

This was an average of about \$7.70 per acre. Competition was very keen for some of the parcels.

The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association have fixed upon the week commencing July 25, for the date of the show for 1892. Farmers should keep an exhibit of the finest samples of their crop of 1891, for the exhibition.

Under the name of The Manitoba Loan and Trust Company, Ltd., a company has been formed in Winnipeg, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000, divided into 40,000 shares of \$50 each. Winnipeg is to be its chief place of business.

An ingenious gopher trap has been invented by a Manitoban. It is operated by a spring which requires to be wound up after every sixteen actions. The trap kills the gopher, pitches the body to one side and mechanically re-sets itself.

The Brandon summer fair opens on July 19. It is suggested that an effort be made to arrange with the railway companies to allow lie-over privileges for exhibitors at Brandon, so that exports from the west could be shown at Brandon, and then be sent on to the Winnipeg Industrial.

Mr. H. McKellar has been removed from the Manitoba immigration office at Toronto and his place taken by Mr. J. Cameron, of the agricultural department at Winnipeg. Mr. McKellar will shortly return to Winnipeg and take a position in the offices of the Department of Immigration.

Miss Drewry, the young lady who offered her services last spring to the Morden farmers for the purpose of starting a cheese factory, has made an engagement of another and more agreeable nature. She was married recently in Morden to a young farmer named Radford, who lives near Royal, the small town where Miss Drewry has for some time been managing a cheese factory.

Buffalo robes are not entirely an extinct article. Morton, Alexander & Morton, tanners, Winnipeg, have just finished preparing a very handsome buffalo robe for a rancher near Selkirk. The buffalo was a tame one, which was accidentally killed some time ago. The same firm is dressing a number of skins of Highland cattle which will make very fine robes.

A life assurance company has been formed in Manitoba, with head offices at Winnipeg, under the name The Great West Life Assurance Company. A number of Winnipeg's ablest business men are on the board of directors. The principal object of the company is to retain for investment here, the immense sums of money which have heretofore, necessarily been sent out of the country in payment for life insurance premiums.

Plans for dividing a portion of the Barnado farm at Russell into farms to be cultivated under the tenant system are being matured. The farms will be leased to young men who have been instructed under the auspices of Dr. Barnado, and who have saved sufficient money to pay for a part of the outfit necessary to begin farming. By this scheme a large acreage will be brought under cultivation.

The Whitlaw Bros., Geo. and Jarvis, who

moved from Aultsville, Ont., in 1888, to Deloraine, raised this year 4,600 bushels of wheat off 150 acres; 800 bushels of oats off 15 acres; 266 bushels of barley off 6 acres; besides handling this crop they put up 90 loads of hay, and broke and backset 70 acres of new land, which they will sow in the spring. They also raised 230 bushels of fine potatoes.—Times.

At a meeting of the Senate of Manitoba College held recently, the matter of additional accommodation was discussed. It was decided that owing to the unexpected growth of the college work, it would be necessary to at once provide more buildings in which to carry it on. Whether the new part will take the form of a wing or a separate building has not been decided. In the neighborhood of \$40,000 will be expended on the improvements.

An Icelandic Good Templar lodge was organized some weeks ago at West Selkirk by the Grand Councilor from Winnipeg. The lodge started off with twenty-eight charter members. In connection with this it is worthy of remark that these people are, wherever they go, very energetic workers for the temperance cause. In Winnipeg they have two lodges with a total membership of nearly 300, besides one juvenile lodge. It is over 16 years since the first contingent of Icelanders reached this country and their numbers have ever since been steadily increasing, until there are now 8,000 of them with us, yet, it is said that not a single one of them has ever been engaged in the liquor traffic.

A meeting of the directors of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association was held last week. The election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows: Alex. MacDonald, president, (re-elected); D. E. Sprague, vice-president. A committee of five was appointed to name standing committees, the members thereof being W. Martin (convener), A. Strang, Bartlett, Burrows and Drewry, the president to be an ex-officio member of all committees. It was decided that all committees should consist of at least three members of the board of directors and that every committee should have a majority of directors as members. It was also decided on motion that the exhibition this year should be held in July, from the 25th to the 30th inclusive. The president and Messrs. Ashdown, Martin, Strang, Nairn, Drewry, Searth, Sprague and Risk were appointed a committee to wait on the government with reference to a monetary grant for the exhibition.

British Columbia.

J. D. MacInnis, a British Columbia engineer, recently fell heir to a fortune of a fifth interest in a Scottish estate valued at £6,000,000.

Plans for the erection of a magnificent Church of England cathedral for the Episcopal diocese of Victoria are being examined by a committee.

The Fraser River Freezing Company are sending a second car of frozen salmon to Hamburg, Germany. There are fifteen tons of these fish in the car.

The Glen Iron Mine, situated on the line of the C.P.R., thirteen miles west of Kamloops, is now equipped with an aerial tramway, thirteen hundred feet in length, with a capacity

of delivering 100 tons of ore in ten hours, and a chute 300 feet long of an equal capacity.

The shipment of dressed beef from Calgary to Pacific coast points is increasing. The beef is refrigerated by means of ice packing and arrives as fresh as the moment it was despatched.

A coast exchange says: "As there does not seem to be much prospect of ice on the Fraser this winter, fish freezers and others who require large quantities are making arrangements to bring their supply from the interior by rail."

The firm of Prior & Matthews, of Victoria, is to be incorporated under the name of E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd. Liability, with a capital stock of \$250,000. Col. Prior, G. F. Matthews and G. W. Wynne are the trustees. This is one of the oldest established houses in the province, it having being founded in 1859.

A petition is in circulation among Fraser river fishermen for presentation to the Dominion Government, asking that fishermen's licenses be granted to every British subject, without limiting the number, and that the fee be made \$5, the same as other streams in the province.

A Vernon report says: "There is considerable good land vacant up Canoe creek, at no great distance from Enderby, within the "railway belt," which can be acquired from the Dominion Government at \$5 per acre. It consists of partially timbered flats, containing a large number of beaver dams and considerable wild meadow land, which could be improved and cultivated at a comparatively small cost."

A feature of the entertainment given by the Typographical Union of New Westminster to its friends on New Year's eve was an hourly newspaper, *The Period*. From the ball-room there could be seen a full and complete newspaper office, the editor-in-chief, reporters, telegraph instruments, and everything pertaining to the editorial sanctum. Compositors were setting type for each issue, and close by was the press on which the paper was run off. The 12 o'clock edition was devoted to Vancouver, Vancouver printers setting the type and doing all the work pertaining thereto. The *Period* was eagerly looked for each hour on the floor, all waiting to see who had been the victim of the humorous editor's pen.

The Sumas prairie, said to be one of the most fertile pieces of land in British Columbia, but which is now rendered useless by the overflowing of Sumas Lake, is shortly to be reclaimed by the building of a system of dykes and ditches, whereby the water can be drained off and held in check. John A. Lumsden, the gentleman who is promoting the scheme, has lately returned from Holland where he had gone to study the plan as it is carried out there. When the work is ready to be proceeded with, an engineer will be brought out from that country to take charge. The scheme when carried out will put Mr. Lumsden in possession of several thousand acres of very fine land.

A joint stock company, \$5,000 capital, is forming at Northfield for erection of a soap factory.

The new government steamer Quadra has arrived at Esquimalt eighty days out from Glasgow.