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WINNIPEG, APRIL 1, 1895.

Manitoba.

Crawford & Fulton, general store, Neopawa, have assigned.

A. B. Gunn has commenced business as an implement agent at Manitoba.

The provincial legislature adjourned on Friday until the 9th of May.

R. W. Woodruffe, jeweller, Winnipeg, is succeeded by Carter & Bleasdel.

Roly. Johnson, harness, Stonewall, has admitted Jos, Stinson as partner.

John K. Hill has purchased B. M. Canniff's east end drug store at Portage la Prairie.

Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Chassa have opened a millinery and fancy goods store at Selkirk.

R. P. O'Donohoe, of Stonewall, has taken a lease of the Grand Pacific Hotel in Winnipeg.

J. Y. Griffin & Co. have let a contract for improvements at their pork packing establishment at Winnipeg.

Farmers who buy flax seed should be very careful about getting clean seed. The seeds of noxious weeds are frequently found in flax seed.

The Masons of Winnipeg have selected a site for their proposed new temple in the church district between Portage and Central Avenues.

H. H. Beck, H. S. Crotty, Walter R. Bown, David Kemp, Joseph LeComte and Henry Tanner have applied for incorporation under the name of the Red River Valley Colonization Land Company, Limited.

The stock of J. Norris & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, has been sold by the assignee at 42 cents on the dollar. The stock was purchased by a Winnipeg legal firm, representing it is understood, an eastern wholesale house which is largely interested in the estate.

The hardware business at Melita formerly owned by J. Young, of Hartney, has been purchased by C. W. McLennan and Thos. Sturgeon, who have formed a partnership and will trade under the firm name of McLennan & Sturgeon. Mr. McLennan was formerly manager of the business for J. Young.

The Manitoba Dairy Association is negotiating with the railways for better facilities for handling dairy produce in the summer. They ask for a weekly refrigerator car service on the branch lines running into Winnipeg,

so that butter could be shipped to the city during the warm weather in good condition. They also ask for cool storage room for dairy produce in the Canadian Pacific Railway freight sheds in Winnipeg.

The attempt to amalgamate the fishing interests of Lake Winnipeg and the Lake of the Woods district has partially fallen through. A project was on foot to concentrate the fishing, packing and trading of all the companies engaged in the business under one management, but at a meeting of proprietors and managers recently held in Chicago, the proposal to combine the fishing and packing was rejected and each company will carry on that part of their work independently, as in the past. It was, however, agreed that trading or selling for all companies should be done through one channel. The reason given for refusing to combine fishing and packing was that a number of valuable plants would be thrown into idleness if the suggested plans were adopted.

Assinibolia.

O. P. Skrine, of Granfoll, is starting in wholesale produce at Vancouver, B. C., under style O. P. Skrine & Co.

Jas. Wilkinson's feed stable and dwelling at Estevan were destroyed by fire on Wednesday. Seven horses were burned. The burned buildings were insured in the British American—the stable for \$600 and the dwelling \$400.

Northwest Ontario.

R. F. Sproule, flour and feed, Fort William, has admitted Alex. Snelgrove as partner; style Snelgrove & Sproule.

The Hudson's Bay Co. have taken possession of the new addition to their store at Rat Portage, which is devoted to the dry goods department, the old store being used for groceries.

Lumber Trade News.

The stock and business of Hugh Law, lumber dealer, Winnipeg, is offered for sale by tender up to April 1.

Jas. I. Armstrong is opening again in the lumber business, at Belmont, Man., and will handle only United States lumber.

Grain and Milling News.

The Brackman & Ker Milling Co., of Victoria, British Columbia, have decided to establish an oatmeal mill and elevator at South Edmonton, Alberta. Construction will be proceeded with as soon as the plans can be prepared. T. W. Lanes has been admitted into the firm and will manage at Edmonton.

S. P. Clark, grain merchant of Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to Florida. Mr. Clark says that in Florida, to the consternation of the natives, the weather turned quite cold, the frost doing incalculable damage. There was not a green thing to be seen in the state after the cold snap. The people declared that the state would be put back at least five years.

The arrival at New York of a steamer from the Argentine Republic with a cargo of 120,000 bushels of flax seed has brought to light some interesting facts. It seems that quite a trade has been going on in seed from the far away country for some time, about 500,000 bushels of the Argentine seed having already been sold at New York. The price is equal to \$1.28 per bushel duty paid, the latter amounting to 20c per bushel. Crushers get a rebate on oil cake exported, which makes the net price about \$1.20 paid for the South American article.

British Columbia.

Duncan Cameron, hotel, Armstrong, is out of business.

Charles Anderson, grocer, Vancouver, is out of business.

James McCarthy, general store, Thibert Creek, is deceased.

B. F. Henry, harness, Vancouver, has been closed by the sheriff.

Sherot & Johnson, plumbers, Victoria, have dissolved, each continues alone.

Docile & McKinnon, bakers, Wellington, have dissolved; C. Docile continues.

Ciceroni & Luperani, fruits, etc., Nanaimo, have dissolved; Joseph Ciceroni continues.

M. W. Minthorn, boots and shoes, New Westminster; stock is advertised for sale.

John Boyd & Co., plumbers, Vancouver, have dissolved; W. L. Newsome retires.

British Columbia Paper Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Victoria; effects advertised for sale.

Fur Trade News.

Mr. Wood, a Michigan fur dealer, has made a memorandum of the prime skins caught after November 1st, and the unprime ones caught in September and October, and finds by careful estimates that were the fur-bearing animals protected in September and October that the trappers in Michigan would be benefited no less than one hundred thousand dollars each season. Through the efforts of Mr. Wood the Hon. M. S. Curtis has introduced a bill in the state legislature for the protection of fur-bearing animals in September and October. The protection of fur-bearing animals in Canada would be worth a vast sum to the country. The annual waste from the slaughter of fur-bearing animals out of season is something enormous.

Lumber Trade News.

J. M. Taylor, of Portage la Prairie, has started his planing factory for the season. He has had the machinery overhauled before starting the season's work.

Silver.

The silver market has had a sharp advance, the price of bars in London rising to 237d, the New York quotation going up to 63 1/2c. The movement was attributed in part to the belief that Germany will take the initiative in calling an international monetary conference, and in part to the favorable Indian budget, and to the belief that the termination of the war in the east is near, which would probably create large demand for silver from both Japan and China. Silver prices on March 22 were: London, 28 18-16d; New York, 63 1/2c.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending March 23 were \$601,910, balances, \$108,610. For the previous week clearings were \$695,454. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$607,556.

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

	Clearings.	
	Mar. 21.	Mar. 14.
Montreal.....	\$11,031,140	\$9,908,418
Toronto.....	4,996,259	5,366,172
Halifax.....	871,418	966,451
Winnipeg.....	695,454	655,879
Hamilton.....	524,657	553,800

Total..... \$18,118,958 \$17,450,215