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WINNIPEG, JUNE 13, 1892.

Manitoba.

D. Phillips & Son are opening a tinware store at Dominion City.

Penrose & Co., butchers, Winnipeg, have sold out to C. L. Charrest.

B. McK. Gunn, butcher and contractor, Selkirk, has assigned in trust.

F. H. Francis, general store, Headingly, has closed out his High Bluff branch.

The stock of N. J. Peterson & Co., jewellers, clothing, etc., Winnipeg, has been sold to T. J. Adair.

Collins & Munro, general merchants of Miami, have purchased the store built by A. Wilson.

The effects of Rutley & McCaffrey, hotel, have been sold to G. F. R. Harris in trust for \$12,305.

A party of 163 German, Scandinavian and British immigrants arrived at Winnipeg Wednesday morning.

The estate of Gunne & Co., drugs, Glenboro, has been sold to Geo. H. Rogers & Co., Winnipeg, at 63 cents on the dollar.

T. A. Garland, general merchant of Portage, contemplates opening a branch store on the line of the C.P.R. in British Columbia.

Mr. Kobold, of Kobold & Co., Winnipeg, went west to Maple Creek on Wednesday, and expects to return with three cars of range cattle and a car of sheep.

A party of 60 men arrived at Winnipeg Tuesday last from South Dakota to prospect the country with a view to taking up land for themselves and their neighbors.

A party of fourteen visitors from the state of Michigan, arrived in Winnipeg last week. They come as delegates for residents of their respective districts, to look into the advantages of western Canada as a future home for Michiganers who contemplate leaving that state.

Parsons, Bell & Co., wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, have purchased 33 feet of land fronting on Princess street, corner of Baumtaylor, just across the street from their present quarters. It is their intention to build on this property next spring, as they find their present accommodation becoming limited.

Alex. McIntyre, lately in the wholesale liquor trade at Winnipeg, died on Tuesday morning last. Deceased has been in a weak state of health for some time. He came to Winnipeg in the seventies a poor man, but of late years has been one of our principal capitalists and property owners. The fine McIntyre block is a portion of his estate.

Selkirk Record. The Manitoba Fish Company's fleet started from Selkirk for the fishing stations on Lake Winnipeg on Monday. The outfit consisted of 10 steamers, fifteen fishing smacks and about 90 men. The Wm. Robison Fish Company's fishing fleet also started for the lake on Monday afternoon. The outfit consisted of three tugs, a refrigerator barge, seven sailing vessels and about 75 men. The Selkirk Fish Company started their outfit later in the week.

There is promise of a large crop of wild fruits this year, as there has been abundance of moisture and an absence of spring frosts since the fruit came into bloom. A late spring is always favorable to the fruit crop, as growth is retarded until the danger of frost is over. When growth starts in early the crop is in danger of being destroyed for the season by night frosts. Hay will also be an enormous crop this year. The hay crop is fully assured, as it is now past danger from drought.

Assiniboia.

R. J. Steele, druggs, Regina, has assigned in trust.

Eighty-two homestead entries were made at Regina last month.

Thorn & Upton have opened a butcher shop at Gainsboro, and J. W. Stevenson has opened a blacksmith shop at the same place.

The new firm of Hitchcock & McCulloch, bankers, are now doing business at Moose Jaw. Lafferty & Moore have transferred their agency to the new firm.

Alberta.

A. E. Waldon, druggs, Calgary, contemplates admitting a partner.

T. D. V. Dettler, dry goods, Red Deer, intends moving to Innisfail.

R. A. James, grocer, Calgary, contemplates admitting his son into partnership.

Moran Bros., plumbers, Calgary, Moran is retiring from the firm; style remains unchanged.

Samuel Parrish, grocer, flour and feed, Calgary, sold out grocery business to W. Putman & Co.

F. G. Davidson, general store, Saskatoon, has moved to Edmonton and started in the ivory business.

G. C. King & Co general dealers of Calgary, have admitted into partnership a Mr. Leakey, of Leicester, Eng. The firm will in future be known as King, Leakey & Co.

A New Winnipeg Industry.

The manufacture of beverages has become one of the most extensive industries in Winnipeg. From the number and extent of the manufacturing establishments in these lines, one would be led to suppose that the people of this country are heavy drinkers. The Winnipeg manufacturers, however, are confined to the milder sorts of beverages, ales and beers being the strongest kinds of liquid refreshments made here. In these goods the trade of the city is large. A very large business is also done in the manufacture of temperance drinks, and

this spring a new firm has been added to the list of local manufacturing establishments in the latter class of goods.

The new firm we refer to is O'Kelly Bros. & Co., who opened business in Winnipeg early in May, in the premises adjoining THE COMMERCIAL office. This firm carried on business formerly in the manufacture of aerated waters at Pembroke, Ontario. J. O'Kelly, while on a business trip to the west last winter, arranged with a number of Winnipeg dealers in aerated waters, to open a factory for the manufacture of these goods in Winnipeg. The firm therefore came here under agreement with a number of the largest dealers in the city, the dealers agreeing to purchase from the firm, and the latter agreeing to supply the goods at stated prices.

The premises secured were fitted up with the latest improved machinery, purchased in New York, and including two large gas generators and three cylinders, two bottling tables, steam bottle washer, etc. The latter is a very useful machine in an establishment of this kind, and does its work quickly and perfectly. There is also a special machine for bottling St. Leon water. This is a well known mineral water, which is received in barrels, from the springs in Quebec province. The building is furnished with steam for power and other purposes, and is well adapted for the business. The ground floor is 100 feet deep by 30 feet wide, and second floor, which is used for storage principally, the same size.

The principal goods manufactured by O'Kelly Bros. are champaign cider, cream soda, club soda, lemonade, sarsaparilla, ginger ale, etc.; also brewed ginger beer, and St. Leon water is bottled on the premises. The firm has done a good trade from the opening day here, and the business is increasing. The business is largely in the city, but some mail orders are coming in, and now that the firm are getting established, it is the intention to give more attention to the country trade. J. O'Kelly, who is at present looking after the firm's interest in Ontario, will return to Winnipeg and start in to work up outside business. The establishment here is in charge of C. O'Kelly. Ed. Joly, who has had twenty years experience in Ontario, with this and other firms, is foreman of the establishment. Ten hands are employed in the works.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the two weeks ended May 28 and June 4, 1892, is given below with the grading of the same.

Grade.	May 28.	June 4,
Extra Manitoba hard	0	0
No. 1 hard	1	2
No. 2 hard	11	69
No. 3 hard	3	13
No. 1 Northern	4	4
No. 2 Northern	4	11
No. 3 Northern	0	3
No. 2 White fyle	0	1
No. 1 Regular	27	29
No. 2 Regular	10	4
No. 3 Regular	2	1
No. 1 Rejected	0	3
No Grade	0	6
Rejected	5	12
Feed Wheat	0	1
Total	72	169

Total inspected for the two weeks, as above, 231 cars. Inspected for the previous two weeks 123 cars. Total inspected for the corresponding three weeks of last year, 146 cars.

Campbell & Stevens, millers, Chatham, have dissolved.

James Dick, general store, Caledon, has removed to Melancthon.

McAulay, Pratt & Co., dry goods, Hamilton, have dissolved. Wm. McAulay continues the business.

The by-law passed last month by the Toronto city council to exempt from taxation the machinery, plant and tools of manufacturers has been pronounced by the city solicitor ultra vires so far as school rates are concerned.