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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 18, 1895.

Manitoba.

Morrison & Co., bankers, Virton, are moving to Whitewood, Assa.

J. S. Patterson, musical instruments, Winnipeg, is advertising stock for sale by auction.

It is stated that buyers will shortly be looking up milking cows in Manitoba for the British Columbia market.

C. H. Yeomans and W. King have bought out the Marquette Reporter newspaper, of Rapid City, from H. C. Clay.

The stock of Joseph A. Rogers & Co., furs, Winnipeg, which was badly damaged by fire recently, has been sold to A. Chevrier.

A change is to take place in the management of the Brandon Mail newspaper the exact nature of which has not been made public.

The promoters of the Manitoba Southeastern railway will again bring the matter of assistance to the road before the provincial government.

W. N. Fisher, manager at Winnipeg for the Western Canada Loan company, has gone to Toronto in connection with the repairing of their burned block in Winnipeg.

A large number of new creameries are proposed to be started in Manitoba this spring. In districts where creameries are likely to be started, the farmers should not forget to put up a supply of ice, as it is necessary to have a supply of ice to obtain desirable results.

The firm of Miller & Burley, stationers, Portage la Prairie, has been dissolved. Mr. Burley is entering the firm of Whitman & Co. general merchants, of the same place. Mr. Miller continues the stationery business.

The stock of T. G. Gagnon, general merchant, of St. Anne, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, at Winnipeg, on February 20. Stock consists of dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries and crockery, \$609; book accounts \$694; live stock and implements, \$317.

In the Dominion Gazette notice of incorporation is given of the Bank of Winnipeg. It is reported that several local men are behind the institution, the chief promoter being Duncan MacArthur, ex-manager of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, now in liquidation.

The legislative committee of the Winnipeg city council recently adopted a clause authorizing the city to pass by-laws regarding a special license fee from commercial travellers taking orders for goods on sample, to be made up manufactured outside of the city. This is chiefly aimed at outside merchant tailors.

The tender for groceries accepted by the Winnipeg city council for city institutions, was that of the Hudson's Bay company, the prices to be: For flour, Hungarian process, \$1.80; strong baker's, \$1.50; leader, \$1.40; xxxx, \$1; Nairn's oatmeal, granulated, \$2.10; standard, \$2; black tea, 17c; sugar, yellow, 8½c; granulated, 4½c; rice 1½c; coffee, 22½c.

The banking business of A. W. Law & Co., of Souris, has been purchased by F. V. Young and A. P. Van Someren. The transfer of the business will take place on April 15. Young & Van Someren intend starting in business at once and will occupy separate quarters until the transfer is completed. Until April 15 A. W. Law & Co.'s business will be carried on as usual.

At the annual meeting of the Virton Board of Trade the election of officers resulted as follows: B. Meek, president; J. F. Frame, vice-president; Geo. H. Healey, secretary-treasurer; W. J. Wilcox, D. Fraser, W. H. Hall, R. Adamson, R. E. Trumbell, B. F. Foster, Donald McIntosh, H. H. Goulter, Jos. A. Merrick, Duncan McDonald, Bunt and W. J. Kennedy, council.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg city council, on motion of Ald. Sproule it was agreed to recommend that the city solicitor be asked to draft the necessary legislation to enable the city to construct and operate a tramway from the city of Winnipeg to Bird's Hill and Little Stony Mountain, the by-law to be submitted to the people and carried by sixty per cent. of those entitled to vote on a money by-law. The object is to haul gravel and stone for use in the city from the points named.

The largest fire in the history of Neepawa broke out on Feb. 13 in the News printing office, and spread to the Northwestern hotel, a large frame building opposite the railway station. The walls of the hotel fell to the east setting fire to John Armstrong's boarding house. There is no insurance on Armstrong's house or his furniture, neither on the contents of the Northwestern hotel or the News office. The hotel building was built six years ago at a cost of about \$8,000; it was insured for \$1,500.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Veterinarian association was held in Winnipeg on Thursday. A considerable amount of business was transacted, including the election of the officers. The council elected, comprises Messrs Taylor, Thompson, Rutherford, Dunbar, Young, Torrence, and Hinman. Dr. Torrence was elected president. Dr. Young, vice-president, W. J. Hinman, registrar and secretary, Dr. Dunbar, treasurer. At the evening session some six papers were read on subjects of interest to the profession. The association is in a flourishing condition, and there are now over forty members in good standing on the roll. The question of tuberculosis was discussed, and many valuable suggestions relative to the subject were adduced. Messrs. Rutherford, Dunbar and Hinman were appointed an examining board for the year.

A meeting of the medical profession was held at Brandon, on February 7. The object of the meeting was the formation of a medical association for Western Manitoba. The name of the association is to be "The Western Manitoba Medical Association," and it will meet from time to time for the discussion of medical and surgical papers from the members and for the consideration of other such

matters of interest. The following are the officers for the year. President, Dr. Fleming, Brandon; first vice-president, Dr. Young, Souris; second vice-president, Dr. Sproule, Brandon; secretary, Dr. Stuart Fraser, Brandon; treasurer, Dr. McDiarmid, Brandon; members of the executive, Dr. More, Brandon; Dr. Roche, Minnedosa; Dr. Wright, Oak Lake; Dr. McEown, Hartney. The first formal meeting of the association for the reading and discussion of papers will be held early in April in Brandon.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg school board it was decided that the city council be requested to submit a by-law for the raising by way of debentures a sum of \$60,000 dollars for building purposes, purchase of sites, etc., to be for a term of twenty years and to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, also that a by-law be passed by the board for a loan, not exceeding \$97,885.99 at La Banque Nationale to meet the current expenses of the board. The committee recommended the following estimates for 1895 for adoption by the board: Repairs and improvements, \$2,000; new buildings, \$50,000; new foundations, \$5,000; heating apparatus, rents, \$300.

John E. Dingman, agent at Winnipeg for Chas. Bueckh & Sons, manufacturers of brushes, brooms, woodenware, etc., reports that spring orders are coming in nicely, and that, although business at present is quiet, they anticipate a fair season. The travellers for the firm are now on the road taking orders from coast to coast. The firm shipped their first car to Winnipeg last week and expect henceforth to send at least two carloads per month to this point. Mr. Dingman carries a full stock of woodenware here, two lines which will be in special demand soon being butter tubs and the famous Cradle Churn, made solely by this firm.

Assiniboia.

Lejeune, Smith & Co., bankers, Regina, have dissolved.

Wm. Watkins, cigars and confectionery, Medicine Hat, has assigned.

Tenders will be received up to March 4 for the erection of buildings for the Territorial Exhibition at Regina.

The department of agriculture has received a report from the veterinary inspector of Maple Creek, stating that an inspection by him of localities in which the disease of sheep scab was found some months ago has shown that such localities are now entirely free from it, as a result of the vigorous efforts to stamp out the disease.

Reduce Cotton Acreage.

A new Orleans special says the New Orleans Cotton Factors' Association, which includes the leading merchants of that city, has joined hands with southern farmers to reduce the next cotton crop. The factors and merchants have declared that they heartily agree with the farmers, and recommend a reduction of the acreage, and consequently of the cotton crop, as the best means of improving the price of cotton and thus relieving the agricultural depression prevailing in the South.

A telegram from Montreal says: "The Dominion minister of agriculture in an address before the dairyman's convention here this evening said that the Dominion government had decided to assist butter-makers by accepting through the department of agriculture all winter butter at 20 cents a pound and ship it to English markets." This is a very remarkable step for the government, if the report is true. The probability is that there is an error somewhere about it.