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WINNIPEG, JUNE 25, 1894.

Manitoba

Magee & Co., grocers, Brandon, assigned. The Virden Chronicle has suspended publication.

C. C. Montgomery, hotel, Winnipeg, succeeded by H. Braun.

William Bateman & Co., biscuit manufacturers, Winnipeg, in financial difficulties.

Felix Henry, grocer, Winnipeg, succeeded by Stoddart & Reid.

Lake Winnipeg Fish Co., West Selkirk, sold out to F. W. Colcleugh.

The Winnipeg wholesale dry goods and clothing houses now close daily at 5 p.m.

Chalmers Bros. & Bethune, of Maitou, forwarded a consignment of fat stock to Rat Portage last week.

The Queen's hotel, Winnipeg, will shortly be reopened. The lessees are Wm. Bateman and Jas. G. Bennett.

R. Mullins, cattle dealer, Virden, shipped a car of hogs to Montreal on Wednesday. He is also shipping a car of wool, and a car of hogs to Lethbridge.

The Australian delegates to the Ottawa conference were tendered a banquet by the business men of Winnipeg, on Saturday evening, on their way through to Ottawa.

The furnishing stock of the estate of J. Nation, Brandon, will be sold at a rate on the dollar at the store in Brandon, on Tuesday, June 25. The stock amounts to \$3,906.89; and shop fixture, \$497.65.

The contract for the erection of the court house and jail at Portage la Prairie has been let to T. M. Beamish, of Brandon, whose tender was the lowest sent in and was in amount \$22,544. The highest tender was \$22,700. There were in all seven tenders submitted. Work will be commenced immediately.

The steamer Sultana arrived at Selkirk from Grand Rapids on June 18 with 1 200 boxes of whitefish for the Selkirk Fish Co., and Reid & Tait. This is the first fish of the season.

Captain Howell reports fish more plentiful this year than any previous season. Considerable ice was encountered in the north end of Lake Winnipeg.

Mr. Ayres, an extensive stock breeder of the Moosimin district, has purchased a 400 acre farm in St. Paul's parish, near Winnipeg, and will shortly occupy the place. Mr. Ayres says there are several farmers in the west who contemplate removing to the Winnipeg district, believing that the advantages in the way of markets, etc., are better than elsewhere in the country.

A new Winnipeg firm in the flour, feed and grain business is that of John O'Donohue & Co. Mr. O'Donohue, who has lately been engaged in the implement trade, is well known, and starts with a good business connection. The firm will deal in flour, oatmeal, feed grains, hay, etc., and will receive country produce for handling on commission. The place of business is in Mr. O'Donohue's old premises on King street, facing the hay market.

Andrew Allan, of Montreal, has filed a petition in the Court of Queen's Bench, Winnipeg, asking to have the Vulcan Iron Company wound up. The petition sets out that Allan is interested to the extent of 1,350 shares in the company, the capital stock being fixed at 2,500 shares of \$100 each, and he claims that the company is indebted to him to the extent of \$7,700 for moneys advanced, and he is liable on a note discounted by the Merchant's Bank for a total of \$23,850. On the 12th inst. the bank in question obtained a judgment against the company for \$8,521.27, and amongst other liabilities of the company is one of about \$7,500 arrears of wages of employees. The annual meeting of the company took place on the 9th inst., and it was there shown that while the company's assets were 102,978.67, and liabilities \$66,519.14, leaving a surplus of \$36,439.53, as a number of creditors were threatening legal proceedings to enforce payment of their claims it was thought advisable in the interests of all concerned that the company should declare themselves unable to meet their liabilities as they fell due, and that an order declaring the company insolvent and directing that the business should be wound up should be made by the court, the parties finding it impossible to agree among themselves as to the terms on which the proposed order should be made. A. W. Law was appointed provisional liquidator, security being fixed at 3,000. The works will not be shut down but will continue to run as in the past. The matter will again come before the court in two week's time when permanent liquidators will be appointed.

Assiniboia.

L. C. Rodgers, merchant, Regina, writes The Commercial to deny the report that he had sold out, but we learn from other sources that he has sold out his grocery department. This doubtless led to the report that he had sold out his business.

Saskatchewan.

The prospectus of the Prince Albert Advocate has been issued. The new paper is to be established in Prince Albert at once by the Advocate Printing Co., of which C. R. Stovel is the manager.

Northwest Ontario.

A few showers of rain have put out most of the forest fires. Previously fires had been raging in many districts.

Work has been started upon a large addition to the Hudson Bay Company's store at Rat Portage. The addition is to be considerably larger than the present store, and to have all the modern improvements.

Alberta.

Mrs. McBride has opened in fancy goods at South Edmonton.

The sum of \$25,000 has been put in this year's estimates for a jail at Calgary.

The voting at Calgary to raise \$10,000 for a hospital and \$30,000 for consolidating the debt at four and a half per cent were carried.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The business and estate of the late Peter Atkins, lumber dealer, of Morden, Man., is offered for sale by tender to July 14.

Grain and Milling News.

The site has been selected for the new mill at Virden at the southwest end of the town. Active operations it is said will soon be commenced.

There are two by-laws to be voted on at Brandon on Friday the one to give a bonus and exemption from taxes to a new flour mill and the other to exempt Alexander Kelly & Co. from taxation for a number of years on their increasing the capacity of their mill.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of June 15 says:—"There has been a considerable business in flour during the past two days, the Lake of the Woods Milling Company having sold 16,000 sacks of Manitoba spring patents for English account. Yesterday they sold 6,000 sacks and to-day 10,000 sacks, the latter sale being made at 3d per sack more money than was paid yesterday. The same figure was bid for 10,000 sacks more, but the company refused it. This would appear to indicate that John Bull is commencing to look ahead for his breadstuffs supplies, believing probably that present low prices are not going to stay."

Freight may well be going past Montreal, says the Trade Bulletin, when United States railways are taking flour from Chicago to Boston and Philadelphia at 10c per 100 lbs, while the rate by the Grand Trunk and C. P. R. to Montreal is 20c per 100 lbs, which is double the price for a much shorter distance.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending June 21, were \$791,097; balances, \$155,835. For the previous week clearings were \$727,899.

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

	Clearings.	June 7th.	June 14th.
Montreal	\$11,344,544	\$10,792,621	
Toronto	5,571,825	5,226,485	
Halifax	1,146,738	1,008,668	
Winnipeg	817,178	727,899	
Hamilton	726,750	682,137	
Total	\$19,607,035	\$18,437,810	

A telegram by way of Spokane, Wash., says: Particulars of the Kaslo, B.C., storm have reached here. The loss, it is thought, will reach \$100,000. The Galena Trading Co.'s store, Bir's hardware store, the government wharf and about seventy houses were swept away. The only life lost was that of Mrs. D. C. Gregory. The storm came up between 4 and 5 o'clock. It was preceded by a number of hot waves, then came a terrible gale which filled the air with debris, churned the lake into a mighty sea and blew the buildings into the water. Meanwhile Kaslo river was dammed by a log jam and scores of cabins along its banks were ruined.

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