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WINNIPEG, JULY 14, 1890.

## Manitoba.

F. Loader has opened a restaurant in Winnipeg.

J. D. Chapelaine has sold out his hotel at Cypress River.

J. Fletcher, hotelkeeper, Binscarth, has given up business.

The fees from the Winnipeg market for June amounted to \$115.30.

Middleton & Co., boots and shoes, Winnipeg, have given up business.

Two tons of woolen yarn were shipped from the Rapid City mills last week.

Mrs. E. Clay has opened out in the fruit and confectionery business at Rapid City.

Hamilton & Spence, hotelkeepers, Winnipeg, have dissolved; each continuing alone.

A. W. Bailey, harness maker, Rapid City, has added boots and shoes to his business.

Campbell & Leflar, general merchants, Rapid City, have dissolved; Leflar continues the business.

Wm. Madder, general storekeeper and farmer, Douglas, is opening in lumber business at Madford.

Brandon merchants are complaining of a scarcity of change since the American silver has been expelled.

The contract for putting an electric light in the Portage la Prairie paper mills has been awarded to a Montreal firm.

The by-law to grant exemption from taxation to the Winnipeg soap factory was defeated by popular vote last week. The vote was very small, and stood for the by-law, 277; against it, 253.

J. H. Holman, representing H. Shorey & Co., clothing, Montreal, at Winnipeg, has moved his sample rooms from 35 Lombard St. to '8 Rowand Block, corner Portage Avenue and Main St.

The report of the immigration offices for the first six months of this year show the number of bona fide settlers coming to Manitoba and the Western Territories to have been: January, 230; February, 232; March, 2,146; April, 1,868; May, 1,904; June, 1,098; total, 7,478.

The transactions of the Dominion Government's Savings Bank at Winnipeg for June were: Deposits, \$10,972 86; withdrawals, \$25,803.96; withdrawals exceed deposits by \$8,831.10. The balance due depositors on July 1st, 1890, was \$314,873.58.

W. J. Bird, hide inspector at Winnipeg, has presented his half-yearly report, in which he shows that the total number of hides inspected were 4,812. This would indicate a falling off in numbers. The decrease is accounted for by low prices, scarcity of hay, and by shipments east and south. The total amount of fees collected during the half-year was \$210.60

## Saskatchewan.

Reports from Prince Albert say the hay prospects are good.

A letter from Mr. Biggar, engineer of the Great Northwestern Central railway, says that work on the survey west of the Elbow, on the south side of the Saskatchewan, is progressing rapidly as nearly as possible along the survey of the original line of the Canadian Pacific railway.

The Prince Albert *Saskatchewan* is evidently doing its best to place the advantages of the district it represents before the world. A sixteen page issue of that journal has just come to hand containing an exhaustive article on the advantages of the territory of Saskatchewan in general and Prince Albert district in particular. This relieves the newspaper of all responsibility in the matter, and if the people will second the efforts of the publishers and see that this number is liberally distributed in eastern Canada and even as far as the old country, we are sure it will be of great value as an advertisement of the resources of the Territory.

## Assiniboia.

Bredenburg wants a general store.

A. Gaudry has opened a butcher shop at Moose Jaw.

H. Ferguson has bought out the butcher business of Bate & Ferguson at Moose Jaw.

J. D. Sibbald, the popular and well known business man of Regina, has taken unto himself a wife.

The merchants of Moose Jaw have signed an agreement to close their stores at 7 o'clock every evening except Saturday, and on Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

The stock of Narvolansky & Ripstein who were burned out in the recent fire at Moosomin and who afterwards assigned, is to be sold by auction on the 16th inst. at Brandon. The stock is valued at nearly \$5,000 and consists of jewellery, boots and shoes and dry goods,

## Alberta.

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F. Gillespie, tea importer, Calgary, has made an assignment.

The H. B. Co., at Edmonton, has paid out \$23,379 for freight since Feb. 1st, 1890, of which \$16,500 was to residents of the town.

The residents of Edmonton district have formed themselves into an association for the purpose of terminating indiscriminate credit.

The Calgary Water Power Company has been organized, and the following elected directors: J. K. Kerr, P. A. Prince, F. H. Moon, D. R. Moon and J. E. Prince.

## Northwestern Ontario.

The Porcupine silver mine was sold recently to the Badger company for \$50,000.

Some trouble is being experienced in passing the machinery for the Rat Portage reduction works through the customs office at Port Arthur. It is being held by the officers there for duty which the reduction works people refuse to pay, as they say that all mining machinery is exempt from duty according to an order-in-council passed by the Government. The company have been compelled to stop work pending the settlement of the dispute.

## General Notes.

New counterfeit Dominion \$2 bills are afloat in Ontario.

A company is being organized for the manufacture of glue in Toronto.

The new prohibition law went into force in North Dakota on July 1st and promptly at midnight every saloon was closed.

The traffic returns of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ending June 21st, 1890, show a decrease of \$10,043 over the corresponding week of 1889.

Excursion tickets from St Paul and Minneapolis to Port Arthur and return, a distance of 200 miles, are being sold for \$16 by the St. Paul & Duluth road.

A Connecticut genius has gotten up an egg opener, the purpose of which is to open raw or boiled eggs without soiling the fingers or mixing fragments of the shell with the egg.

The Toronto Canoe and Boat Company, Toronto, has been organized with a capital stock of \$50,000 and has taken over the boat building and boat house business of W. H. Glendinning.

The customs receipts at the port of Montreal for the month of June were \$715,398.12. The annual statement for the year ending June 30th, 1890, shows a decrease of \$493,530.59 as compared with the year ending 30th June, 1889.

Capitalists are proposing to establish a mill for the manufacture of linen at Minneapolis, Minn. Much depends for its success upon the passage of the McKinley tariff bill, with the linen schedules practically unchanged.

Various reports are coming in as to the state of business in the principal commercial cities of the United States. A decline in the market value of cattle is one of the features and hogs have touched the lowest point of the year. Speculation has been influenced by doubts as to the final solution of the silver question.