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WINNIPEG, JUNE 23, 1890.

Manitoba.

New hay is selling in Brandon for \$20 a ton. J. Fletcher, hotelkeeper, Binscarth, is giving up business. G. Davidson, photographer, has opened out in Rapid City. Martin & Young are opening a lumber yard at Cypress River. W. D. Holman, butcher, Winnipeg, has given up business. The Commercial Bank is about to open an agency at Carberry. Cypress River wants a general store and a tin and hardware shop. Cooper & Macdonald, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership. J. Graham has sold out his livery stable at Cypress River to J. V. Owens. E. A. Piefer, harness, Shoal Lake, has changed his style to E. A. Piefer Saddlery Co. Albert Hudson, pump maker, Portage la Prairie, has sold out to J. W. Ferrier, of Shoal Lake.

Bread, which for a long time sold for five cents a loaf in Brandon, is now being sold at 10 cents.

Upwards of one hundred self binders have been sold by one implement agent at Brandon this season.

Saults & McLaren, hotelkeepers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership; Saults continues the business.

The *Free Press* says a rumor is current that a syndicate has been organized to buy up all available hay lands contiguous to the railway, for the purpose of monopolizing the hay supply for the next few years.

A carload of silk from the coast billed for Philadelphia and Boston passed through Winnipeg last week.

Osler, Hammond & Nanton have been appointed Winnipeg agents of the Alberta Railway & Coal Company.

Young & Urquhart, blacksmiths, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership; Urquhart continues the business.

The finance committee of the Winnipeg Exhibition association have completed arrangements for a thorough canvas of the city.

C. H. Wilson, furniture dealer, Winnipeg, has admitted his brother, W. J. Wilson, into partnership, under style of C. H. Wilson & Co.

G. Hastings and S. A. McGaw, of Keewatin, are in Portage la Prairie looking up a site for a new elevator at that point. This will make the number five for the Portage.

The Government has decided to strike off the extra allowance of 40 per cent. for extra cost of living among Winnipeg post office employees and has notified them to that effect.

H. C. Banister, of the Bellevue House, Portage la Prairie, has been re-appointed vice-president for Manitoba of the Men's Mutual Benefit Association, of Boston, Mass.

The name of Harrison station, on the northern division of the Northern Pacific, has been changed to Reynolds, and that of Crowell, on the Duluth & Manitoba, to Carthage.

The Early Closing Association of Winnipeg held a meeting last Tuesday evening. The different committees reported the movement to be working smoothly and the merchants were very well satisfied with the new order of things. It was decided to have a series of excursions this summer for the benefit of those who belonged to the association.

The *Free Press* says the date which has been fixed by the Minister of the Interior as the time when hay cutting under permits upon Dominion Lands may commence this year is July 25th. All permits have been issued subject to the condition that they do not come into force before that day, and anyone who begins haying operations prior thereto will not only forfeit his permit but will cause whatever he cuts to be seized and confiscated by the Government. Permittees should therefore govern themselves accordingly, as this regulation, being in the interests of settlers generally, will be strictly enforced. The objection of the restriction as to the time of cutting is to preserve the hay lands of the country, which of late years have greatly deteriorated in consequence of cutting having been commenced before the seed has had time to ripen and fall.

Assiniboia.

Hay is very scarce in Moosomin. A new hotel has been opened at Regina by Smith Bros., called the Palmer House.

Mr. Bainbridge has built a new blacksmith shop at Langenburg, and will open up business in that line.

H. Rowe is contemplating putting up a new hotel at Sintaluta, to cost \$15,000, also a large livery stable.

The firm of Narvolansky & Ripstein, which was burned out in the recent fire at Moosomin, have made an assignment.

The Moosomin council has decided to offer a reward of \$100 for information resulting in the

apprehension and conviction of the person who started the recent fire at that place.

Shearing will commence this week on the sheep range of the C. A. C. & Col. Co., near Medicine Hat. There are now on this range 3,000 sheep and 2,000 lambs, principally of the Merino and Cheviot breeds.

The flouring mills at Regina were completely destroyed by fire on Sunday, June 15. The mills were owned by H. W. Hansull and were valued at about \$20,000; insurance \$9,000. The fire also destroyed a large warehouse belonging to W. McGirr.

Alberta.

T. McCaugherty, livery stable, Lethbridge, has sold out to Whitney & Rowe.

A creamery has been started by Mr. Redpath, about six miles from Cochrano.

A. McDonald & Co., who recently purchased a grocery business at Lethbridge have built a new store and opened out a general business.

The McLeod Cattle Company have bought W. H. Patricks band of cattle, numbering about 150 head. They will be put on the company's range on the Kootenai.

The Galt Coal Company have engaged 600 miners to work in their mines at Lethbridge. The monthly pay roll of the company amounts to about \$27,000, and it will be increased by March next to \$60,000. The output of the mine will be more than doubled.

Saskatchewan.

J. Hislop is opening a store at Prince Albert.

C. Woodman has opened a saloon in Prince Albert.

James Sanderson is starting a lumber mill at Prince Albert.

A butcher shop and general store were opened at Duck Lake last week.

Lumber Cuttings.

Robinson & Co. are erecting a new planing mill at Selkirk. It is being built with the latest improvements and will be roofed and probably sided with steel shingles.

The United States Congress have decided to impose heavy fines on persons who carelessly burn or destroy standing timber. A bill has been presented which makes it unlawful for any person to negligently set fire to woods or public lands, and a fine of not more than three times the amount of the damage will be imposed.

It is said that a party of New York capitalists have formed a syndicate and purchased 180,000 acres of timber land in the Adirondack region, which is estimated to contain 500,000,000 feet of spruce and pine over 12 inches in diameter, and about the same quantity of hemlock, birch, beech and maple. From 30,000,000 to 50,000,000 feet of pine and spruce will be removed annually.

Authority has been granted by the Newfoundland legislature for the granting of lands from five to fifty miles in extent for a period of 99 years, the timber on which may be used for manufacturing wood pulp. Large areas of stunted timber principally spruce and fir are to be found in Newfoundland which is admirably adapted to the making of pulp. A company has been formed at St. John, some of whom are English capitalists, and it is expected they will go into the business on a large scale.