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WINNIPEG, APRIL 13, 1891.

Manitoba.

The *Red Elliott* is closing up his wagon making business at Carberry.

Maywood Bros., transfer agents, Branlon, have assigned in trust.

J. J. Dunlop, general store, Virden, has sold out to Pineo & Merrick.

White & Co., hardware, Winnipeg, have admitted H. Steep into partnership.

The Red river was open in places last week, and was being crossed in open boats.

W. J. Smile, boot and shoe dealer, Carberry, has sold out to Mr. Plummerfelt, formerly in the shoe trade at Brandon.

Leslar & McDonald, general store, Rapid City, have dissolved partnership; each continuing separately.

Howden & Howden, of Winnipeg, are opening a branch law office at Neepawa.

The *Rapid City Spectator* continues to come to hand, though it was reported recently that the paper had been sold out.

M. Thompson and J. Henry have formed a partnership and will open out in the farm implement business at once at Rapid City.

Pifer, saddler, Oak Lake, has added a boot and shoe department to his business. At the same place, C. Babbitt has opened a jewelry store.

A number of our Manitoba exchanges report building active in their respective towns, and a busy building season is predicted at many points.

Mr. Carhuue, representing Jas. Hall & Co., gloves, etc., of Brockville, Ont., was in Win-

nipeg last week, on his way east from a western trip.

Notice is given, that a dividend, at the rate of seven per cent per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, has been declared.

Another big robbery occurred in Winnipeg last week, about \$1,000 worth of jewelry being taken from the safe in Philip Brown's tailor shop. The jewelry was family property—not merchandise.

THE COMMERCIAL is always pleased to receive items of news of a business nature from its subscribers. Quite a number of communications of this nature are to hand this week, but we have time and room for more.

The Winnipeg Early Closing Association propose moving vigorously against dealers who keep late hours. The line to be followed will be to persuade people from trading with those who keep their stores open late. The labor organizations will assist the clerks.

Waghorn's guide for April is to hand, containing the latest changes and additions in travel by rail, stage, ocean and lake. The new time card on the Northern Pacific, which came into effect on the 5th inst., is given. Also the C. P. R. train service is altered on the Emerson, Stonewall and Selkirk branches.

A man named Morrow has been arrested charged with breaking into Ripstein's clothing store, Winnipeg. The prisoner pleaded guilty to breaking into the store and stealing therefrom numerous watches, chains and clothing, of the value of \$100. He has been sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary.

At a meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade held Tuesday last it was decided to again take up the matter of improvements to the navigation of the Red river, and to exert every means possible to have the work undertaken at an early date. Several communications about the subject have already passed between the council, the public works department and the Dominion member for the city.

Various rumors were going around last week in Winnipeg, concerning the Hudson Bay railway. Mr. Sutherland stated to a *Free Press* reporter that his company had asked the Manitoba government for a cash bonus of \$1,500,000, but this was only payable on the completion and equipment of the road, and its operation from Winnipeg to Hudson Bay. He said: "The conditions are that there shall be no payment on account of the grant until the road is entirely completed. The \$256,000 already advanced by the province on the 40 miles will, with accrued interest, be a first charge on the bonus, and the \$75,000 just placed in the estimates this season for the completion of that 40 miles will not be required if this offer is accepted."

The postal authorities at Ottawa, seem to at last be giving ear to the repeated calls for improved mail accommodation in Western Canada. Orders were received from the Postmaster-General last week authorizing the conveyance of through mail bags from Winnipeg to Victoria and Vancouver to leave Winnipeg on Wednesday morning, while through bags will be received in Winnipeg from Victoria and Vancouver on Thursday afternoon. The mails will be for unregistered matter, and the bags are to be placed in charge of the baggagemen. It is expected that this is but the forerunner of an every day mail service, when mail clerks

will be placed on the trains on the off-days, thus giving all points between Winnipeg and Vancouver mails seven days in the week.

The McLarey Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg, have moved from their old quarters on Lombard street, to the Clement block, No. 529 Main street. This is a great improvement in the location, and the accommodation afforded in the new quarters are first class, the ground floor being about 90 feet deep. The front portion of the building has been fitted up for offices, where J. W. Driscoll, manager, may be found during business hours. The balance of space will serve as show room for samples only, all stock being carried in the warehouse on Point Douglas avenue, C. P. R. track.

Assiniboia.

J. T. Simpson lumber, Moose Jaw, has assigned in trust to Herbert Crowe.

Over \$1,000 has been subscribed at Medicine Hat to test for coal. A joint stock company will be formed to carry on the work.

North West Ontario.

W. B. Thibedeau, barrister, Winnipeg, has opened an office at Rat Portage.

The Hudson's Bay Company and Bank of Montreal will commence the erection of substantial business blocks here soon, says the *Fort William Journal*.

Port Arthur *Sentinel*: "The West End mine has shipped a car of ore valued at \$18,000. The Badger has also shipped a car valued at \$30,000. These shipments went to Newark, N. J., and are being followed by others. The West End and the Porcupine are both looking particularly well just now and are turning out good samples of ore."

Lumber Cuttings.

Campbell & Stevens, lumber, Glenboro, Mar., have opened a branch lumber yard at Stockton.

Moore & Macdowall of Prince Albert, Sask., have commenced the shipment of lumber. The new railway gives an outlet for the great forest north of Prince Albert.

Slater's mill at Vancouver, B. C. is running at its utmost capacity. Five cars of shingles have already been shipped east from this mill, while a large amount have been used locally. This mill has also machinery for cutting lumber, and altogether the number of orders received up to the present date intimate a large amount of business for this season. Slater gives special attention to cedar shingles and lumber for the Manitoba and territorial trade.

At Cote St. Paul, near Montreal, Clark & Beans' spring factory was destroyed by fire, and Godwa's hat factory was badly damaged by water on Saturday last. The total loss will be \$40,000.

There is trouble between the cigar manufacturers and the union men in London, Ont., which has resulted in a general discharge of all the union men. The manufacturers say that dull times was the cause of the men's dismissal, but the union men believe otherwise, and the fact that none but union men have been discharged looks as if the manufacturers had decided on a vigorous campaign against the union. The trade gives employment to 500 cigar makers in the city.