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WINNIPEG, MARCH 5, 1894.

Manitoba.

J. V. Rae, general store, Arrow River, assigned.

Campbell & Robinson, dry goods, Morden, assigning.

Holden & Wright, furniture and undertakers, Melita, assigned.

About \$200,000 in new buildings is in sight by Winnipeg architects.

G. G. Graham, blacksmith and implement dealer, Stonewall, is dead.

J. Max Peplo has succeeded Dr. Ferguson in the drug business at Selkirk.

C. L. Farnworth, general store, Portage la Prairie, sheriff in possession.

The Manitou Printing & Publishing Co., Manitou, seeking incorporation.

K. McLean & Bro., dry goods, Winnipeg, advertise their stock for sale en bloc.

The proposal has been made to turn the cheese factory at Manitou into a creamery.

The business of McInnes & Irwin, general store, Strathclair, is now conducted by Mr. McInnes.

A branch of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers has been organized in Winnipeg.

C. L. Farnworth, who purchased the dry goods business of G. W. Robinson of Portage la Prairie last fall, is closing up business.

The Winnipeg Poultry and Pet Stock association held their first annual exhibition last week, opening on Tuesday evening. The exhibition was considered a good one.

The Pharmaceutical Association for Manitoba announces their next regular examinations to be held on the 4th, 5th and 6th of April. Candidates are required to give fourteen day's notice to the registrar.

The stock of boots and shoes of the Brandon Boot Co. will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Wednesday, 14th March, 1894, at Winnipeg. The stock consists of boots and shoes, \$8,635.67; fixtures, \$245.85; book accounts, \$1,680.09.

Mr. Burton has arrived from Carberry with his stock, says the Portage la Prairie Liberal, and is now busily engaged in unpacking his goods in his premises next to Ashdown's hardware store, where he will open with a full line of dry goods, boots and shoes and groceries.

H. F. Forrest, receiver for the G.N.W.C. Ry denies the report that interested people are spreading that the road is not being operated. Trains are not being run on a regular schedule time card, but are sent over the road two or three times a week as business and freight warrants.

The Canadian Pacific railway company has agreed to give the same rates to the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition as last year. Exhibits will be carried both ways free of charge, and very low passenger rates will be given. This ensures the success of the exhibition.

The stock of Bower & Co., general merchants, Brandon, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Friday, 10th March, at Winnipeg, consisting of the following: Dry goods, \$4,751.50; groceries, \$1,659.65; clothing, \$1,709.04; boots and shoes, \$1,120.14; gent's furnishings, \$1,572.43; hats and caps, \$477.37; furs, \$1,107.12; hardware, crockery and glassware, \$529.29; shop fixtures, etc., \$589.15; book accounts, \$3,987.34—total, \$17,403.12.

Many will regret to hear that J. H. Housser, of the Massey-Harris Company, is leaving Winnipeg to take the management of the company's Brantford factories. Mr. Housser has been in Winnipeg for many years, in connection with the implement trade, and was manager here for A. Harris, Son & Co. when the two concerns were amalgamated, after which he remained as assistant manager of the new company. As a business man Mr. Housser is universally respected here, for his many sterling qualities.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., pork packers, Winnipeg, have issued a circular stating that they will close their winter-packing operations on March 15, and they want all dressed hogs intended for them in by that date. They expect to begin operations again on May 15, on live hogs. The interim will be taken advantage of to improve the factory; some portions of the new establishment not having been fully completed when packing operations were begun last fall.

Assiniboia.

The Qu'Appelle Printing and Publishing Co. has been incorporated.

Mr. Fraser is establishing a machine and woodworking shop at Grenfell.

R. W. Francis, grain dealer, a resident of Grenfell, died of rupture of the stomach at Indian Head.

Rudolph Booz, late of the Western Milling Co., Regina, will open out in business on his own account at Regina.

Alberta.

Miss Armstrong is opening in millinery at Edmonton.

The Innisfail Dairy and Stock Co. is applying for incorporation.

E. De Raibonville, hotel, Canmore, is succeeded by Wm. McCardell.

Word has been received that an irrigation convention will be held in Calgary March 8 and 9. The mayor and the agricultural society of the district have the matter in hand.

It is reported that the Hudson's Bay company intend to extend their present store at Calgary by the addition of a further two-storey stone block, immediately to the west of the present one.

P. Bowers, of Calgary, has returned from the east. He has been making arrangements for shipping cattle from his ranch in Alberta to the old country. He took down a car load of stock with him as an experiment and is well satisfied with the arrangements he has made. The Lethbridge News of March 1 says:—

"The difficulty between the Coal Co. and the miners is still unsettled but it is expected that a settlement will be arrived at some time before the end of the week, and that no trouble will ensue. On Monday a notice was posted by the company stating that they were prepared to engage so many men at a reduction of 17½ per cent all round. A meeting of the miners was held but they would not agree to this reduction, and a committee was appointed to wait on the manager and see whether he would meet the miners themselves or a committee from them and talk the matter over. They were informed that there were now over 400 miners in town and as, if the mines did reopen, the company could only employ 145 for the next couple of months, a list of the names of those having interests in town would be made out and a committee of those would be received by the manager and conferred with as to terms and other conditions. The list of names was posted up, and has been surrounded by a crowd of miners ever since. It is expected that a meeting of those mentioned will be held and an amicable settlement arrived at so that the miners may commence operations again shortly. Notices have also been posted offering free passes over the A. R. & C. Co's line to Great Falls, Montana, and cheap rates over the Canadian Pacific railway to all those wishing to take advantage of them."

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin of March 3 in its last week's review says:—"The east-bound roads increased their business by putting into effect on February 27 of a 20c per 100 lbs on flour and grain and 30c on provisions to New York, but there were rumors that tariffs were not maintained. Through rates to Liverpool were easier at 28 to 30c per 100 lbs on flour, 13c per bushel on wheat, 13c per bushel on corn, and 44 to 49 69c per 100 lbs on provisions. The inquiry for vessel room to load and store grain was only fair, and rates steady on the basis of 2c for corn and 3c for wheat to Buffalo, and 4c for wheat or corn to Kingston."

The Montreal Trade Bulletin, of March 2, has the following to say regarding the flurry in oats, as reported in The Commercial of last week:—"Last week the Canadian Pacific railway authorities, hearing that the Grand Trunk had lowered its local rate of freight on oats from western points to Montreal, at once reduced its local rate from 21 to 16c per 100 lbs, which is the export rate. This at once induced large purchases in Ontario, estimated at over 100,000 bushels at 34 to 35c per bushel, being an advance of 2 to 3c upon former rates. Then the Canadian Pacific notified buyers that the rate had been restored to 21c, when of course the price of oats immediately fell to the old price. The result of this sudden reversal of orders was due to the Canadian Pacific discovering that the reported reduction by the Grand Trunk was without foundation. To make matters all the more mixed, as soon as the Grand Trunk found out that the Canadian Pacific had made the reduction, the former at once followed suit, which it also has since reversed."

New Kind of Grain.

A grain is grown in the Himalayan Mountain country that should be investigated by our general government, or by some of the interested state governments. It is called Kownee, and the fact that it grows at such altitudes is what lends special interest to it. It looks something like wheat; but very much larger ears. The grains are quite small, of a brown color and quite like wheat. It is not impossible that it is wheat modified by culture and circumstances. It yields very largely, and would be suitable for our mountain and extreme northern territory and for British America. The plant from which the Indian tea, now so popular, was grown, was found growing wild in the same Himalayan district.—American Elevator and Grain Trade.