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WINNIPEG, JUNE 8, 1891

Manitoba.

Pierre Chaboyer, trader of St. Laurent, is dead.

Wm. Muirhead, is opening in boots and shoes at Emerson.

John Kirkwood, shoemaker, Winnipeg, has moved to Vancouver.

Dykes & Acton, teas, etc., Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. A. Dykes & Co. continue.

The merc'ants of Minnedosa have decided to take no more butter in rolls during the hot season.

The directors of the Brandon Summer Fair are leaving no stone unturned in order to make the fair a great success.

H. S. Westbrook's road grader was operated before the council of Stanley municipality last week. In all probability the municipality will purchase one or more.

The first number of the *Farmer's Herald*, the new Neepawa paper, has reached us. It is a well printed four page sheet. It promises to be purely a farmers paper, and to be independent in politics.

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Bank Winnipeg during May were as follows:

Deposits	\$10,257 00
Withdrawals	23,105 00

Withdrawals exceeded deposits by..... \$ 8,848 84

The Winnipeg plumbers gave their employers notice Saturday afternoon that they would not return to work on Monday unless their pay was increased to \$4 a day and the number of work-

ing hours a day be reduced from ten to nine. These demands were at first refused by the employers, but at a meeting held yesterday they agreed to give the men what they asked for and the strike has been declared off. Hitherto the men received about \$3.50 a day and worked ten hours.

Brandon is stretching its limbs, and is getting to feel like a big boy now, writes a *Free Press* correspondent. New streets are being graded in several parts of the town, and it is astonishing how houses are springing up. In no part of the city is the sound of the carpenter's hammer unheard. On every street new buildings are springing up like mushrooms. If Brandon keeps on growing as it has in late years, and particularly as it promises to do this season, the provincial metropolises will have to look to its laurels, as the Wheat City is forging ahead, and it has among its citizens many who hold roseate views as to its future, and are backing up their opinions by investing all of their means within its limits.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption with duty collected thereon at Winnipeg during the month of May, compared with the same month, 1890:—

Description.	Value.	
	1890.	1891.
Exported	\$ 11,827 00	\$14,007 00
Imported—dutiable	194,269 00	126,026 00
Imported—free	3,942 00	55,720 00
Total imported	\$221,302 00	\$181,746 00
Entered for consumption— dutiable	\$198,114 00	\$122,509 00
Entered for consumption— free	30,042 00	55,720 00
Total for consumption	\$228,156 00	\$178,229 00
Duty collected	\$ 67,919 22	\$ 38,012 12

The only paper mill in western Canada is at Portage la Prairie, in this province. The *Portage Review* has the following to say about it: "This is a branch of the mills, one of which is in Montreal and run by J. W. Patterson and one in Toronto run by N. S. Patterson. They employ sixteen men here and run night and day. The building is lighted by electricity manufactured on the premises. They use eight cords of wood every twenty-four hours and turn out from three and a half to four tons of paper a day. At present they only manufacture coarse wrapping paper and tar paper, and it keeps them busy to supply the demand. They pay from two to two and a half dollars a ton for the straw which they receive in abundance from the farmers, straw that is free from chaff being preferred. The most of their rags and old paper they receive from Winnipeg. Rags are used in the manufacture of tar paper so as to make it more tough and soft."

Alberta.

John A. Walker, one of Calgary's best known men, died of Bright's disease.

The charter of the Calgary Board of Trade has been received from Ottawa.

The new branch of Molson's bank at Calgary will be opened at once with Geo. C. McGregor as manager.

Macleod Gazette:—There are complaints throughout this vicinity of great havoc being committed by cut-worms. They are eating everything down to the ground. If any of our readers know of any means of destroying these

pests, they would confer a favor by writing to the *Gazette*.

Calgary *Tribune*. Mr. Whyte informed the *Tribune* this morning that the plans for a stone station had been sent to Mr. Van Horne together with the original plans prepared by the company for station improvements and an estimate of the difference of cost will be made. It will then be for the people of Calgary to say whether or no they will be willing to supply the difference between the cost of the two.

Assiniboia

The sheriff is in possession of the business of J. B. Milliken, saddler, Qu'Appelle.

Mr. Kobold, of Winnipeg, was at Moosomin recently, buying sheep and cattle. He purchased two cars through W. J. Tudge.

A telegram has been received at Medicine Hat from C. P. R. Superintendent Whyte, stating that the diamond drill was now at the disposal of the citizens of Medicine Hat, and enquiring if they were prepared to make the test now. A meeting was held in the Immigration building the same evening, when it was decided to go on at once with the boring to test for coal.

North West Ontario.

H. D. Lee, has opened in fancy dry goods at Fort William.

Moir & Mills, Port Arthur, contemplate dissolving partnership.

Saskatchewan.

W. J. Kernaghan, of Winnipeg, has moved to Prince Albert and will go into partnership with a relative of the same name, who carries on business in stoves and tinwares.

Grain and Milling.

The first consignment of building material for the Ogilvie Milling Co.'s new elevator here has been received, says the *Globe*, of Boissevain, Man.

The largest acreage of grain ever sown in this locality, writes a correspondent at Emerson, Man, is completed. The grain fields present a fine appearance in their new coats of green, and the prospects for a bountiful harvest so far are very encouraging.

Smith & Brigham, of the Assiniboia roller mills, Moosomin, Assa, have secured the Indian contracts for supply of flour to the Crooked Lake, Fyle Hills, Muscowpetung and Moose Mountain Reserves as well to the Indian Industrial schools at Qu'Appelle.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Company will build six new elevators in Manitoba this year, each having a capacity of 35,000 bushels. The first one will be built at Methven, for which the contract has been let.

The council of La Salle municipality, of Manitoba, has discussed the proposal of a \$5,000 bonus for the erection of a flour mill in La Salle. Another meeting will be held on the 11th inst, when it is proposed to ask the adjoining municipalities to take advantage of the offer now before the council. The mill to be built by Mercier & Girouard, will have a daily capacity of 200 barrels. Should the bonus be granted an elevator will also be built with a capacity of 25,000 bushels.