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WINNIPEG, MARCH 19, 1894.

Manitoba.

Harry Spence, livery, Rapid City, reported away.

John Wiclie has opened a butcher shop at Rosenfeld.

A. F. Elliott, grocer, is starting business at Alexander.

Howard Main, hotel, Brandon, reported leaving business.

A. Ross, blacksmith, Clearwater, sold out to W. H. Manning.

W. H. Smith, plumber, Winnipeg, business sold to C. H. Rivercomb.

The estate of Thompson & Ross, general store, Nesbit, has been sold to John Watson.

James R. Wynne, of Bole, Wynne & Co., Winnipeg, left last week on a business trip to the coast.

Livingston and Clapp were appointed a committee at Melita to solicit subscriptions to a share list for a cheese factory.

W. J. Hamilton is retiring from the implement business at Neepawa, and Wigmore & Dinwoody succeed to the business.

The Capital Steam Dye works have started business at 241 Portage avenue, Winnipeg, as dyers and finishers. The proprietors are T. Mockett & Co.

About 9 o'clock Tuesday evening Chisholm & McKenzie's general store and Dr. Carscallen's drug store at Morris were totally destroyed by fire. Cause unknown.

Jar. Penrose, of Winnipeg, has been appointed chief license inspector for the province. Formerly this office was combined with that of chief of the provincial police, and J. M. Clark filled both positions. He retains the latter.

T. G. de la Borderie left last week for New York, from which city he will sail for Paris. Mr. Borderie operates a creamery at St. Malo, in this province. He goes to Paris to interest parties in the idea of starting a condensed milk factory in connection with his dairy.

The stock in trade of R. C. Callander, of Hartney, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Monday, 19th March, at Winnipeg, consisting of the following:—Boots and shoes, \$695.07; rubber goods, \$150.81; clothing, gents' furnishings, \$421.53; groceries, \$257.59; fixtures, \$92.35; book accounts, \$559.17.

The Manitou Mercury says: Gordon & Ironside, cattle exporters, will extend their business this year and will purchase cattle in Ontario as well as in Manitoba and the Territories. Mr. Ironside goes east to Montreal this month to complete arrangements, and will probably reside there during the summer.

J. H. Housser, of the Massey-Harris Co. Winnipeg, who is leaving to take charge of the company's implement works at Brantford, Ont., was banqueted at the Manitoba hotel on Tuesday evening last. A large number of representative business men were present, and there were many sincere expressions of regret for the removal of Mr. Housser from Winnipeg.

A large train from the east arrived at Winnipeg on Thursday. Besides the regular passengers over 200 English immigrants, who came on the steamer Vancouver to Halifax, were on board. There were 88 of these arrivals consigned to Manitoba points. The remainder of the party went through to the Territories and British Columbia.

Winnipeg dairymen have about perfected their organization, and the usual summer decline in the price of milk will likely be averted as a result. It is said about 60 dairymen will join the association. The names of parties who do not pay their milk bills will be given to all members of the association, so that the supply of such parties is likely to be cut off.

The friends of E. W. H. Van Allen, formerly of Winnipeg, will regret to learn that he is in very poor health. Mr. Van Allen has resigned the managership of the Massey-Harris works at Brantford, Ont., and will take a year's rest. Mr. Housser, of Winnipeg, will succeed him at Brantford, as stated in The Commercial last week.

Notice is given in the Canada Gazette, at Ottawa, of an application to parliament to incorporate "The Dominion Gas and Electric company, with head office at Winnipeg, the capital stock to be \$1,000,000, with power to produce, manufacture and sell gas and electricity for the purpose of heat, light, power, fuel and all purposes, and power to buy out existing companies."

Jas. Haddock, dealer in pianos, organs, sewing machines, etc., Winnipeg, left the city last Thursday, for Buffalo, where he will engage in the coal trade with relatives. The business here will be continued by Mr. Birt, of St. Paul, Minnesota, who was some years ago a partner with Mr. Haddock here. Mr. Haddock has a large circle of acquaintances in Winnipeg, with whom he was a general favorite, and his departure is much regretted.

The Winnipeg Jobbers' Union has been discussing the question of the lack of cold storage here, and a committee was appointed to look into the matter, with the object of securing the erection of a cold storage warehouse. This is something which the city has long been in need of, and which is especially required at the present time, the soft weather this month having caused considerable loss to holders of frozen meats, fish, etc., there being no cold storage available.

A meeting of merchants and clerks was held in Winnipeg on Thursday evening, as a sort of demonstration in favor of early closing of stores. Committees were appointed to wait upon merchants in each line of trade, to get signatures to a petition in favor of closing at 6 o'clock in the evening, except on evenings preceding holidays. If the petitions are signed by the requisite number of dealers, the act of the Manitoba Legislature regarding the early closing of stores will be brought into effect.

S. Anderson, postmaster at Hellson, North Dakota, and a prominent Iclander, has writ-

ten W. H. Paulson, of Winnipeg, informing him that a party of between twenty and thirty farmers are combining together and will cross over to this province about April 1, to settle near Lake Manitoba. Mr. Anderson inspected this district with several others last fall, and they were greatly pleased with the outlook. Considerable stock and effects will be brought over by the new comers.

The newly formed association of Winnipeg milk vendors have decided to fix the following as the prices for milk in the future:—"No dealer of the association shall sell milk for a smaller price than 6½¢ per quart (16 quarts for \$1) from the day of the date hereof until the first day of September next, nor for less price than 7 1/2¢ per quart (14 quarts for \$1) between the first days of the months of September and November next ensuing. The wholesale price shall be 20¢ per gallon." This is a considerable advance in the price, 20 quarts for \$1 having been about the figure during the summer season in the past, and 16 quarts in the winter.

Assiniboia.

Lake & Stewart, hotel, Moosomin, succeeded by Robert Stewart.

R. L. Kidd, boots and Shoes, Moosomin, stock distrained for rent.

Moosemin is likely to have a brewery. J. Kerr, formerly a brewer in the east, has succeeded in getting a number of local parties interested in the scheme, and a company has been organized and will apply for incorporation. It is intended that the malt house will be located in town and the brewery on the Pipestone a few miles south of the town.

The annual meeting of the Moose Jaw board of trade was held on the 9th inst. G. M. Annable presided and after routine work had been completed called for nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected: W. W. Bole, president; T. W. Robinson, first vice-president; S. N. De. P. Gunn, secretary-treasurer. Freight rates on grain and fuel were discussed, also prairie fires. A resolution was adopted urgently requesting the government to take such action as will prevent as much as possible the occurrence of these damaging prairie fires.

Alberta.

G. J. Kinnaird has been appointed manager of the Hudson Bay Company's store at Edmonton in place of G. W. Hislop.

N. B. Heath, general store, Luduc, admitting Charles Thomas Noble into partnership, under style Heath & Noble.

The Edmonton Creamery Co. are establishing a creamery at Poplar Lake. They have sent to Denmark for an expert butter maker.

D. M. Ratcliffe, of the Big Hills' Springs' Creamery, is taking measures to establish the creamery industry in Northern Alberta. He has spoken in support of this enterprise at Red Deer and elsewhere in the north, and found everywhere a lively interest in the subject.

A report from Lethbridge on Monday, regarding the trouble at the coal mines, says:—"The lockout here is practically at an end. Up to 6 o'clock this evening 285 miners had signed the round robin stating that they will accept the terms agreed upon at the last committee meeting. A few concessions were made by the company, such as a reduction in the charge made for powder. They also agreed to have two pay days a month instead of one.

Lumber Trade Items.

P. McArthur, of Westbourne, Man., says that he will begin the work of building a new steamer very shortly to replace the one burned on Lake Manitoba last year. Mr. McArthur is interested in lumbering on the lake.