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WINNIPEG, JUNE 17, 1895.

Manitoba.

The stock of Alfred Jackson, general store, Thornhill, was advertised for sale by sheriff on June 18th.

The Minnedosa creamery is in working order. On Saturday 100 pounds were made of first-class quality.

Faustner & Johnston, grocers, Winnipeg, have been sold out by assignee to Alex. McMillan at 60 cents on the dollar.

Henry Hickson, of Winnipeg has been appointed manager of the Hudson's Bay company's stores at Battleford, Sask.

The financial wants of the Winnipeg school board for current expenses for 1895 are \$102,000. This is exclusive of \$65,000 debentures issued.

Chalmers Bros. & Bethune of Manitou forwarded a car of hogs to Vancouver recently. The price paid to the farmers was 3½ cts. per lb. They will make another shipment this week.

Milord, Lalonde & Co., manufacturers of cash doors, etc. Winnipeg, have dissolved and Onizime Milord, Idalla Milord and Hector Milord continue under style of Milord & Co.

The Morden woolen mill is now running. The proprietors are said, by the local paper to be paying for Southdown and Shropshire wool 10c to 11c; washed from 15c to 20c, ordinary unwashed wool, 8 to 10c.

Letters patent have been issued to the Gurney Stove and Range Co., Winnipeg. The directors are Charles Gurney, J. H. Tilden, Oswald Gurney Carscallen, J. Burridge and T. W. Martin. Capital stock of the company is \$50,000.

R. Scott's creamery at Shoal Lake was burned on June 13. The loss is about \$7,000 with insurance of \$1,000. C. Neilson and family, buttermakers, were living over the creamery and escaped through a window. All his household effects were burned; he has no insurance.

Tenders are now being called for the erection of the new hardware warehouse for J. H. Ashdown, Winnipeg on the north-west corner of Bannatyne avenue and Rorie streets. The site is the one formerly occupied by Brown & Rutherford's mill, the pioneer manufacturing concern of Winnipeg. The plans show a design for a fine appearing structure. It is five stories in height, 80x-

185 feet, with frontage on Bannatyne avenue and shipping doors on Rorie as well as on the rear for the transfer railway branch convenience. The material to be used is Solkirk cut stone to the first story, and above that white brick.

On Tuesday a summons was applied for on behalf of T. T. Smith, an auctioneer, calling upon the city of Winnipeg and the attorney-general to show cause why the early closing by-law, No. 893, should not be quashed on the ground that the petition was not signed by three-fourths of the shop-keepers within the meaning of the statute, and that it is ultra vires. The summons was made returnable on 25th June.

Large catches of white fish are being made in La. o Winnipeg. The Solkirk Fish company operate five sail boats and one steam tug and employ forty-four men in the work. The largest one day's catch for the season by the company so far was 20,000 lbs. The whitefish are cleaned on the shore, packed in boxes holding 110 pounds and shipped to the refrigerators at Solkirk. The fish offal is all burned.

R. B. Rogers & Co., Winnipeg, have purchased the clothing stock of Lang, Morphy & Anderson, of the same place. The dry goods stock belonging to the latter firm will be packed up and moved east about the end of the month. Rogers & Co., now have possession of the clothing department and on the first of July they will take possession of the full block now occupied by Lang, Morphy & Anderson, and open out with a large stock of dry goods, boots and shoes, etc., in addition to the clothing, furnishing and tailoring business now carried on. Rogers & Co., will continue to use the name Cheapside which has long been applied to this block of stores, they having purchased the right to use that name from Lang, Morphy & Anderson.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Virden Board of trade the following resolution was unanimously passed. Moved by W. J. Wilcox, seconded by J. F. frame, "That it is necessary for the proper protection of the interests of the wholesale and retail merchants, traders, and the mercantile community generally of Canada, that an Insolvent Act should be placed on the statute book, drafted upon the lines of a bill recently introduced into the senate by the Hon. Premier Sir Mackenzie Bowell, so that (1) one uniform system for the winding up and equitable distribution of insolvent estates should prevail; (2) undue and unjust preferences be prevented; (3) expenses of administration and winding up be reduced to the lowest possible scale consistent with efficiency; sufficient and ample security be furnished by curators and administrators of estates; (5) proper machinery be furnished for the punishment of fraudulent debtors, and (6) provision made for the discharge of insolvent debtors under certain conditions; Be it therefore resolved, The Council of the Virden Board of trade views with alarm the opposition which the beforementioned Bill has met with in the Senate, and enters an emphatic protest against the statements of certain members thereof that an Insolvent Act is not generally desired throughout the Dominion, whereas the want of such an Act is a crying evil alike disastrous to the interests of the wholesale and retail trade of the country."

Assiniboia.

S. K. Colquhoun, general store, Gainsboro, has moved to Hartney.

W. A. Maguire, grocer, Regina, is succeeded by H. Armour.

The Echo is the name of a new weekly newspaper published at Wolseley.

Alberta.

The stock of groceries and crockery, book debts and fixtures belonging to the estate of King, Leakey & Co., of Calgary, will be offered for sale at Calgary on Wednesday, June 19.

The men of the government oil boring party at Athabasca Landing are sawing lumber with which to build flat boats to transport the machinery down the stream to Pelican rapids to try for oil in a fresh place.

Dr. McEachran has arrived at McLeod from Montreal. A Gazette reporter elicited the information that the English shareholders of the Walrond ranch company have determined to quit the business, and the affairs of the company will be wound up as quickly as possible.

Joseph Grymonprez, of Belgium, and J. LeRoy, of Montreal, have been in the Calgary district purchasing horses for the Belgian government. Ninety horses were bought, and the purchasers showed considerable care in the selection made. Mr. Grymonprez says if this venture proves successful he will return later in the season for 200 head more.

Grain and Milling.

The Minnesota State crop bulletin shows that at least 25 per cent more flax will be raised in Minnesota this year.

The Farmer's Elevator company of Rockwood is applying for incorporation. The company is formed for the purpose of erecting an elevator at Stonewall, Man.

Montreal Trade Bulletin. A little while ago the hue and cry regarding flour was "up she goes" but recently the tune was changed to "down she goes." Western millers during the past few days manifested some anxiety to unload, and were offering straight rollers here freely at \$5.00, which sold as high as \$5.25 about two weeks ago. In fact, some millers who refused the top note have actually consigned their flour to this market. Prices are therefore 15c to 25c per bbl. lower on straight rollers than they were a short time ago.

Montreal Trade Bulletin: "Certain millers in Ontario who sold ahead before the advance in flour set in, not being able to fill their contracts except at disastrous losses, owing to the big advance in wheat, have accepted the inevitable and thrown up the sponge. Quite a number of millers were laro of wheat when the rise set in, and values shot up so rapidly that they had not a chance of getting it at anything like reasonable figures. These are among the ups and downs of business.

A return relative to inspection of grain at Fort William, laid before parliament shows that in 1890 the fees for inspection amounted to \$2,505. In 1891 they jumped up to \$7,194. In 1892, \$8,104; in 1893, \$8,204, and in 1894 they reached the sum of \$10,910.21. The expense in respect of assistance was in 1892, \$3,684, in 1893, \$3,417; and in 1894, \$3,875. Four pounds of grain are taken from each car as a sample to protect the inspector in case of appeal on the part of the purchaser against his grading. The fees charged for inspection are sixty cents per car, and fifty cents per thousand bushels when inspected by cargo. In 1894 there were 16,708 cars inspected, which would yield the inspector 66,832 pounds of grain as tolls, at four pounds per car.

British exports to Canada increased 4 per cent in May and decreased 7 per cent for the five months. British imports from Canada increased 5 and 8 per cent in the same periods. The chief increases were oxen and sheep. Both cheese and butter also have largely increased.