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WINNIPEG, JUNE 2, 1890.

## Manitoba.

J. W. Thornton is opening a store at Saltcoats.

J. A. Magee, druggist, Brandon, has assigned.

Potatoes are selling in Neepawa at 65 to 70c a bushel.

Adam Ross & Co., of Lake Dauphin, have assigned.

There is a great demand for hay and lumber at Holland.

J. W. Currell, saw filer, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

A telephone service will be in operation at Shoal Lake shortly.

The creamery, at Shoal Lake, will start running in a short time.

Stinson Bros. have bought J. T. Gould's store and stock at McGregor.

Wm. Harrison is putting an addition of 60 feet to his elevator at Killarney.

D. G. Rodgers has opened a saddlery and harness store at Portage la Prairie.

Cummings & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, contemplate dissolution of partnership.

W. Harrison is fitting up a drug store at Neepawa, he will open in a few days.

Telegraph connection will be established in a few days between Souris and Brandon.

The municipality of Whitehead has granted the Brandon Agricultural Society \$100.

C. Emerson, tent and mattress manufacturer, Brandon, has taken J. J. Redmond as a partner.

The new roller mill at Manitou will commence operation about the 1st of June. The machinery is being placed in position as fast as possible.

Sale of lands for taxes will shortly be held in the municipalities of Woodworth and Strathclair.

The firm of Smith, Windsor & Roberts, general agents, Brandon, have dissolved partnership.

John Whelan, late of the Whelan house, this city, is now proprietor of the Manor house, Vancouver.

Mr Smithett, late of Galt, Ont., will succeed T. Ptolemy as manager for Buchanan & Co.'s store at Saltcoats.

Three thousand bushels of wheat have been sold by the Lowe farm, near Morris, at ninety cents per bushel.

E. Barrett will open out shortly in the fancy grocery trade in Brandon. He will do a wholesale and retail business.

A representative of the Brush Electric Light Company is canvassing Portage la Prairie for orders for lights with a view of putting in a plant there.

The directors of the Manitou Agricultural Society have changed the date of holding the fall exhibition from 2nd and 3rd to the 9th and 10th of October.

The total assessed value of property in the town of Portage la Prairie, according to this year's assessment, is \$1,106,000, and the population figures up 3,050.

It is reported that a much faster time schedule than ever yet attempted over the Northern Pacific line will shortly be arranged between Winnipeg and St. Paul.

The Toronto Mail says the fact that the Dominion Government has aided the Manitoba & Southeastern railway to the extent of 640,000 acres of land, makes it look as if the road would not be a competitor with the Canadian Pacific.

The C.P.R. Souris extension is being rapidly pushed to completion. The line is now open for traffic as far as Menteith a few miles from Souris. Trains run every Tuesday and Friday. The local fare from Brandon to Souris is \$1, Menteith \$1.30.

The Neepawa Register, of last week, contains the following. "There is a scramble among millers for possession of the little wheat remaining in the province. The prospects are that some mills will have to shut down before harvest for lack of stock. All this portends a good price for the first wheat marketed next fall.

## Northwestern Ontario.

Ray, Street & Co., contemplate opening a branch bank at Fort William.

Two express companies are now doing business in Port Arthur, the Canadian Express Company having just opened an office at this port, with Messrs. Hancock & Inglis as agents.

The English miners who are developing the Sultana mine on an island in the Lake of the Woods, have been warned off by the Keewatin Milling Company, who claims to have a lease of all the islands in the lake.

A petition is being circulated in Winnipeg and Rat Portage asking for a speedy settlement of the question affecting the ownership of mining property on the islands in the Lake of the Woods. The petition will also ask that arrangements be made by the Government with the Keewatin Lumber company so that its lease of

timber limits will not interfere with mining operations.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company are pushing on their improvements at Fort William. Work has been commenced on the new round-house, and pile-drivers are at work on the docks. The old grain shed has been removed and new tracks have been laid.

Immense quantities of ice have been shipped from Canadian points to the States this spring, by water. At Port Arthur there was 4,000 tons stored, every bit of which belonged to Cincinnati dealers; \$3.25 per ton was the price paid for most of it. During the past winter one firm harvested over 20,000 tons, for which an offer of \$4 per ton has been refused.

The mines of the Lake Superior iron districts have begun their shipments for the season of 1890, and the indications are that the total output this year will exceed that of last season by nearly a million tons. The product will be very close to 8,000,000 tons this year, if it does not exceed that figure. The railroads are keeping pace with the mines, and will be prepared to haul all the ore that is given them. The old docks at Escanaba and Marquette have been repaired, and at each place a new dock has been built. In handling its ore traffic this season the Chicago and Northwestern road will introduce air brakes on its twenty-ton cars. These cars will be run from Escanaba to the Menominee and Gogebic ranges, while the little eight-ton cars haul ore from the Marquette range as now.—Ex.

## Assiniboia.

W. B. Wright, of the firm of Wright & Armstrong, has assigned.

Julius Vass has received the appointment of immigration agent at Whitewood.

Mr. Costello, weights and measures inspector, was in Medicine Hat last week on a tour of inspection.

The Medicine Hat Board of Trade have decided to hold a convention on the 3rd and 4th of June. This convention is for the full and free discussion of important matters pertaining to the Northwest Territories, such as immigration, responsible government, the liquor question, irrigation, dual language, prairie fires, education, etc., on a strictly non-political platform. The different districts will be represented by delegates. Each district represented by a member of the Northwest Legislative Assembly shall have the right to send delegates.

## Alberta.

T. B. Winnett is opening a furniture store at Lethbridge.

C. W. Dunbar, of Toronto, intends opening a hardware and tin business at Macleod.

Two brick yards have been started at Lethbridge, Oliver & Bruce occupying one and Lyons & Brown the other.

Egan Bros. have sent their grading outfit and sixty men to Lethbridge to begin work on the Canadian & Great Falls railway from Lethbridge to the boundary.

It is rumored that some large lumber manufacturers from the vicinity of Barrie, Ont., are on their way to the coast with a view of investing in timber lands and building a mill of large capacity.