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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 27, 1894.

## Manitoba.

A. Jackson is opening a general store at Thornhill.

Moses Lechtzier, tobacconist, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out to J. Russell.

Mr. Nicholls has resigned the managership of Molson's bank, Winnipeg.

Dr. Young and Stoyte, of Souris, has formed a business partnership.

Dr. Stoyte has sold his drug and stationery business at Souris to Sydney Smith.

Richard Stoffes is building a new store and starting a butcher's shop at Holland.

Hay Bros., of McGregor, will make a shipment of cattle in the first week in September, having purchased upwards of 200 head.

James Morrison, formerly connected with the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, has arranged to open a private bank at Virden.

The general rate of municipal taxation for the year 1894 has been fixed at 15.50 mills and the school rate 4.10 mills, making a total of 19.60 mills on the dollar.

The Neepawa Register says that one firm in that town has received fifty or more orders for new binders. This does not look like a light crop for that district at least.

A train load of cattle comprising sixteen cars, arrived at Winnipeg on Sunday from the Alberta ranches, en route to Great Britain, shipped by Gordon & Ironside.

Beresford Pheppoc, who has had charge of Molsons bank at Toronto Junction for nearly four years has been promoted to the managership of the Winnipeg branch of the bank.

The new Winnipeg city milk by-law comes into force to day (Monday), and its provisions will be strictly enforced. All dealers are required to take out licenses, otherwise they will be liable to prosecution.

Another train load of stock will be shipped east by Almack and Wake on the 30th inst. from northwestern Manitoba. Most of the

cattle have been purchased. Binescarth, Birtle, Solsgrith and Shoal Lako will be the points for making up the train.

Both the hotels at Souris, the Crescent and Transit hotels, owned by Harry Nugent, and W. Foster and D. McCallum respectively, have been refused licenses by the commissioner, and Souris is now a "temperance town."

Thieves entered Lawrie Bros.' store at Morris on Aug. 17, and made away with a quantity of goods, including watches, etc. This is the second time this store has been burglarized in the course of a short time. An attempt was also made to crack the safe in the building, but it proved unsuccessful, and the thieves did not succeed in securing any cash.

The destruction of bears out of season in Manitoba goes on. Within a week several accounts have been noticed in country papers of the slaughter of bears. If the animals were allowed to live a few weeks, their skins would become valuable, but they are useless at present. The killing of bears at this season looks very much like wanton destruction.

Rubleo, Riddle & Co. have purchased the Winnipeg biscuit and confectionery factory, lately conducted by Wm. Bateman & Co., from Thompson, Codville & Co. The factory will at once be overhauled and made ready for operation, and now that it is in good hands, its success is assured. The wholesale fruit business will be continued as before by Rubleo, Riddle & Co. The sale of this biscuit factory to W. J. Byrd, reported a couple of weeks ago, fell through.

## Alberta.

H. Wilson, general store, Edmonton; advertises selling out.

Geo. Thompson, drugs, etc., is starting business at South Edmonton.

Maloney & Johnston, horse and implement dealers, Calgary, have dissolved partnership; Maloney retiring.

A number of settlers from South Dakota, Minnesota and Middle States, arrived last week for the Edmonton district.

D. Collins, harness maker, has transferred his business to E. F. Hutchings of Winnipeg. Mr. Collins will continue to manage the store.

Bole, Wynne & Co., of Winnipeg, have taken over the drug business of Geo. Thompson, at Fort Saskatchewan, and Wm. Young has been placed in charge.

Carling & Lake of Golden B. C. have shipped a consignment of furs to Edmonton. The Northern Alberta town seems to be doing a large fur trade.

The Calgary Water Power company is busy erecting poles for lighting the streets with electricity. Arc lights are to be used, and the lamps are to be in use Sept. 1.

Haelip and Nagel, says the Edmonton Bulletin of August 16, are expected in with their outfit of fur from Fort Resolution this week. They are reported to have about \$30,000 worth with them.

The stockholders of the Calgary Herald Publishing company have decided to cease publishing their journal and retire from the publishing business. It is reported that a strong company will be formed to re commence publishing in a few days.

Edmonton Correspondent:—Edmonton is the centre of the fur trade; here is gathered the furs from the Mackenzie, Peace and Athabasca rivers, Lao la Biche, Jasper Pass and even British Columbia. About \$250,000 worth of furs have already been marketed here this year, and large shipments are reported on the way.

The Edmonton Bulletin says: "E. C. Campbell, representing E. F. Hutchings, Winnipeg, arrived last week and will superintend the two harness stores running under the direction of that firm. Mr. Campbell will remain here three months, probably longer, and should business increase it is the intention of the firm

to combine the two and build a suitable brick block to carry on business in."

Men have begun work under the direction of Dr. Solwyn, chief of the Geological Survey expedition, testing for oil in the Athabasca district. The first tests are being made about two miles from Athabasca landing, and at last reports the drill had been sunk fifty-five feet. The expect to strike oil at a depth of between 1,500 and 2,000 feet.

On Saturday last, says the Lothbridge News of August 15, the first shipment of cattle from this station for the Old Country markets took place and quite a number of our citizens went out to the stock yards to see them loaded. They were principally from the herds of Maunsell Bros., and Browning Bros., with some 70 head from the Circle ranch. They were as fine a looking lot of animals as can be seen anywhere and will bring credit on the part of Alberta. On Friday next two trainloads are to be shipped, and the cattle which are now being held about six miles down the river are well worthy a visit. We understand a large number of cattle are to be shipped from this point this summer, the Cochrane ranch alone having several train loads to ship. Besides these all the cattle from Pincher Creek and Macleod districts will go this way. They are all for Gordon & Ironsides, who have purchased nearly all the fat cattle in this section of country.

## North-West Ontario.

A Dominion government dredge has arrived at Port William. The river there will be dredged to a depth of twenty-one feet and a width of 400 feet.

The steamer Dixon brought in at Port Arthur a five stamp gold mill to be shipped to Ward Bros. It will be put in a mine near Rainy Lake city. The little American vein is now twenty-six feet wide and they propose building a forty-foot stamp mill on the island on which the mine is located. The present mill on the main land is to be used as a custom mill.

The steamer Highland Maid arrived at Rat Portage on Aug. 21 with the passengers of the steamer Monarch. They report that on Sunday morning, while the Monarch was ascending the Sault rapids, the boat swung and fell off down stream, striking and bumping the rocks until in a moment a hole was stove in near the stern, and the hold commenced filling. Every effort was made to keep the water down, the pumps, syphon and pails being used, but the water gained, only taking ten minutes to drench the fires under the boiler, and the boat gradually settled midst rushing rapids, until the boiler Jack was two feet under water. All passengers were saved.

## Assiniboia.

Mrs. T. B. McAlpine, fruit, confectionery and bakery, Moosomin, is succeeded by M. Airey.

Mr. Kobold, cattle dealer of Winnipeg, says a Regina paper passed through lately with three cars of fat cattle.

## Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending Aug. 23, were \$634,670; balances, \$133,380. For the previous week clearings were \$845,289.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Clearings.	
	Aug. 9th.	Aug. 16th
Montreal .....	\$10,110,153	\$9,373,863
Toronto .....	4,864,232	4,112,562
Halifax .....	1,240,723	1,298,980
Winnipeg .....	985,321	845,289
Hamilton .....	593,921	535,869

Total ..... \$17,794,410 \$16,166,568