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WINNIPEG, APRIL 8, 1895.

## Manitoba.

James Dick, merchant, Findlay, has assigned.

H. T. Birks & Co., livery, Winnipeg, is adding flour and feed.

The Manitoba Auer Light Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, is applying for incorporation.

Brown & Linden, Deloraine, have dissolved partnership; Geo. Brown continues.

McKelvie & Dunwoodie, Brandon, are moving to Winnipeg and will open in dry goods.

The Selkirk Electric Company, Ltd., Selkirk, is applying for letters patent to increase capital stock from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Friday, May 3, has been the date decided upon by the department of agriculture as Arbor Day for Manitoba.

George Stevens, a cattle buyer from North Dakota, came to Killarney last week and purchased 87 head of cattle, paying 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 c. He drove the herd to Bottineau, North Dakota to take the train for Chicago.

Inland revenue collections at Winnipeg for March were: Spirits, \$19,624.72; malt, \$1,365.41; tobacco, \$15,636.88; cigars, \$606.60; methylated spirits, \$297.75; license fees, \$50; petroleum, \$189.13; total, \$31,920.49.

The property on Logan street, Winnipeg, known as Selkirk hall was sold at public auction recently. Only two bids were received, the highest \$1,010, being accepted and the purchaser being Dr. Clarke.

The clothing and gents furnishings stock of Miller & Co., Brandon, has been purchased by A. C. Fraser and A. Ross, who will sell off the stock under the firm name of Fraser & Ross.

A joint stock company has been formed at Binscarth for the purpose of manufacturing cheese. They have secured the building and plant of the Assissippi Cheese Company and intend moving the same to Binscarth district.

The Manitoba legislature has refused to grant the applications of the Winnipeg city council for power to operate a tramway to Little Stony Mountain, and another to Birds Hill, and for power to give \$100,000 for assisting in improving Red river navigation. Other applications were granted.

The Winnipeg city council has awarded the following tenders for summer clothing for

the fire department: Thirty-six suits, as per specification, to Wm. Scott, at \$17.65 and an additional \$1.25 each for seven officers suits. For thirty-six pairs rubber boots, the tender of the Hudson's Bay company at \$2.10 per pair was accepted.

The general stock of Baird Bros., of Pilot Mound, will be sold by the assignee at a rate on the dollar, at public auction, on Monday, April 15, at Winnipeg. The stock consists of the following:—Dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, groceries, furs, etc., \$12,800.45, implements, live stock shop furniture, etc., \$1,278.90; store buildings and lots, \$9,825.00.

The one cent piece seems to be making headway in its struggle to come into circulation in Winnipeg. It is now announced that the Hudson's Bay Company have introduced copper coins for business purposes in their grocery department. This action on the part of the Company will materially assist toward the general use in the city of the much despised coppers.

The Winnipeg city council has awarded contracts for the supply of drugs for relief and sanitary purposes as follows: For prescriptions—to J. F. Howard & Co., W. J. Mitchell and W. R. Inman & Co., equally distributed, they agreeing upon a rate of 25 cents for a 4-oz. prescription and 50 cents for 8-oz. prescriptions. J. F. Howard and W. J. Mitchell have been awarded the contract for other drugs.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, entered for consumption and duty paid thereon during the month of March, compared with the same month of 1894, for the port of Winnipeg.

	Value '94.	Value '95.
Exported	\$87,274.00	\$53,846.00
Entered for consumption, dutiable	131,343.00	121,049.00
Entered for consumption, free	37,801.00	50,121.00
Total consumption	\$168,614.00	\$171,173.00
Duty collected	48,718.32	17,751.00

## Assiniboia.

Thos. Hill, Lumsden, has assigned in trust to Geo. T. Marsh of Regina.

The court house building at Regina, the capital of the territories, was completely gutted by fire on March 31. The lands office and public works office were both in this building. The valuable government law library of 2,500 volumes was completely destroyed; this loss is incalculable as many of the volumes cannot be replaced. The sheriffs and judges' libraries were both destroyed. The building cost \$14,000. The loss on correspondence, books and valuable papers cannot be estimated. The origin of the fire in all probability was incendiary.

## Saskatchewan.

C. R. Stovel has sold the Prince Albert Advocate newspaper and printing business to Andrew Stewart & Co.

## Alberta.

Dunbar & Green, Edmonton, have leased the Queens Hotel.

Nash's new sawmill at South Edmonton has been completed and put in operation. Walters & Humberstone's mill at the same place will soon be completed.

T. W. Montgomery & H. Dunn, harness makers, Fort Saskatchewan, have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on under the name of T. G. Montgomery.

The contract for the Red Deer Valley Railway has been let to R. Barclay Bruce of Calgary. The terminus of the road is Kreeg Hill coal mine, some sixty miles northeast of Calgary. The coal is of a good quality and had a ready sale the past winter at \$6.25 per ton, at Calgary, though hauled by teams. With a railway to the mine cheaper coal is looked for at Calgary.

## Holding Butter.

The Commercial has had a good deal to say against the custom of holding butter. For a change we will give the views of a contemporary—the Montreal Trade Bulletin—on the same subject, as follows:

“Regarding butter our English correspondent writes under date of March 16th, as follows:—‘There is some Canadian butter in London, but the price is painful to record—top rate 60s.’ This would mean about 12c at Montreal and if it refers to some of the Canadian creamery that was bought by English houses last July, and shipped in the fall, it will show a big loss, as June made cost 18 1/2c to 19 1/2c here during the first half of July. This is further proof of the disastrous consequences of holding butter for speculative purposes. The time has gone by for storing summer creamery in refrigerators until the fall and then shipping it to England. English consumers prefer butterine and other fresh flavored imitations to held creamery; for, however carefully kept, the latter loses its sweet, fresh and racy flavor whenever it is held for any length of time, although its texture may remain perfect. Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France and the increased number of private dairies in England have so accustomed the English people to fresh flavored butter that even the poorer classes will buy nothing but the fresh article. Of course there is a market for stale and inferior stuff, but that is only wanted on the other side to grease axletrees with. The Antipodean product having brought the winter level of values in the English market almost down to a summer basis, the theory of storing Canadian summer creamery for winter shipment is knocked into ‘smithereens.’ For about the one hundred and first time the Trade Bulletin again affirms that unless our summer creamery, which is as fine as that produced in any other country, can be placed on the foreign market in a strictly fresh condition, it will simply be a waste of time and energy in attempting to develop the export butter industry. If Canadians would avoid a repetition of seeing the top price of their summer creamery quoted in the London market in the spring of 1895 at 60s, they must abandon the holding system, and ship it fresh, before its delicious grass flavor and aroma have evaporated.

A new departure of great importance to intending settlers in the Canadian west has been inaugurated by the Canadian Pacific Railway land department. The company is desirous that every worthy settler who feels that he can be benefited by removing to Canada should be induced to come here, and nothing in the nature of a hindrance placed in his way. In order to meet one difficulty the company will give transportation to settlers, their families and effects from St. Paul and boundary line points to any of the districts in which there are Canadian Pacific Railway lands. Many worthy settlers have very little cash in their possession after paying for transportation charges and it is to encourage this class of settlers that the new arrangement has been made. The company will take a lien on the settler's effects and the money can be paid back in yearly instalments.