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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 26, 1895.

Manitoba.

J. Anderson is opening a general store at Sydney.

Mr. Galloway, merchant of Gladstone, will start a branch store at Midway.

but such as the trade was, he thought that this province should secure it.

Campbell & Campbell, the new Brandon furniture firm, will open for business on September 7th.

John E. Sanders has rented premises at Deloraine, and will shortly open business in boots and shoes and dry goods.

Mutton & Webster, butchers, Elkhorn, have dissolved partnership. The business in future will be carried on by E. Mutton.

Crauthers' new brick store at Manitou is receiving the finishing touches. W. Bradey's new store and butcher shop is completed.

McLeod & Rothwell intend putting in a stock of gents' furnishings in addition to boots and shoes. This is a new firm which is opening business at Portage la Prairie.

James Hooper, of the Free Press staff, and R. J. McChesney, of Winnipeg, have completed arrangements for the purchase of the Portage la Prairie Review newspaper.

Herron & Evans, of Deloraine, are enlarging their store and will add dry goods, ready-made clothing, boots and shoes to their business, which formerly consisted of groceries, crockery, etc.

The executive of the Winnipeg Board of Trade met last week to discuss Red river navigation matters. Arrangements were made to have a deputation wait on the premier on his arrival from the west.

Brown & Ruthersord have let the contract for the excavation for a large brick and stone warehouse which they intend to erect on their Market street property, Winnipeg, facing the transfer spur track. The basement only will be completed this fall.

The steam tug Miles, Capt. Pollock, is doing a wholesale business in the sturgeon catch says the Selkirk Record. On her last trip from Lake Winnipeg she brought in about 200 of that class of fish. They were no mall fry either, as several of them measured over seven feet in length.

R. M. Chester, a former resident of Winnipeg, but who has been some time in Toronto, has returned to the city and has opened an

office in the Robert block, King street. He represents the Foam Yeast Company, of Toronto, who are placing a new preparation in the yeast line on the market.

The general store of S. K. Colquhoun, of Hartney, was entered by burglars recently and a little merchandise stolen. Entrance was effected by the thieves cutting a small hole in the glass of the front door, and then unlocking the door from the inside.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., pork packers, Winnipeg, are having plans prepared for the enlargement of their packing house to about double their present capacity, making it one of the largest slaughtering and packing houses in Canada. The capacity will be about 500 hogs per day. When the enlarged factory is ready for operation, they expect to engage in the export trade in hog products. The additions will include a fine cold storage apartment. Messrs. Griffin & Co. believe that there will be a sufficient supply of hogs in the country hereafter to warrant this large extension of their packing house.

J. Parsons, of the Parsons Produce Company, Winnipeg, returned from Vancouver on Wednesday. Mr. Parsons has made the Pacific coast his headquarters for nearly a year, attending to business of the branch houses of his firm at Victoria and Vancouver. Mr. Parsons said that at the present time the markets at the coast were well stocked with butter and eggs. Three car-loads of eggs had lately arrived at Vancouver from Eastern Canada, owing to the fact that the Manitoba supply had fallen off. He says that British Columbia could take only a limited amount of butter which Manitoba produced annually.

Winnipeg has had an epidemic of burglaries. During Monday night three places were entered on Higgins avenue. The office of Rublee, Riddell & Co.'s biscuit factory was entered, where the safe was opened and the burglars secured a sum of money amounting to between \$40 and \$50. The store of W. Blackader was also entered. Here again the safe was successfully opened by the burglars, but no cash was left in it. A small quantity of provisions were stolen from this establishment. The burglars next effected an entry to the store of W. W. Morgan, stealing therefrom some cigars and a revolver. A blacksmith shop and a machine shop in the vicinity were first entered and tools taken with which to carry on the work.

Northwest Ontario.

Stephen Downing, wholesale and retail dealer in liquors, Port Arthur, has sold out to Andrew Wadson.

Wm. J. Fairall, jeweller, Port Arthur, has been closed out under chattel mortgage.

Matthews & Fraser, dry goods, Port Arthur, have dissolved; the business will be continued by Isaac L. Matthews, under the style of I. L. Matthews & Co.

The C.P.R. tug Siskiwit was burned at Fort William. The tug is practically a total loss. Value about \$3,000.

The town council of Rat Portage are busy expending the \$10,000 voted by the people for local improvements, and are putting the streets in good condition.

Grain and Milling Matters.

W. W. Ogilvie, the great miller, has presented the Winnipeg General Hospital with a pair of steam boilers with fittings, for the purpose of establishing an electric light plant in the hospital, and for other purposes for which steam is required.

F. W. Thompson, manager at Winnipeg for the Ogilvie Milling Co., who is east for his health, is reported to be much better, and will soon return to his duties here.

The Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission has adopted the same grades and rules governing inspection as last year. The fees are also the same as last year, as follows. For inspection on arrival, 25 cents per carload on all receipts excepting flaxseed, the fee for the latter being 75 cents per carload; for inspection out of store, 25 cents per carload and 50 cents per 1,000 bushels to vessels, on all grain excepting flaxseed, the fees for the latter being 75 cents per carload and \$1 per 1,000 to vessels. The fees for weighing are 25 cents per carload and 50 cents per 1,000 to vessels on all grain, including flaxseed, either on arrival or out of store.

Assiniboia.

Morrison & Co. have opened a private banking business at Whitewood.

Saskatchewan.

At Prince Albert on Aug. 21 a fire occurred in the lumber mill of Moore & McDowell. The flames were got under control by the fire appliances at the mill, and very little damage was done.

A brewery to cost a considerable sum of money is being built at Prince Albert by Germans who recently arrived.

Visit of an Expert Botanist.

Professor Fletcher, entomologist and botanist of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa, who has been in the West for some time, returned home last week. Mr. Fletcher has interested himself greatly in the weed question while here, and he availed himself of every opportunity to speak out, both in public and private against the weed nuisance. He has addressed several meetings in his travels through the country, pointing out the damage done by weeds. He found some very bad weeds, some of which were not known to the farmers as being dangerous, until he had explained their names and nature. One point which Mr. Fletcher says is often overlooked, is the fact that weeds rob the soil of moisture which should go to the crops, and for this reason alone, if for no other, farmers should strive to keep their land clean.

At the experimental farm at Indian Head, an immense amount of labor had been expended in keeping down the tumbling mustard, which had spread through that district, evidently from the Bell farm. Some of the farmers were trying to get rid of the weed, but on the Bell farm no effort was being made to keep it down.

Manitoba is pretty free from insects injurious to crops, and Mr. Fletcher did not find much to do in the insect line here. In British Columbia he gave more attention to insects, on account of the fruit growing capabilities of that province, and there he explained the different varieties of insects and fungus diseases which affect the fruit crops. He found the Pacific province very free from injurious insects. He says British Columbia has a great future as a fruit country.

Mr. Fletcher was greatly pleased with the crop prospect in Manitoba.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express of Aug. 19 in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says.—English wheats have been sluggish. In new wheats reds were quoted at 24s to 27s and white at 28s. Foreign wheat was 6d lower. The markets to-day were weak. English wheats are slow at 8d to 6d decline. Foreign wheat declined 6d. Ordinary English and fine American flours dropped 6d.