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## Manitoba.

F. A. Tamblin, of Wawanesa, whose hotel was recently destroyed by fire, will rebuild.

John A. Moore, of Couer d'Alone, Idaho, formerly a Winnipeg jobber in the crockery trade, is dead.

The new pleasure steamer "Assiniboine," which has been under construction at Winnipeg, is completed.

R. J. Whittle & Co., Winnipeg, have decided to close their wholesale warehouse at 5 p.m., commencing June 4th, and on Saturdays at 1 p.m.

Edmund Smith has opened a seed store at 275 Market street, Winnipeg. He contemplates opening in flour and feed after the seed season is over.

Chas. W. Graham, hardware dealer, Winnipeg, has taken Robt. Rolston, lately with H. S. Howland & Co., of Toronto, into partnership. The style will be Graham & Rolston.

The Riddell Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg, have been giving prizes to the city salesman who disposed of the largest number of their biscuits. Six prizes were offered, and some of the individual scores run over 2,000 boxes.

The Commercial has received the first number of the Neepawa Press, a new paper started at Neepawa by Alex. Dunlop, late of the Winnipeg Free Press. This makes the second paper for Neepawa. Mr. Dunlop is quite capable of publishing a good paper, and we wish him success.

The steamer Millie Howell arrived at Selkirk on May 27, with the first cargo of whitefish of the season from Lake Winnipeg. They were caught in the neighborhood of Swampy Island by the Selkirk Fish Co. There was about a ton weight in the cargo, and the fish were shipped to Winnipeg.

## Alberta.

G. W. McBride of Calgary, has moved to Rossland, B. C., to take charge of the new hardware store opened at that place by A. McBride & Co., of Calgary.

## Northwest Ontario.

Favorable reports come from Port Arthur regarding the gold mines now being developed in that district.

J. C. Foley has paid the purchase money to S. W. Ray & Co. on mining location

A. L., 74. Soine River. The purchase price was \$28,000. Foley will put in a twenty stamp mill as soon as possible.

## Dairy Trade Notes.

The tone of the cheese market at Montreal on May 28 was weak, and values had a downward tendency. The Liverpool public cable was also weak and one shilling lower, at 48s 6d for white and 89s for colored.

The Montreal Gazette of June 2, says:—The cheese market continues to decline and if it goes much lower will soon touch the record low price of the last ten years, which was 6c, made in May last. The chief business on spot yesterday were 2,000 boxes of Quebec cheese. These sold at a range of 6½ to 6¾. This is a decline of ¼ to ½ from last week, and the demand is not brisk even at the drop. The cable also declined another shilling to-day. In fact, the picture as a whole presented for the approval of cheese makers is not a cheering one.

## Monthly Trade Returns.

Transactions for month ending May 31 at the Dominion Government Savings' Bank, Winnipeg, were:

Deposits .....	\$17,032.00
Withdrawals .....	16,077.88

Deposits exceed withdrawals..... \$954.12

The collections of inland revenue at Winnipeg for May, 1896, were:

Spirits .....	\$13,677 66
Tobacco .....	17,552 63
Malt .....	1,722 80
Cigars .....	761 55
Petroleum.....	59 80
Methylated spirit.....	260 83
Licence .....	25 00

Total..... \$34,053 27

## Foreign Crop Conditions.

Broomhall's Liverpool Corn Trade News, of May 19, says: No substantial rainfall of real value has yet happened to relieve the anxiety of farmers, who are hourly witnessing the deterioration of their crop prospects. Winter wheat alone continues to look well, but a single good crop will not compensate the agriculturalist for a light hay crop and poor roots and spring corn. The fields are beginning to assume almost an autumn tint, and many streams and water pits are perfectly dry which rarely ever fail.

France—Complaints of damage from drouth are becoming louder and more numerous. There is no doubt that the first cut of hay will be short; the spring seeding of barley and oats are greatly in need of moisture, but the wheat plant still looks well except on light soil.

Russia—Crop advices to a leading Liverpool firm are of a very satisfactory tenor, but two reports lately received by us from correspondents in Warsaw and St. Petersburg do not give a very hopeful account of the situation. Russia is a big country, however, and there is plenty of room for variety; we think a comprehensive official report will shortly be issued, which should enable one to get a better idea of the situation. Direct reports are satisfactory in the main, and it must be noted that complaints in our reports, already mentioned, are chiefly on account of the backwardness of the spring crop.

Roumania—Reports mention further rain, and say that crop conditions are very satisfactory.

Austria-Hungary—In Hungaria the crop outlook gives no cause for complaint; in Austria recent weather has favored the crops.

Italy—Crop reports continue satisfactory, recent rains have been beneficial.

Spain—The reports of general rains have been confirmed. Farmers in Castile are offering wheat pretty freely, and one may safely predict that there will be no more talk of "total loss of crop," but most reports mention that more rain is needed.

Germany—Genial weather is reported except from the most northerly parts of the empire. On the whole crop reports are satisfactory, and it is not expected that the May official report will show any deterioration against April.

Holland—Crops satisfactory, though rain is needed.

Belgium—The cereal crops still look well, but rain and more genial weather are required.

India—Bombay is shipping with comparative freedom, but there is little doing at the other ports.

## The Iron Trade.

The Philadelphia Ledger says of the iron trade:—"A quiet steady business is doing and a slight improvement in the demand for manufactured material is noticeable. The May statement showed no falling off in the output of pig iron, but a number of furnaces are known to be blowing out. Western market reports show a quiet state of trade, but makers are still looking for a revival in the demand and prices are held with considerable firmness. There has been a pressure to secure some rebate on coke, but there is no announcement of any change either in fuel or ores."

The Philadelphia Press says: "There has been something of a movement in specialties for steel making, such as Bessemer, basis and low phosphorus pig, of which some 8,000 tons to 10,000 tons have been taken during the past few days at about the same figures as quoted for some time past. Billets appear to have passed out of second hands and only one or two sales were made at the pool price, viz: \$21.50 at Philadelphia. It is doubtful if better can be done unless makers agree to reduce their prices. With the exception of steel and material for making steel, prices are inclined to weaken."

## London June Sales.

C. M. Lamson & Co. will offer at their June sale the following articles:

Muskrat.....270,000	White Fox .... 1,000
Skunk..... 90,000	Gray Fox ..... 5,000
Opossum..... 50,000	Red Fox.....10,000
Raccoon..... 90,000	Japanese Fox..14,000
Marten..... 11,000	Badger..... 1,000
Mink..... 65,000	Wild Cat..... 8,000
Jap. Mink... 1,800	House Cat..... 8,000
Otter..... 2,000	Civet Cat..... 5,000
Lynx..... 1,000	Jap. Sable.... 3,000
Bear..... 2,000	Russian Sable.. 1,000
Beaver..... 750	Marmot..... 23,000
Wolf..... 8,000	Wombat..... 25,000
Kolinsky .... 5,000	Wallaby.....20,000
Thibet..... 12,000	Kangaroo..... 1,500
Chinchilla... 1,200	Bast. Chinchilla 8,000
Grebe..... 2,000	Australian Op..80,000

## The Siberian Railway.

London Engineering says: "From Tscheljabinsk a distance of about 1,280 miles is now being used for traffic, and the favorable effect of the railway upon industry and commerce is already perceptible. The towns along the line increase in size and number of inhabitants, and the imports already comprise articles which were previously unknown. In the principal streets of Tomsk electric light has been, or is just about to be, adopted, and the journey from Moscow to Tomsk can now be compassed in eight days."

W. A. McInthsh & Co., butchers, etc., Vancouver, have been incorporated,