showing certain changes which were made in the law at the last session of the Manitoba legislature, regarding exemptions, etc. A copy of this circular will be sent to every merchant in the province, with the object of informing them as to how the law now stands. Shortly after the close of the late session of the provincial legislature, The Commercial gave a complete review of all legislation passed of interest to merchants, explaining changes and stating effect of new legislation, so that merchants should be well informed as to these changes in the law.

## Assiniboia.

Miss McGregor of Oxbow has opened in millinery and fancy goods at Estevan.

A. Ferguson, livery, Moosomin, succeeded by Colin McLean.

## Alberta.

T. A. Stephen, of Calgary, has gone to Edmonton to close up the banking business of Lafferty & Moore. The firm is going out of business entirely.

Moore & Macdowall's saw mills were burned on the 24th. The mills are on the limits, seventy miles above Edmonton. The men about the mills worked hard and saved the lumber piles. The loss will be \$9,000 on which there is no insurance. The same firm have large mills at Prince Albert.

Diamond & Curry, second-hand goods and jewellery, Calgary; succeeded by Diamond & Seabury.

J. G. Looby & Co., harness, Edmonton, have sold out to D. Collins.

## Grain and Milling.

A canvass is being made at Virden, Man., for subscribers for stock in the proposed joint stock company, to establish a flour mill, with satisfactory results.

R. C. Ennis, proprietor of the mill at Neepawa, Man., and the head miller, have gone to Minneapolis to purchase new machinery.

Preston & McKay, millers, Boissevain, Man., have dissolved partnership, and are succeeded by Hurt & McKay.

Sealed tenders for the purchase of the flour mill at Arden, Man., will be received until noon on May 22. The mill was built in 1890 and is now running Capacity, 125 barrels. Particulars on application to M. E. Boughton.

The Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange has issued a circular calling attention to the amendments recently made to the by-laws which provide for the admission to membership of non-residents on very favorable terms. The details of the by-law respecting associate members are printed, and in view of the lateness of the current grain season an arrangement has been made to charge associate members entering at any time during the year 1894 but \$5 annual dues for this year, in addition to the \$25 entrance fee.

Some discussion took place recently at a meeting of the grain examiners of the Toronto board of trade, relative to the fixing of the standards of Manitoba wheat. The idea was advanced by some that the matter should be left entirely in the hands of western people, instead of having delegates come from the east to assist in fixing the standards. The Winnipeg board has not made any representation to the Toronto board on this question, but in reply to an inquiry from Ottawa, a reply was sent from here giving the ideas of the western grain men as to the fixing of the standards. The Ottawa officials have evidently communicated with the Toronto grain men upon the same subject.

## British Grain Trade.

The cable from London on April 21 says: The weather during the week has been seasonable, rainy, but no colder. The crop prospects have improved. There were lower offers from shippers and several cargoes off the coast were withdrawn, as holders would not accept current rates. La Plata was pressed for sale, and twenty cargoes are due to arrive. Russian wheat of inferior grades was cheaper. There was more dealing in parcels, but the superior grades are firm. In Indian wheat shippers are not offering. In American wheat there was a small trade. Parcels of red winter, for April delivery, were quoted at 22s 9d; hard Manitoba was quoted at 26s and California cargo afloat was quoted at 25s. Spot was dull and slow at 3d lower. Spot flour was quiet and unchanged. Shippers offer at a slight decline. In corn the Irish demand has subsided, owing to the change in weather. Prices are about 3d lower. Mixed American corn, prompt delivery, was quoted at 17s 9d; spot was quiet.

## Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for week ending April 26, were \$581,343; balances, \$92,755. For the previous week clearings were \$790,139.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Clearings.	April 19th.	April 12th.
Montreal .....	\$10,751,143	\$9,816,175	
Toronto .....	4,884,982	5,285,264	
Halifax .....	939,342	993,240	
Winnipeg .....	760,139	797,699	
Hamilton .....	619,297	643,972	
Total .....	\$18,004,903	\$17,536,350	

## Silver.

Silver quotations seem entirely dependent on the intermittent demand for China. A slight renewal of this buying early in the week caused an advance to 6½¢ per ounce for bars here and 29½¢ in London. Its exhaustion was followed by a reaction; the price declined at the close of the week to 28½¢ in London and 63½¢ in New York. The India Council this week sold 50 lakhs (5,000,000) rupees up to 13 19-32¢ per rupee. Silver prices, London, April 20, 28½¢; New York, 63½¢.—Bradstreet's.