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WINNIPEG, JULY 16, 1894.

Manitoba.

Victor Thomas, late livery, Winnipeg, is deceased.

Elkhorn farmers are moving to establish a creamery.

T. G. Anderson, general store, Arden, is deceased.

Dorsey & Little, Winnipeg, sold out to W. R. Sinclair.

C. McGuire, tailor, Portage la Prairie, is reported away.

S. A. Ripstein, clothing etc., Winnipeg; sold out to Tewel Finkelstein.

John Mills, blacksmith, Headingly, has given up business; succeeded by McLean.

Jos. Taise, the well known Montreal cigar manufacturer, was in Winnipeg last week.

The Missee Covert, millinery, Winnipeg, advertising selling out and giving up business.

G. W. Robinson is likely to open up business in the furniture and grocery line at Manitou.

Schaeffer Piano Co., pianos and organs, Winnipeg; sheriff's sale advertised for the 16th instant.

The Waterous Engine Works company have supplied the Winnipeg Water Works with a new battery of boilers.

Watson & Kent, tobacconists, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership; Wm. Watson continues under style of Watson & Co.

A large outfit of settlers from Nebraska with a number of ponies and settler's effects entered the customs house at the boundary last week, bound for Neepawa.

The experimental farm display was an attractive feature of the Brandon summer fair, held on July 11 and 12. There was a good attendance and a good exhibit of live stock.

The offer of Hanson Bros., Montreal, for the purchase of \$15,920 97 of fifteen years and \$5,000 of seven years local improvement debentures of Winnipeg for \$21,427 and accrued interest has been accepted.

The Standard Oil Company's warehouse at Glenboro was struck by lightning and burned. It contained forty-two barrels of oil and a few boxes of grease. Only seven barrels of oil were removed from the burning building.

A Manitou correspondent says:—Ironside & Gordon will ship another consignment of cattle to Liverpool on the 20th inst., from this point. Chalmers Bros. and Bethune are also shipping a great many cattle from this point this year. The cattle trade is doing great things for the Manitou district.

The forthcoming exhibition of the Winnipeg Industrial, which opens on July 23, promises to be one of the most successful ever held. In every department the entries are far in excess of previous years. Wednesday over 800 entries were made for the general exhibits, and more than that number have been entered yesterday.

A paper factory is to be established in Winnipeg. The project has been on foot for some time, and the promoters say they have finally decided to go on with the enterprise. It is stated that machinery to the value of \$20,000 has been ordered and the work of erecting the necessary buildings will be commenced at once. The factory will be located on the bank of the Red river, in the northern part of the city.

The Minnedosa Tribune, of July 5, says:—A train load of cattle went east yesterday. It consisted of 8 cars of cattle and 2 of hogs, shipped by J. Wake, and 4 cars of cattle by Taylor Bros. The Taylor Bros. will make a shipment of hogs about the 15th of July, and one of cattle about the 15th of August. J. Wake will also make another shipment about the 1st of August.

At the sale of the biscuit and confectionery plant and factory of Bateman & Co., Winnipeg, Thompson, Codville & Co., were the purchasers at 48½ cents on the dollar. The purchasers have already had several offers from parties who are negotiating to buy the factory, with the intention of continuing the business, and they expect to close a bargain at once with some of those with whom negotiations are going on. The business should prove a profitable one for experienced parties with adequate capital, lack of which latter commodity in sufficient quantity apparently led to Mr. Bateman's troubles.

Alberta.

Wm. Alexander, jeweller, is opening business at Calgary.

Thirty eight homesteads were entered for in the Edmonton land office in June.

The third party of German Moravians whom Rev. A. Lige is bringing out from Russia, arrived on Thursday at Edmonton, and made a start for the location of their colony east of Beaver creek.

Assiniboia.

The first carload of sandstone from the quarries at Calgary for the new court house at Wolseley has arrived.

Saskatchewan.

The bakery business carried on by Hugh McDougall at Prince Albert has been purchased by Alfred Oram, who will hereafter conduct it.

The Prince Albert Advocate says:—The efforts of Brooks & Co to supply fish to this district and accommodate the demand for this commodity in the outside markets are meeting with pronounced success. There are large quantities of very superior trout, pike and whitefish in the lakes and streams north of Prince Albert, and on Deer Lake, 80 miles out, the company has erected suitable buildings, consisting of a dwelling house, smoke house, carpenter shop and ice house. They also have a branch at Trout Lake. The products which

have thus far been marketed are fresh, smoked, green and dry salted of the three varieties. Fish oil, which is said to be most valuable as a preventative for flies, and also as a lubricant for machinery, is being manufactured and finds a fair market, the price being low. A cannery factory is a prospective adjunct to the concern. During the present season fresh trout packed in ice will be placed on the market weekly.

Grain and Milling News.

Virden Milling Co., Virden, incorporated.

The by-law granting \$8,000 and exemption from taxation for ten years to a proposed new flour mill in Brandon was defeated, not having received the required three-fifth majority of the total number of votes taken. A by-law to exempt the mill of Alexander, Kelly & Co. from taxation for ten years was also defeated.

Lake Freights.

The Duluth Market Report of July 9 says: The lake marine situation is about as quiet as was ever known here. Line vessels are doing all the business and they are taking wheat to Buffalo at 1½c per bushel. Engagements at this figure have been made for over 200,000 bushels to be moved next week if vessels are able to discharge their up cargoes. The coal heavers strike makes this somewhat problematical. The managers of the coal companies are in session here this morning to consider the strike, and they may decide to do something to bring about a settlement. The rate to Kingston is nominally 2½c per bushel. The rate on ore is 60c per ton from Lake Superior ports.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending July 12, were \$869,692; balances, \$150,229. For the previous week clearings were \$863,615.

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

	Clearings.	
	June 29th.	July 6th.
Montreal	\$ 9,195,501	\$9,511,494
Toronto	4,615,471	4,810,674
Halifax	1,126,687	1,124,377
Winnipeg	662,428	863,545
Hamilton	575,870	673,532
Total	\$16,175,957	\$16,983,622

The Time for Pruning.

Pruning trees and bushes may be done any time when the trees are not in full leaf. Whether it should be done in the fall, in open weather during the winter or spring depends upon the convenience of the pruner. Trees and vines that are only half hardy should not be pruned so closely in the fall as would be proper in spring. The cut is porous and admits cold, which the closer bark of the tree would exclude. Some prune apple trees late in the spring in order to prevent sap sprouts where the branches are cut.

This practice injures the thrift of the trees, but it may be advisable for young orchards that grow too much wood and do not bear fruit as they should.

Crops.

A subscriber at Oxbow writes on July 6:—I am pleased to be able to report that the prospects for an abundant harvest in this district are most promising. We had a heavy rain fall on the 9th of June, and the weather continued showery all through the month. All grain is now well headed out, and is as fine in appearance as one could wish.

The Colonial Conference at Ottawa closed on July 9.