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WINNIPEG, JULY 20, 1891

Manitoba.

E. R. Storey, stoves and tinware, Brandon, is dead.

John Munro, grocer, Brandon, has sold out to John Malabar.

J. B. Henderson, of Carberry, is getting estimates for a store at Griswold.

Estate of E. Smith & Co., groceries, Winnipeg, stock sold at 50c on the dollar.

R. J. Whitlaw, of Winnipeg, arrived home last week from his trip to the old country.

E. L. Thomas now has the Manitoba agency for Jas. Guest & Co., Montreal, liquors, etc.

Baird & Chalmers, of Pilot Mound, shipped a mixed car of stock to Winnipeg last week.

E. F. Hutchings, of Winnipeg, will erect a fine business block at Neepawa, where he has a branch business.

Tenders will be received until the 20th July, for the construction of a building for the Imperial Bank of Canada at Brandon.

The Hudson Bay Co. have been awarded the contract for the supply of groceries to the Manitoba penitentiary for the ensuing year.

J. T. Gordon, of Pilot Mound, started last week for Moosomin and Regina to purchase cattle for shipment to the old country in September.

Shipments of cattle continue to be made from the Manitou station to the east. On July 7 Mr. Ironside sent a car load of cattle to Sault Ste Marie and on July 11 a shipment was made to Port Arthur.

Manitoba farmers and merchants are to talk over the question of appointing a butter inspector,

to inspect all butter brought in, before purchased by the local merchants. A plan of this nature worked well last year at Virdon.

G. Hector Clemes, representing the J. B. McLean Co., of Toronto, was in Winnipeg last week, and will make a trip as far as the coast, in the interest of the four trade journals published by the company, the best known of which is probably the *Canadian Grocer*.

J. T. Gordon has returned from a tour through the Icelandic settlement in the Tiger Hill country, says the *Pilot Mound Sentinel*, and has purchased about three hundred cattle, which he will take to England in September next, when the animals will have improved in condition on the summer's grass. Mr. Gordon will go with the shipment himself, and will be accompanied by experienced assistants.

Among a consignment of furs and skins received recently from the west by Stobart & Co., Winnipeg, was a magnificent wood buffalo. The wood buffalo inhabit Athabasca and Peace River districts principally, and their numbers are comparatively small, so that their robes are seldom seen in this part of the country, most of those secured being sent direct to England by the Hudson Bay Co. The robe in question was brought to the city by Mr. LaRiviere, a trader in fur, with a lot of other furs. The animal was killed during the winter of 1891, at the foot of Lake Athabasca.

By-law No. 514, to authorize an assessment for municipal and school purposes for the city of Winnipeg for the current year, was introduced at the last council meeting. The amount to be raised for interest on debentures, current municipal purposes and public schools was stated to be \$339,327.19; the amount of the whole ratable property of the city was shown to be \$19,944,270; the rate required for interest on debentures and current municipal expenditure was placed at 15.3 mills on the dollar, and that for the schools at 4.2 mills, making the total rate for the year 19.5 mills. The by-law also provided for a poll tax of \$2 on every person not otherwise taxed, or whose taxes are less than \$2. The by-law was passed through its second and third readings.

In the charge against Ed. Cordingly for larceny, the facts of the case as adduced in evidence showed that one Mrs. Cordingly and E. S. White entered into partnership in a general grocery and dry goods business at Carberry and Medicine Hat, the prisoner and White both giving their attention alternately to the business of each place. The Carberry business did not succeed very well and Cordingly made up his mind, the firm being unable to secure an extension from their creditors, to go to British Columbia. An assignment of the assets was made, and the official assignee took possession, and an inventory being taken the creditors attached the goods of Mrs. Cordingly which were in the hands of the C. P. R. On opening up a number of boxes of new goods were found in them and this led to the setting of the criminal law in motion and the arrest of Cordingly on the charge of larceny, as it was stated that he had from time to time taken parcels from the different stores to his home. The evidence showed that there were entries of merchandise in the books of the firm against Cordingly without specifying what the goods supplied were, and it was argued that these covered the articles the larceny of which he was charged with. It also appeared, beyond question, that

Cordingly was the partner doing the business in his wife's name, and as his counsel put it, he could not be convicted of stealing his own goods. The judge found him on the evidence to be beneficially interested in the business and stated that the evidence of the partner, White, went very far towards establishing a consent to his taking the goods from the premises as he needed them, and this being the case he could not convict. The prisoner was then discharged. On the second indictment, larceny as a partner, counsel for the Crown stated that as the learned judge had expressed his opinion as to the consent of the partner, White, and as he had no reason to believe that the evidence would be any different to that given under the charge of which he had been acquitted, on behalf of the Crown he would he would enter a nolle prosequi.

Alberta.

The Imperial Bank will open a branch at Edmonton shortly.

W. E. B. & S. Ross, merchants, Canmore; the sheriff is in possession.

Edmonton *Bulletin*: A number of Chipewyan Indians arrived from the Landing on Saturday last with about \$2,000 worth of fur. This is the first time that Indians from that distant region have come to Edmonton to trade.

Track on the Calgary & Edmonton railway was laid on July 13 to within fifteen miles of Edmonton, and the graders were strung along that fifteen miles right up to the bank of the Saskatchewan opposite Edmonton. Some of the grading outfit are now on their way down to Calgary to commence work on the extension to Macleod.

Edmonton *Bulletin*: Barber, manager of the Imperial Bank, Calgary, arrived on Sunday from the end of the track with Mr. McCauley. He was driven through several settlements of the district on Monday by E. Carey, and after sizing up the situation stated that he would report in favor of the establishment of a branch of the bank here. He left on Tuesday afternoon.

Saskatchewan.

The Mounted Police beef contract at Battleford has been awarded to W. H. Sinclair at 5½c a pound.

Goodfellow Bros. have about completed arrangements for putting in a couple run of stoves for gristing purposes in their sash and door factory.

The latest Canadian Pacific railway publication is "Fishing and Shooting," a copy of which has been received. The book is descriptive of many rare spots for sportsmen and fishermen along the line of the great Canadian transcontinental highway. Over twenty pages are devoted to Northwestern Ontario, Manitoba, the territories and British Columbia. The close season for game in the several provinces of the Dominion are given, as well as other interesting information. The work is handsomely illustrated. We are indebted to D. McNicol, general passenger agent, Montreal, for a copy of this handsome and instructive publication. Every sportsman should have a copy.