

SELKIRK.

Market prices are unchanged from that of last week.

W. F. Pearson has opened up a meat market next door to the Canada Pacific hotel.

James Colclough has opened up a real estate and commission office, connected with an insurance business.

The plans for the new registry office have been approved by the members of public works and tenders are asked for.

Business is improving. Merchants and traders generally are in good spirits and looking forward to a large summer's trade.

A magnificent lot of otter and bear skins were brought in from Lake Winnipeg this month by a trader, and sold to W. H. Eaton & Co.

The lumber left here last fall by the boats for transhipment to Winnipeg, is being moved by the C. P. R. at the rate of 20 cars per day.

Mr. Thomas Craig has been appointed agent for Messrs. Drake & Rutherford, and will have charge of their lumber business here this season.

A general brightening up of business in Selkirk is confidently expected with the advent of spring and the trade anticipated through the lumber business.

The newly elected Council of East Selkirk met for the first time in the hall over the school house, and after being duly sworn in, transacted some preliminary business.

The Selkirk Herald will in future be owned and edited by Mr. J. E. Grinnel, Mr. Campbell having retired to accept an important position on the Free Press.

There is at present lying in the harbor at Selkirk eight steamboats, all undergoing the necessary repairs to fit them for the coming season's work, which they expect will be large.

Selkirk's town Council will deal liberally with any one who will build either a grist or paper mill at this place. They also want a second blacksmith, a hardware store and a good medical doctor, for whom there are good openings.

The merchants and other patrons of the C. P. R. are anything but well pleased with the recent advance in rates. The car-load rate from Winnipeg to Selkirk is 10 cents per 100 pounds, or \$20 per car, while you can receive a single hundred for 12 cents.

An agitation is on foot and petitions largely circulated for the opening up of the St. Peter's Indian Reserve, and the removal of that tribe of Indians to some other more suitable reserve, which, if accomplished, will make available for settlement one of the richest agricultural parishes in Manitoba.

Selkirk has been made the county town for the municipality of St. Andrews, and the town Council are building a registry office and other public buildings. The county court will in future be held here, instead of at the house of Mr. Davis in St. Andrews, as before. The place chosen is the hall over W. H. Eaton's store.

Manitoba Road Freight Rates.

The St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba has published reduced rates from St. Paul and Minneapolis to St. Vincent on all business destined to points in Manitoba, the North-west and British America. These reductions are as follows: First-class freight, from \$1.40 to \$1.20 per 100 pounds; second class, \$1.20 to \$1.10; third class, from \$1.05 to \$1.30; fourth-class, from 85 to 80 cents; grain and flour, from 30 and 60 cents to 27 and 54 cents per 100, and salt from \$1.25 to 81 cents per barrel. Freight on live stock, which was \$100 per car, is taken at \$90. Agricultural implements, wagons, etc., is reduced from \$150 to \$130 per car, and immigrant's outfit from \$75 to \$50 per car.

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