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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 29, 1892.

Manitoba.

Sparks & Dixon are opening in the hardware line at Belmont.

David Brown, hardware, Portage la Prairie: Stock to be sold.

F. W. Huokell & Co., will open up a grocery store at Carberry.

P. R. Young, general store, St. Andrews, has assigned in trust.

A. Rosen, general store, Deloraine, has been sold out by sheriff at 55c.

James White, hardware, etc., Rapid City, contemplates selling out.

D. J. McBean, grain shipper, Winnipeg, has returned from Montreal.

Hood & Cooper, general store, Roland, have been granted an extension.

F. L. Harvey, printer and publisher, Melita, has sold out to H. L. Elliott.

McDougall has purchased the Commercial House, at Austin, from Thompson.

J. W. Lannin, millinery, Virden; stock sold at 41c to T. Finkelstein.

The local legislature is called for Thursday, March 10th, for the dispatch of business.

A. W. Bailey, harness and boots and shoes, Rapid City, is reported giving up business.

W. F. Flummerfelt, of Brandon, will engage in the lumber and real estate business at Ox-bow.

J. A. Oras, manager of the flour and woollen mills at Rapid City, was in Winnipeg last week.

M. Hughes & Co., furniture and undertakers, Winnipeg: Stock sold at 37c to M. E. Hughes.

The directors of the Banque Nationale of Quebec contemplate opening a branch of that institution in Winnipeg.

M. E. McGregor, cattle dealer, Rapid City, has admitted H. M. Rhodes as partner, under the style of McGregor & Rhodes.

F. Nanton, Brandon, will take stock and close out his business on Friday 25th, and Mr. Rankin will take possession of the business on Saturday the 27th Feb.

The Princess Opera House block, Winnipeg, has been sold to W. Gray, of this city, and D. G. Gray, of Tacoma, Wash., both members of the firm of Gray Bros., contractors.

J. H. Braden & Co., butchers, Winnipeg, have sold their business on Portage avenue to W. Donnelly, late superintendent of the C. P. R. dining and sleeping car service, and others.

Robert C. Smith, until lately in the employ of George Munro, tinsmith, Brandon, has opened out a store on Resser avenue, and will carry on a tinsmith business on his own account.

A movement is on foot to organize a board of trade at Virden. Letters patent for this purpose were granted a couple of years ago, but owing to some hitch organization was deferred.

F. W. Sprado has been appointed manager of the Manitoba hotel, Winnipeg, vice W. J. Gunning resigned. Mr. Sprado will enter on his new duties on Tuesday, the first of March. The appointment is a popular one.

The stock of W. J. Smale & Co., boots and shoes, Carberry, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, by public auction on Tuesday, 1st day of March, at Winnipeg. Stock and fixtures amount to \$3,350, book accounts \$1,000.

A. N. Boire, who has been appointed manager of the branch of the Hochelaga Bank, which is about to be opened in Winnipeg, arrived in this city last week. A. J. Costigan, who is to take a position in the same bank, also arrived.

The first colonist train of the season arrived at Winnipeg on Thursday from Ontario. It comprised several loads of stock and effects and a couple of coaches which were occupied by settlers. A party of European immigrants for Manitoba also arrived. Over fifty of them remained in the city. Most of them were English.

Committees from the Winnipeg board of trade and city council, met last week with Hugh J. Macdonald, M. P. for Winnipeg, and discussed the question of improving the navigation of the Red river. City engineer Ruttan, who was present, said he had prepared plans which showed the work could be carried on at an expenditure of \$500,000, whereas the Dominion government estimate was \$913,000. Mr. Macdonald was requested to use his influence in Parliament to secure the carrying out of this important work.

The committee on grounds and buildings of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association, have recommended the expenditure of \$20,000, for improving the grounds and erecting new or improving old buildings. It is proposed to erect a new main building, instead of enlarging the old one, for which 12,000 is recommended as a first appropriation. The experience of last fall shows that the main building is alto gether too small, but if a new building is erected, the old one will still be used for special exhibits. It has been proposed to ask the legislature to legalize a by-law allowing the city to borrow \$20,000, for these improvements. Though the cause is a good one, the principle of going to the legislature to legalize a by-law which the voters of the city have refused to endorse, cannot be recommended as a proper course to pursue.

Thos. Clearihue, of Brockville, Ontario, arrived in Winnipeg last week, on a business trip, and will do the country through to the Pacific. Mr. Clearihue is well known in the west having travelled through the country with samples for many years. Since his last western trip, last fall, he has launched out into business for himself, having established himself as a wholesale dealer in gloves, mitts and moccasins, with headquarters at Brockville. Mr. Clearihue will for the present look after the west

himself, as he has rather a fondness for the road here. He made his first trip west in 1833, going as far as Moose Jaw, which was then the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific. Since then he has followed up railway construction each year, until the coast was reached. In 1838 he travelled overland to Edmonton, Alberta, and rowed down the Saskatchewan in a skiff from that place to Pelly, a distance of 800 miles, visiting intermediate points. Mr. Clearihue has, therefore, had quite an experience in this country, and should be well posted as to the requirement of the trade here.

At a recent meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade a committee was appointed to act with one from the city council in taking steps to urge on the Dominion Government the pressing necessity of improving the navigation of the Red river. Jno. Galt and F. W. Stobart who were elected as members of the council at the late annual meeting, having resigned, N. Bawlf and W. D. Pettigrew were elected in their stead. J. H. Ashdown, D. L. Elliott, M. Bull, Wm. Martin, D. W. Bole and W. B. Scarth were appointed as a committee to consider correspondence from the Quebec board of trade concerning the more regular and equitable valuation of goods by the custom officials at Canadian ports of entry, and also a proposed method of overcoming the liability of the negotiation of fraudulent bills of lading referred to the board by the French consul. Messrs. Steen, Martin, Strang, Elliott, Maclou, Housser and Fraser were appointed a committee to consider the list of subjects to be laid before the congress of boards of trade of the empire, which will assemble in London in June next, and report to the council on necessary instruction to the delegates from the Winnipeg board who will attend the conference.

Saskatchewan.

G. R. Russell, Prince Albert, has moved his butcher business from his old stand to the one recently occupied by John Macdonald & Co., who have retired from business. The business will be conducted by Russell, and known as Geo. R. Russell & Co.

The following officers were elected at the recent annual meeting of the Prince Albert board of trade: President, J. E. Young; vice-president, J. R. McPhail; secretary, A. S. Stewart; treasurer, E. J. Cann. Council: S. J. Donaldson, G. S. Davison, T. O. Davis, F. C. Baker, J. D. Maveety, J. Taylor, J. Stewart, Dr. Jardine, J. W. Toogood, H. J. Montgomery, G. C. Macleod and A. Londoun.

Northwest Ontario.

The first car load of grain was taken into the Annex elevator at Fort William on Saturday.

Johnston Whaley, late of the firm of Walsh, Murphy & Whaley, has rented a store in Piper's block, Fort William, and will shortly open out in the boot and shoe business.

A deputation consisting of Geo. McDonald, M.P., for Algoma, C. W. Chadwick, president of the board of trade, J. Colcough and W. M. Creighton, of Rat Portage, waited on C. H. Tupper, at Ottawa, last week, asking that the Lake of the Woods may be thrown open for fishing licenses. They also waited on the public works department asking improvements in Rainy River.

The Fort William board of trade have elected officers as follows: President, Geo. A. Graham; vice-president, Allan McDougall, and the secretary, E. A. Morton, were elected by acclamation and the ballot for the council resulted in the election of the following members: C. C. Abbott, Thos. A. Bell, R. Bowman, E. A. Carpenter, A. H. Dickins, B. G. Hamilton, J. T. Horne, C. W. Jarvis, John McKellar, Don McKellar, E. Rochon and A. D. Sutherland. The question of incorporation was discussed.