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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 13, 1894.

Manitoba.

R. J. Mitchell, cattle dealer, Winnipeg, is dead.

Watson & Co., cigars, etc., have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Metcalf & Burton have opened a general store at High Bluff.

Thompson Elliott, blacksmith, Petrel, has moved to Carberry.

Cameron & Barker, contractors, etc., have opened a brickyard at Deloraine.

Baird Bros., of Pilot Mound, shipped two carloads of cattle and hogs to Winnipeg this week.

Geo. Patterson, baker, fruits and confectionery, Treherne, is selling out to Chas. W. Barkwell.

A new drug store has been opened on the corner of McDermot and Harriet streets, Winnipeg by Austin Francis.

The Barnard creamery under the management of E. A. Struthers, has proved very satisfactory to the patrons, who have been receiving 18c per pound for their butter.

H. C. Baniater, late of the Bellview house, Portage la Prairie, has purchased the Dufferin hotel, Carberry, from Angus McKenzie, and has taken possession.

Geo. Graig, dry goods merchant, has commenced building a two story solid brick building on Main street, Winnipeg, adjoining the Cosmopolitan hotel. It is to cost about \$5,000.

The first of the fall excursions to Manitoba and the territories left Toronto on August 14, reaching Winnipeg on Friday. Fully five hundred people, mainly young persons from various parts of Ontario, were carried on the train which consisted of eleven coaches. The party came all rail in two sections.

A meeting of the citizen's committee in favor of the Southeastern railway project was held on Tuesday evening, when the reply of the

government to the proposal submitted by the promoters of the railway in connection with their application for aid, was discussed at some length. The trend of the opinions expressed by the gentlemen present was that the government had not taken a proper view of the matter, and it was decided to still urge the granting of public assistance to the project.

W. J. Bird, Dominion inspector of hides and leathers at Winnipeg, reported the following inspection made by him during the six months ending June 30:

No. 1 hides	4,050
No. 2 hides	2,233
No. 3 hides	371
Total	6,654

There is a slight increase over the number inspected last year. There is, however, somewhat of a falling off in the quality of the hides inspected.

Notice is given in the Manitoba Gazette that application will be made by William E. Baldwin, John Crane, George Motherall, Alexander Forrest and John S. Miller, all of the municipality of Pembina, farmers, and Robert Needham and Edward E. Best, of Manitou, for letters patent incorporating them, and such others as may become shareholders, under the name of "The Farmers' Store Company, Limited." The object of the incorporation is to do a general store business and deal in farm produce. The proposed business is to be carried on at Manitou.

A correspondent at Holland, writes as follows: "There is one thing that should be brought before the public, that is, the inspection of threshing machine engines. The inspector has just been around in this locality, and the result is, that several boilers have been condemned. Now, the time is too short for the repairs to be done, especially hereabout, where things cannot be done as expeditiously as in Winnipeg. The inspection of these machines is work in the right direction, but it should have been done earlier to give the owners a fair chance. I know it was impossible for the inspector to get over all the country on time, and he did his work early in the summer on the Deloraine line. There is work for more than one inspector. Besides not only ought the engines to be examined, but also the men who run them ought to be certificated men, as accidents are happening, owing, in most cases, to a novice being in charge.

Assiniboia.

The freight shed, ice house and twelve box cars loaded with way freight were burned at Moose-jaw between five and six o'clock on Aug. 16. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The Moosomin Spectator says:—Mr. Lightcap, of the Toronto Hide and Wool Co., of Winnipeg, was in town this week. He bought a large quantity of wool here, paying 4½ to 6 cents per pound for it.

Alberta.

Geo. Hannam, dealer in fruit and fancy goods, Banff, is dead.

Hutton & Haddon, machinery and grain dealers, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. G. Hutton continues.

A carload of butter shipped from Med Deer and Innisfail has been disposed of very satisfactorily at Vancouver, says an exchange.

F. G. Topp announces by circular that he has opened a butcher shop at Calgary, and will do business under the firm name of F. G. Topp & Co.

Alfred Rodgers, Hector McRae, James Rodgers, C. C. McDonald and J. B. Rodgers, all of Dawson, are seeking incorporation as the Sheep Creek Irrigation company, with headquarters in Calgary. Capital, \$10,000.

Northwest Ontario.

Chas. O. Self, hotel, Fort William, has assigned to Charles W. Jarvis.

John Mather's summer residence on Keowatin bay was completely destroyed by fire on August 16. The loss is \$2,600 with \$1,000 insurance.

Vigars Bros., contractors, saw mill, etc., Port Arthur; planing mill machinery, etc., destroyed by fire. Loss reported at \$2,000. No insurance, this is the Conmee mill, reported burned in another item, which was leased by Vigars Bros.

One of the most disastrous fires which has visited Port Arthur, started about midnight on August 13, when the planing mill at the south end of the town, which was owned by Jas. Conmee, took fire and was totally destroyed. The building and machinery were valued at \$18,000 and insured for about \$10,000. Vigars Bros., who operated the mill, lost some lumber and machinery. This is partially covered by insurance. The Port Arthur Water, Light & Power Company had their dynamo in the mill. This was destroyed, no insurance.

Grain and Milling News.

A. B. White has sold out his interest in the flour mill at Pilot Mound, Man., to Geo. White, and intends engaging in business with Mr. Simmonds at Forest River.

Instructions were received Tuesday from the inland revenue department at Ottawa, by Inspector Horn and Mr. Bell, secretary of the Winnipeg grain standard board, to make their usual annual selection of grains for the grain standard meetings.

A telegram from Brandon, Man., on the night of August 16, says: A fierce fire is in progress here at the Alexander Kelly & Co.'s flour mills, and nothing can save the mills from complete destruction. The efforts of the firemen are directed to save the adjoining properties. The mills of John Christie and Hanbury and McNea, are now out of danger. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark that fell from the smokestack into the dust-room of the mill. The damage is estimated at \$50,000. The insurance is about \$30,000.

The Chicago Board of Trade and the elevator proprietors have compromised their dispute. Under the agreement the storage rates on grain are to be 3c for the first ten days, and 2c for each additional ten days; the elevator managers are to sell their contract grades only in the Chicago market, and to ship only non contract grades from their own warehouses; a supervising inspector to be appointed in each warehouse if the directors so request; and elevator managers shall be prohibited from buying grain at non-competing interior points.

Rapid City.

Rapid City is making substantial, if not rapid progress. We have now established in this town as many manufacturing industries as will be found in any Manitoba town outside of Winnipeg. We have one of the most complete flouring mills of its capacity in the province. If we mistake not we have the only woolen mill in the province, the yarn from which is eagerly sought after by all thrifty housewives on account of its purity and strength; we have a saw mill which annually manufactures 1,500,000 feet of lumber which is a great boon to the farmers of the surrounding districts. We have now in full operation a creamery, producing 600 lbs. of butter per day, and expect before long to produce 1,000. We have 4 general stores, 2 hardware stores, 3 first-class hotels, 3 livery and feed stables, 2 lumber yards, bank, 2 tailor shops, boot and shoe shop, barber shop, etc. In consideration of all this, we have the temerity to think that we are about as well fixed as most towns in the province.—The Reporter.