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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 6, 1894.

Manitoba.

Graham & Owen, livery, Carberry, is succeeded by R. E. Walker.

E. Mills, hotel, Carberry, is succeeded by Mrs. Melvina McKenzie.

Daniel Bell, of Bell Bros., stained glass works, Winnipeg, is dead.

T. C. Thurman has opened a jewellery store at 460 Main street, Winnipeg.

Maokett & Co., dyers, Winnipeg, have dissolved; Robert Sinclair continues.

D. McIntosh, general store, Lake Dauphin, has taken J. F. Hasegood into partnership.

O. E. Wood, carriage top manufacturer, Winnipeg, has sold out to Donald McKinnon.

J. J. Schragge & Son, clothing, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, are reported in financial difficulties.

J. A. Ovas, who bought the Magee grocery stock, Brandon, at auction, sold it again to Mr. Magee.

W. M. Harrison & Co. have opened a drug store at Arden. Mr. Van Blaricom is in charge.

The partnership existing under the firm name of J. J. Schragge & Son, Winnipeg, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

Robert Scott, proprietor of the Shoal Lake creamery, advertises his cattle, plant and farm premises for sale by auction.

The shoe stock of R. Bourbeau, Winnipeg, will be sold under power of chattel mortgage, on August 8. Stock and fixtures amount to \$4,488.

The Gleaboro annual fair which took place Thursday, was pronounced as far exceeding all previous ones, all the departments being well filled with exhibits.

Tamoth & Dagg, general store, Belmont, have dissolved partnership; A. Dagg retires; new partnership formed between Elisha Dagg and Geo. Tamoth; style unchanged.

The stock of Thomas & Mowat, general

store, Elkhorn, has been sold to Wilcox & Ramsay of Virdon at 69¢ cents for the stock and the book accounts at 40¢ cents.

The Manitoba Farmers' Institute want the proposed investigation regarding freight rates to take the form of a commission, rather than a departmental inquiry, the farmers to have the appointment of one member of the commission.

The Manitou Mercury, of July 28, says: "Several cars of fat cattle from Mr. Ironside's ranch, near town, will be forwarded to Winnipeg to-day to join the stock train from the west which passes Winnipeg for Montreal on Monday. During the past few months Ironside & Gordon have shipped 3,000 hogs to Montreal from Manitoba, representing a cash outlay of \$24,000. Our local shippers, Chalmers Bros & Bethune, have also forwarded many cars of cattle and hogs to eastern points."

The following statement gives the value of the goods exported, entered for consumption, and duty collected during the month of July, 1894, from the port of Winnipeg.

Description.	Value. 1893.	Value. 1894.
Exported.....	\$125,865 00	\$ 1,118 00
Entered for consumption dutiable ..	218,893 00	134,294 00
Entered for consumption free	42,660 00	41,704 00
Total for consumption	\$216,553 00	\$175,998 00
Duty collected	\$72,166 13	\$37,763 43
Receipts at the inland revenue office, Winnipeg division, for July, 1894, were as follows:—		
Spirits.....	\$13,098 70	
Malt	2,527 65	
Tobacco.....	13,809 37	
Cigars	817 50	
Licenses	1,070 00	
Petroleum inspection.....	51 60	
Other receipts.....	126 95	
Total for July, 1894.....	\$31,501 86	

The above returns show a decrease as compared with the receipts of the same month last year when they were \$36,132.37.

Assiniboia.

R. A. Copeland, hotel, Grenfell, is succeeded by P. McCaffrey.

J. Reeves, tobacconist and barber, is opening in business at Moosomin.

T. L. Bray, general store, Wolseley, is reported to be selling out his store business to D. Desbrosay.

Jos. Clementson, merchant of Broadview, who represents that district in the territorial assembly, is at Regina attending the session.

Wm. C. Sanders, of Moose Jaw, has gone to Montreal with two cars of beef cattle, which he purchased in that district in company with E. A. Baker & Co.

The territorial assembly was opened at Regina on August 2, with the usual formalities. His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh, gave a very long address.

Alberta.

Gibson & Hall's new brewery on the south-side, at Edmonton, is now completed and ready for business.

Ten prairie schooners (wagons) passed through recently bound for Alberta. They came from Madison, South Dakota, and reported a total failure of crops in that section.

Wm. Gardner, for some years past connected with the Hudson's Bay Co., at Macleod, as manager of the dry goods department, is about to sever his connection with the company for the purpose of entering into partnership with Barker & Miller, of Macleod. The latter firm are adding dry goods to their general mercantile business.

Northwest Ontario.

Robert Mosher and Andrew Lunn, hotel-keepers, Fort Francis, have dissolved partnership.

Grain and Milling News.

The company formed at Virdon to build a flour mill, is to go ahead with the enterprise.

R. D. Martin & Co's proposed elevator at Oxbow, Assa., is now an assured thing. It will be erected in time for this season's grain.

Insurance and Financial Notes.

Notice is given that the Winnipeg Water Works Company will issue preferred bonds to the amount of \$5,000 payable on Dec. 31, 1913, bearing interest payable half yearly at the rate of 5 per cent. Applications to holders of the heretofore issued bonds of said company for the purchase of the whole or part of the new issue will be received by the secretary of the company up to August 20, 1894.

The by-law passed by the village of Carberry, Man., last year, to raise the sum of \$6,000 to purchase fire apparatus and procure tanks and water, has been quashed. The application was made to Justice Bain, and the ground for objection was that the council had not obtained the assent of the ratepayers as provided by the statute and that the by-law did not contain the necessary provisions for raising the money to meet the annual payment of the debentures.

Owing to some informalities the by-law to raise \$20,000 for public improvements at Regina, Assa., has been adjudged invalid, and notice has been given that application will be made to the Assembly to legalize it. Many are of the opinion, says the Standard, that it would be better to drop it altogether and to pass a new by-law, including the \$10,000 intended to be expended upon a permanent exhibition building.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending Aug. 2, were \$760,623; balances, \$133,354. For the previous week clearings were \$892,037.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	July 19th.	July 26th.
Montreal	\$12,252,063	\$15,028,446
Toronto	6,120,531	4,851,884
Halifax	1,231,915	1,129,687
Winnipeg	779,047	892,033
Hamilton	632,029	542,956

Total

Wool in the United States.

The past week has shown large sales of wool, transactions for the week in Boston footing up nearly 10,000,000 pounds, of which about 9,000,000 pounds were domestic grades. Values are generally advanced about 1c under the effect of the demand, with some business at the advance. Later buyers have been holding back. While prices are generally quoted about 1c higher at the close, it would be difficult to sell any lines at much above last week's rates under present tariff prospects. What with offerings of wool withdrawn from sale, receipts held back by railroad strikes, and recent large sales, stocks on offer have become greatly reduced.

It has been calculated that there are about 1,500,000,000 of human beings now living on the earth. Of these 800,000,000 are packed in Asia, 320,000,000 dwell in Europe, over 200,000,000 are found in Africa, more than 100,000,000 in North and South America, and the rest may be said to belong to the islands.