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WINNIPEG, JUNE 6, 1892.

Manitoba.

There were 400 persons temporarily quartered in the immigration hall, Winnipeg, last week.

The furnishings and lease of the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg, will be sold by the sheriff on June 6.

Winnipeg wholesale grocers have agreed to close their places of business at one o'clock Saturday afternoons.

W. J. Peterson & Co., jewelers, Winnipeg, are in the hands of the sheriff, and the stock is advertised for sale on June 4.

The appeal in the liquor case brought against Velie, Cary & Co., of Winnipeg, at Calgary, has been decided in favor of the Winnipeg firm.

Wm. Bell, Winnipeg, dealer in live stock, shipped 200 head of Manitoba cattle to the coast last week. The cattle were from Southern Manitoba, mostly.

The Norwood Improvement Company contemplate building an iron bridge across the Red river, at Winnipeg, from the company's property to Fort Rouge.

G. F. Stephens has been awarded the contract for supplying paint for the Winnipeg industrial buildings. He is furnishing an oxidized paint at 70 cents per gallon.

Murray & McDiarmid, builders, Winnipeg, have dissolved. G. W. Murray will continue the planing mill and James McDiarmid will continue in the building and contracting.

The work of building the new electric street railway in Winnipeg was begun last week. The first portions of the new system will be on Main street north, and a line to the exhibition grounds.

Story & Aveson, general dealers, of Wawanesa, are opening a branch store at Hilton.

Work on the new exhibition buildings for the Winnipeg Industrial has been commenced, and the contractors have large gangs of men on the grounds rushing the work through.

W. S. Grant, late of the firm of Harris & Grant, has accepted the position of inspector of the Reserve Fund Life Association, of New York. Mr. Grant will cover the insurance field from Port Arthur to the coast.

Catman is a very busy town this spring, says a correspondent. Upwards of thirty buildings are under construction and a number of others are to go up later in the summer. Sidewalks are being laid on all the principal streets.

During the month of May the Canadian Pacific railway company's land department at Winnipeg sold 35,000 acres of land to settlers for \$121,000. For the corresponding period of last year 6,000 acres were sold for the sum of \$26,000. This month's sales have increased nearly 600 per cent. over that of last year. This is indeed a wonderful showing and marks the progressive spirit of the company. For the first five months of this year 178,000 acres have been disposed of at a figure of little less than \$4 per acre, realizing for the company \$650,000.

The inland revenue collections for the Winnipeg division during May were as follows:—

Spirits	\$13,358 79
Malt	2,750 84
Tobacco	13,458 13
Cigars	717 75
Petroleum	206 40
Sundries	170 68
Total	\$30,678 59

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon, at Winnipeg, during the month of May, compared with the same month of last year:—

DESCRIPTION.	VALUE, 1891.	VALUE, 1892.
Exported	\$ 48,007 00	\$ 53,487 00
Imported, dutiable	128,928 00	153,554 00
" free	55,420 00	24,898 00
Total imported	\$184,446 00	\$178,452 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable	\$122,560 00	\$144,526 00
Entered for consumption, free	55,420 00	24,898 00
Total for consumption	\$177,980 00	\$173,424 00
Duty collected	\$48,012 12	\$51,810 57

Northwest Ontario.

There are good openings at Fort Frances for a shoemaker, tinsmith, blacksmith and painter, writes a correspondent.

The C.P.R. intend replacing a number of the wooden bridges between Fort William and Rat Portage with stone abutment bridges. A Mr. Reid has secured the contract for replacing eleven or twelve of the bridges, and will begin work immediately. The stone to be used in the work will be taken from quarries at Ignace, and some 60 or 70 men will be employed there. The one near Falcon will be a stone arch bridge and most substantially built. Many of the wooden bridges existing at present are in good condition, while others are not. The latter are the ones that will at first be rebuilt and the others following.

Saskatchewan.

The crop area of the Prince Albert district is much larger this year than previously, and it is said the crop is more advanced.

I. M. Campbell will continue in charge of the general store business at Prince Albert, formerly conducted by himself.

A third paper is talked of at Prince Albert.

Lumber Outtings.

The Moore & Macdowell Lumber Company, of Prince Albert, will ship 50,000 feet of lumber to Battleford per steamer Northwest on her first trip there.

The Rat Portage Record has the following lumber items. Ross, Hall & Brown started their gang saw on Thursday, and as their logs are all in good driving water they expect a large cut this summer. The Safety Bay Lumber Co.'s saw mill cut fifty-five thousand feet on one day this week. Not bad, mind you, for the 'little mill.' The steamer Algoma brought in a tow of a million feet for the firm of Cameron & Kennedy. The high water and weight of logs against the Rainy river boom tested its strength very severely last week and on Sunday a slight break occurred, but under the efficient management of D. L. Mather it has been strengthened so as to be now in good condition. But few logs escaped.

Grain and Milling.

Seeding, with the exception of a little barley, was finished at Gladstone, Man., on May 30. There is a larger acreage under wheat this year than last.

A public meeting was held at Oxbow, Assa., recently to discuss the mill question. Thomas Ewen made known the purpose for which the meeting was called, and it was then decided that the chairman should canvas the district for subscriptions for a bonus. It is expected that \$2,500 or \$3,000 can be raised.

Burns, of Winnipeg, has re-opened his warehouse at Rosenfield, writes a correspondent, and reports starting to buy grain and flax seed at once. There seems to be a large quantity of flax seed and nearly one-half of the wheat to sell yet. A number have commenced threshing, and others have some of their best wheat on hand yet.

A meeting of ratepayers of the town and county was held at Gladstone, Man., recently for the purpose of discussing the advisability of giving a bonus to a roller mill. Mr. Muir was present, and stated that he would place a mill there this fall for a bonus of \$5,000. It appeared to be the unanimous wish of all present that a bonus should be granted, and accordingly a committee was formed to make arrangements with Mr. Muir and take initiatory steps to have the matter brought before the council.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the three weeks ended May 7, 14 and 21, 1892, is given below with the grading of the same.

Grade.	May 7.	May 14.	May 21
Extra Manitoba hard	0	0	1
No. 1 hard	0	0	1
No. 2 hard	10	2	8
No. 3 hard	10	25	4
No. 1 Northern	0	0	1
No. 2 Northern	0	1	5
No. 3 Northern	1	1	0
No. 1 White tye	0	0	0
No. 1 Regular	9	22	11
No. 2 Regular	18	22	7
No. 3 Regular	4	3	3
No. 1 Rejected	0	0	0
No Grade	3	0	1
Rejected	4	3	4
Feed Wheat	0	3	0
Total	46	82	48

Total inspected for the three weeks, as above, 174 cars. Total inspected for the corresponding three weeks of last year, 191 cars.

The lake Winnipeg fish companies have everything about ready for the season's operations and will commence operations at once.

Geo. Stovel, shoemaker, has begun business at Selkirk, Man.