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WINNIPEG, APRIL 22, 1895.

## Manitoba.

George Hague, grocer, has assigned.

J. Dick, general storekeeper, Findlay, has assigned.

J. G. Pitch has opened a grocery store at Carberry.

A company is being organized at Gladstone to start a butter factory.

The Queen's hotel, Winnipeg, was slightly damaged by fire last week.

Chas. Sheldon contemplates building a hotel at Selkirk for tourists.

A. Young, will succeed to the drug business of Harrison & Co., Neepawa.

Perry & Alpin, general store, Stonewall, are succeeded by Perry & Co.

The Buckle Printing Company, of Winnipeg, is seeking incorporation.

W. A. McLachlan, blacksmith, of Boissevain, will open a shop at Ninga.

Perry & Alpin, general store, Stonewall Man., have dissolved partnership.

S. S. Alpin is opening business in clothing and mens furnishings at Winnipeg.

Four carloads of fat cattle and one car of hogs and sheep were shipped from Hamiota last week.

T. E. Greenwood, of Douglas, expects to commence operating his creamery about April 29th.

Hughes, Atkinson & Co., lumber, coal and wood, Souris, Hartney and Brandon, have dissolved.

R. D. Rorison has resumed publication of a Winnipeg paper called "The Banner" an advocate of prohibition.

Over 200 head of fat cattle have been purchased in the past few weeks on the Carberry plain, says the local paper.

W. J. Hammond, merchant, Toronto, has arrived in Winnipeg and leased the store formerly occupied by Joseph Rodgers, opposite the Manitoba hotel.

Chalmers Bros and Bethune, of Manitou, shipped a carload of hogs to Winnipeg last week and about the 23rd instant will forward a train load of cattle to Montreal.

R. P. Campbell, of Portage la Prairie, Man., has purchased the furniture stock of Mr. Boyd, of Neepawa. John Simpson goes to Neepawa to manage the business.

The livery and feed stable at Alexander, Man., owned by A. Edmonds, of Brandon was destroyed by fire on Friday. The loss is \$3,000; partly covered by insurance.

J. Corbett, lately in the clothing trade in Winnipeg, is dead. On Tuesday Mr. Corbett underwent an operation, and having been for some time in a weak state of health, succumbed to the strain.

In Winnipeg, on nearly every street, piles of stone are to be seen in front of many residences. Landlords find they have to put stone foundations and furnaces in their houses if they wish to keep tenants.

The creamery committee at Manitou have awarded tenders for a butter factory building. The building is to be 86x86, with engine room 14x18. The committee are corresponding with a view to purchasing the plant.

G. B. Murphy shipped twelve carloads of cattle from Carberry for Gordon & Ironside, the largest shipment of cattle ever made from that place at one time. Messrs. Murphy and Armstrong have also shipped about \$5,000 worth of farm produce this spring, mostly to British Columbia.

At the regular meeting of the Winnipeg Retail Association the early closing committee reported the success of the different petitions they had charge of. A committee was appointed to look after the itinerant traders' question. The membership of the association is rapidly increasing and the association is now one of the strongest organizations in the city.

## Alberta.

Newham & Co., tents, Calgary, have dissolved.

Wm. Geo. Middleton, merchant, McLeod and Namaka, has assigned to V. J. Beaupre, Gleichen.

The Calgary Herald has decided to publish a northern edition to be known as the Edmonton Herald.

A special car containing 49 Swedish immigrants has arrived from the east. They came from the New England States.

T. G. Hutchings has started a farmers' grocery store at his farm in Poplar Lake settlement, Edmonton district.

Montgomery & Dunn, harness makers, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, have dissolved; T. G. Montgomery will continue the business.

Jackson & Grierson, of the Queen's Hotel, Edmonton, write to deny an item to the effect that they were leasing the hotel to other parties. They have no thought of giving up the business.

Monday's train, says the Edmonton Bulletin, brought 76 settlers, 51 of whom were from the States, 5 from Scotland, 9 from Ontario, 9 from British Columbia and 2 from Manitoba.

Edmonton Bulletin: Mr. Sparrow, buyer for Gordon & Ironside, cattle dealer, went south on Friday's train. He will return shortly to make purchases. He has paid 3c a pound for cattle already purchased.

Dr. Dawson, director of the geological survey, has advised that the investigation of the petroleum fields of Athabasca and Northern Alberta be continued until the value of these fields be determined.

## Assiniboia.

Humphrey & Sons, Cannington Manor, have gone into the pork packing business.

James Orr is starting a blacksmith shop near Clumber school house Saltcoats district.

A cheese factory is to be established at Cannington Manor. Sidney Brockmann is secretary of the new company.

The shareholders of the Regina Leader newspaper have refused to sanction Mr. Davin's sale of the Leader to Mr. Scott, of Moose Jaw. Legal complications are likely to follow.

J. D. McGregor, of Brandon, has sold seventeen bulls to a banking company at Qu'Appelle. They are of the Polled Angus variety, and will be distributed among the farmers for the improvement of stock in the district.

## Northwest Ontario.

The ferry steamer Keninna was launched on April 17, at Rat Portage, and commenced her regular trips between Rat Portage and Keowatin on April 19th. Navigation will not open on the Rainy river for some days yet.

J. E. Smith, furniture dealer and W. J. Neelin, grocer, of Port Arthur, were burned out in the recent fire at that place. Neelin had \$800 insurance on his store and stock and Smith had \$900 on his stock. A. M. Cooke also suffered loss in damage to building and removal of stock.

The Rat Portage board of trade held its annual meeting on Monday evening. The following were elected officers: George Drawry, president; D. C. Cameron, vice-president; A. H. Dickins, treasurer; F. J. ApJohn, secretary. Council: F. Gardner, E. A. Mather, J. M. Savage, J. T. Mackay, J. W. Colclough, A. Carmicheal, C. W. Chadwick and W. Margach.

## Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

D. Torrance & Co. will run a line of steamships between Montreal and Manchester, so that produce can be taken direct to Manchester. Freight room for grain is offered to Manchester at 2s.

The Northwestern Transportation Co. has announced the following lake and rail rates on grain for the opening of the season. From Fort William to Toronto and Ontario points west thereof, 7c; east of Toronto to Kingston, 8c; east of Kingston to Montreal, 5c.

The lake and rail rate from Montreal and eastern points to Winnipeg has been fixed at \$1.48 first class and 72 cents for fifth class freight. The special rate of 67 cents made last year on nails, etc., to keep U. S. manufactures out of Manitoba, has been dropped for the present.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of April 12 says: Quotations on grain are 1s 8d to Glasgow and London, and 1s 4 1/2d to Liverpool, and 1s 6d asked Avonmouth. To the continent 2s 3d is asked and 1s 9d bid. Considerable grain space has been taken in New York for the continent at 2s. Considerable cattle space has been taken for first sailings at 40s London, 42s Bristol and 45s Liverpool. Sack flour has been engaged at 7s to 7s 6d. From Kingston to Montreal 2 1/2c wheat and 2 1/2c corn, and from Fort William to Montreal 6c.

The Chicago Trade Bulletin of April 15 says: Rail rates to the east are demoralized, grain being taken at 10 to 12c and provisions at 22c to New York, a reduction of 8 to 10c from the regular tariff. Through rates were easier. The rates to Liverpool ranged at 25.88 to 26.44c per 100 lbs for grain and 35 1/2 to 39 1/2c per 100 lbs for provisions. Rates to Antwerp were about 1c over Liverpool. A moderate demand existed for vessel room to load for spring shipment and rates were steady at 1 1/8; on wheat and 1 1/2c for corn to Buffalo, 2 1/4 for wheat and 2 1/2c for corn to Kingston.

G. V. Hastings and Matheson are prospecting for sites for a number of new elevators which the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. will build in Manitoba this year.