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Winnipeg Industrial.

Entries for the summer show of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association should be sent to the secretary on or before the 14th of July, and can be made on printed forms which will accompany the prize lists when printed. The entrance fee in all cases must be forwarded with the entry. The fees have been fixed as follows: Stallions, 3 years old and upwards, \$1.50; all other horses, over 1 year, \$1; all other horses 1 year and under, 50c; bulls, 3 years old and upwards, \$1; other cattle, over 1 year, 50c; cattle under 1 year, 25c; sheep, per head, 25c; pigs, per head, 25c; poultry, including coops, feed and attendance, per pair, 30c; rabbits, including coops, feed and attendance, per pair, 30c; dairy products, entry for each section, 25c; grains, flour, etc., each entry, 25c; field roots, 5 entries, lot, 25c; field roots, over five entries, lot, 50c; garden vegetables (same as field roots); plants and flowers, (same as field roots); fruits, preserves and pickles (same as field roots), ladies' work (same as field roots); bees and honey, each entry, 25c; manufactures of Manitoba, etc., each entry, 25c; domestic manufactures, 25c, leather and leather goods, 25c, preserved meats and fish, 25c; fine arts 25c; natural history, etc., 25c; school exhibits, 25c.

There are no charges for space except in special cases where extra advantages, for advertising purposes, may have been applied for. Applications for space for the exhibit of all classes of manufactures, should be made to the secretary as early as possible. Space will be allotted according to order of application, up to the 14th of July, after which date it will be allotted according to the extent previously undisposed of.

On and after Monday, the 18th July, exhibitors, their agents and workmen will be admitted to the grounds and building for the

purpose of making preparatory structures, or getting machinery and implements into position.

All live stock entered must be on the grounds not later than ten a.m., on Tuesday, July 26th. All plants and flowers in pots must be arranged on the tables by 9 a.m. on the same day. All other articles, implements, machinery, stoves, manufactures of all kinds, house, fine arts and ladies' work, etc., must be placed in position by 6 o'clock p.m. on Monday, July 25th.

Manitoba.

W. J. Gunno, druggist, Glenboro, has assigned.

R. S. Campion, hotel, Treherne, is moving to Regina.

John Whyte & Co., of Mitchell, Ont., have opened a pork packing house at Brandon.

It is said the C P R Souris branch will be built westward to a junction with the new line to be built from the main line near Regina, southward to St. Paul.

The stock in trade of Livingstone & Co., general dealers, of Glenboro and Hilton, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on the 30th May, at Winnipeg. The combined stocks and book accounts amount to \$10 971.

Mackenzie & Mills, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, have moved to the Bathgate block, corner Princess and Alexander streets. They occupy the centre store in the block, where they have improved accommodation for the business.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba was held at Winnipeg on Monday. The election of directors for the year resulted in the return of the following: Duncan Macartur, I. M. Ross, G. H. Strevel, E. F. Hutchings, Norman Matheson and Alexander Logan. At a subsequent meeting of directors, Mr. Macartur was re-elected president and I. M. Ross vice president.

Assiniboia.

Ritchard Tios, Broadview, general dealer, has assigned.

J. M. Chalmers, dry goods and boots and shoes, Moose Jaw, has added a stock of groceries to his business.

Clementson & Patterson, general dealers, of Broadview, have fallen into the hands of the sheriff, and their stock is advertised for sale on May 23. The firm has assigned.

The Grierson block, Whitewood, was destroyed by fire on April 20. Chas. Sweet, druggist, lost \$1,500 worth of stock. The Mounted Police detachment lost personal property to the value of \$100. Charles Street's dwelling was saved by the exertions of the citizens, but was badly damaged. The entire loss is about \$3,000, on which there was partial insurance.

Unit of Measure for Grain.

As in this country so in the United Kingdom, a variety of weights and measures is used in selling grain. A bushel in one district is equal to more or less than a bushel in another, which causes a world of confusion and trouble.

Efforts are continually being made in both countries to secure the adoption of the same unit of measure throughout the country. It would greatly simplify grain measures, prevent errors and facilitate business between the two countries if both would adopt the same unit.

The great variation in legal bushels established by the different states forms a puzzling complexity. The unit of measure for grain should be the same throughout our country and that unit should be one hundred pounds. We have repeatedly shown the discrepancies between the legal standards of the different states. In not all states is the legal standard used, but those using any other do so at their

peril, for sellers can insist upon the legal standard being used and sue for the difference where they find another was used without their consent.—Chicago Elevator and Grain Trade.

Bradstreets Wool Report.

The distributive trade in wool is light because there are few good wools to be had in any market. Holders of choice wools have been able for some time to dictate prices, and some lots of domestic fleeces are known to have been sold considerably above the market. As far as the supply is concerned, the market is in good shape to receive the new wools which are now coming forward. Manufacturers as a rule are lightly supplied. Some lots of new California wool have come on the market and been sold. Territories and Texas wools are also coming along, and before the end of the month there will be a fair supply of new wools for manufacturers to choose from. Pulled wools continue in strong demand. Stocks of A supers are being rapidly reduced. The supply of B supers is exhausted. All classes of manufacturers have been buying these wools, a fact which shows how the stock of other grades have been cleaned up. Holders will doubtless be able to dispose of about all their stocks before new wools come forward. Australian wools are meeting with a fair demand. Prices are unchanged, but they are held very firm. Buyers who have returned from the London sales express the belief that the June sales will open at the advance and some think even higher prices will be paid. Much will depend upon how English manufacturers take hold. As they took a comparatively small amount at the last sales, they will probably be free buyers in June. Carpet wools are fairly active and firm. The Liverpool sales opened on Tuesday. A very firm feeling was noted among buyers.—New York, May 21.

Dakota Crops.

The South Dakota crop report for the week ended May 21 says. From Saturday night until Tuesday morning the temperature conditions were favorable to crop growth, and marked improvement was noticeable in all field crops, grass and fruit buds. The remainder of the week, however, was not favorable, the days and nights being too cool and the rainfall almost continuous. Reports indicate that wheat, oats, barley and rye are looking well, and that all the wheat, nearly all the oats, and most of the barley, that will be sown this year, is now in the ground. Flax sowing is well advanced, and millet sowing advancing. Corn planting has advanced some, but considerable of the ground will, it is believed, be devoted to other crops.

The bulletin of the North Dakota state weather service for the week ended May 21 says: The week just ended opened fair and warmer and gave opportunity for a thorough pushing of the greatly delayed seeding, which was well taken advantage of in all sections of the state. Seeding is about completed in several counties, except in low lands. On Tuesday a very heavy rain storm occurred in the eastern portion, again putting a stop to all work. This rain storm was followed during the rest of the week by abnormally low temperature, high northerly winds and sleet and snow. In the central and western counties only a few light showers occurred, which tended to improve rather than injure crop conditions, although the high winds and low temperature of the last four days have been detrimental. In Burleigh county wheat seed put in with broadcast seeders was blown out. Nearly all correspondents report wheat coming up in fine condition, though somewhat slow. Many cattle in herds are dying for want of warm weather and grass to feed on at Montpelier, Statsman county. Slight injury was done to growing crops by frost of the 18th, 19th and 20th at Steele, Kidder county.