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WINNIPEG, JUNE 18, 1894.

Manitoba

Chas. Brown is opening in hardware at Hilton.

Miss B. Blackwell is opening in millinery at Strathclair.

Duncan Christie is opening a stationery store in Winnipeg.

Thomas C. Thurman is opening a jewelry store in Winnipeg.

Dade & Bannister, hotel, Portage la Prairie, succeeded by James Bell.

John Kaskey, blacksmith, Rosenfelt, burned out; loss, \$300; no insurance.

Lloyd & Co., lumber, St. Boniface, are succeeded by Lloyd & McCutcheon.

Sidney E. Hobbs, hotel, Brandon, is succeeded by P. J. Flanagan from Oak Lake.

Chas. McKenzie has opened a watch and jewellery repairing shop at Pilot Mound.

The Deloraine cheese factory commenced receiving milk and making cheese June 4th.

William Simpson, hotel, Carman, is out of business, and succeeded by Angus Campbell.

Geo. Hamilton, hardware, Deloraine; admitted J. J. Cochrane; style Cochrane & Hamilton.

Lang, Strachan & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, have dissolved; Strachan & Redmond retire; H. H. Lang continues.

The prize list for Brandon exhibition, to be held on July 11, 12 and 13 can be had by addressing Jas. A. Smart, sec. treasurer.

H. W. A. Chambre, real estate, etc., Winnipeg, has admitted F. S. Young into partnership, under style of Chambre & Young.

John Marshall and Daniel McFarlane, blacksmiths, Carberry, have dissolved partnership. John Marshall continues the business.

"A number of young men in the city," says a Winnipeg daily, "have been swindled by purchasing bogus lottery tickets." We wonder how much less the swindle would have been providing the tickets were "go uino?"

J. J. Cochrane has been admitted to partnership with Geo. Hamilton, hardware dealer of Deloraine, the new firm being Cochrane & Hamilton.

James Watt & Co. have purchased the retail tobacco business on the corner of Main and Bannatyne streets, Winnipeg, formerly conducted by Kent & Co.

The grand rains of the last few days, says the Virden Advance of June 14, have rejoiced everybody, as the crops are now in splendid condition throughout this whole district.

The firms of Thos. B. Greening & Co., of Hamilton, Ontario, and Greening, Balfour & Co., of Winnipeg, give notice that they intend concentrating their business in Hamilton under the name of Greening, Balfour & Co., Hamilton.

Green, a partner in the firm of Laidlaw, Green & Co., Brandon, says the Times, has withdrawn from the firm, and will probably go into business in Virden. The business will be continued under the name of the Brandon Machine Company.

The Winnipeg branch of the Union Bank has moved into the premises lately occupied by the Commercial Bank. The new premises have been completely renovated and handsomely fitted up, making one of the most convenient banking houses in the city.

The very warm weather felt recently has been a great thing for the manufacturers of summer beverages. The Commercial staff have to acknowledge many courtesies these trying days from O'Kelly Bros., who manufacture a large list of summer drinks, in close proximity to this office.

Assiniboia.

L. C. Rogers, men's furnishings, boots, shoes and groceries, Regina, reported sold out to Fair & Maguire.

G. N. Annable, of Moose Jaw, who in company with R. H. Holt started for the coast a short time ago with three cars of fat cattle, has disposed of the lot at Golden and returned. His experience in the flooded district has been varied, having struck the first wash-out while westward bound at Paliser. After moving the cattle from one place to another to obtain feed they were finally sold at Golden.

A telegram from Wapella on July 13 says: A very severe hailstorm five miles in width passed over this locality at six o'clock yesterday afternoon, destroying garden crop and causing some damage to grain. In town all the windows on the west side of buildings were smashed, and part of the roof of the English church was lifted and blown away. Atkinson & Co's grain warehouse was also blown over.

The Moose Jaw board of trade has issued a circular to boards of trade, municipal councils and agricultural societies in Manitoba and the Territories on the question of prairie fires, with a view of having some concerted action taken to lessen the danger from such fires. The board thinks that the railway companies should be compelled to make fire guards along their lines; that the government should make guards through the unsettled country.

Fire broke out in Gourley & Rankin's large general store at Maple Creek on June 12, and the store with entire stock was burned down. The building and stock were partly insured. Insurance on the stock was held in the companies below. The building was owned by a firm at Calgary who placed the assurance with representatives of companies there: The National, \$1,700; the Manchester, \$1,000; the Caledonian, \$1,750; the North British & Mercantile, \$1,750; the Royal, \$2,250; the Guardian, \$1,000; the United Fire, \$2,000; total, \$11,450.

Northwest Ontario.

Col. Ray, banker, Port Arthur, has been acquitted by jury of the charge of a social crime.

M. J. Haney, the partner of Hugh Ryan in the construction of the Sault canal, says the firm is just now engaged in cleaning up about the canal. The masonry is entirely complete, and seven lock gates are already on the ground. It is expected that water will be let into the canal about July 10, when the gates will be swung. They are to be operated by electricity.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The Kewatin Lumber Co's big mill at Kewatin has resumed operations for the regular summer's work.

The log drive of D. Sprague's lumber mill has arrived at Winnipeg. This drive, consisting of three million feet of timber, mostly white pine, has been brought over a distance of 500 miles. The trip was more than usually fortunate, as regards percentage of loss, and considering the distance travelled, the timber being nearly all cut from the Lake of the Woods district, the result is most satisfactory.

Alberta.

Coal is being distributed by steamer from Edmonton to all points along the Saskatchewan river. This is likely to eventually become a very large trade, as the water route permits of cheap transportation. Coal should be sold very cheaply all along the Saskatchewan at considerably less than half present prices, by the development of the river route.

Grain and Milling News.

Talking about low grain prices, an Ontario paper says that a dollar and a half will purchase as much store goods now as fifty bushels of oats would purchase twenty-five years ago.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. has instructed the company's agent at Vancouver, British Columbia, to distribute a car load of flour, containing 410 bags, for the relief of the flood sufferers.

The foundation for the new flouring mill at Prince Albert, Sask., has been completed, and the superstructure will be erected at once. It is hoped to have the mill fully equipped and ready for the new crop.

An offer has been received from a reliable man to build and run a 50 barrel mill at Elk-horn, Man., says the local paper, for a substantial bonus, and it is likely a new by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers, reducing the size of the mill to be built.

The steamship Selwyn Eddy, says the Duluth Market Reporter, took out a cargo of 121,000 bushels of No. 1 northern wheat this morning from the Superior Terminal elevators. This beats the best previous record, also held by the Eddy, by 6,000 bushels. It would take over 10,000 acres of last year's crop to make up this cargo.

Insurance and Financial Notes.

Offers for the purchase of \$15,000 debentures of Portage la Prairie, Man., are advertised for, to June 25.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Clearing House was held on June 7. The report of its operations for the six months, since inauguration, was most satisfactory. For that period, the dullest half of the year, the clearings amounted to \$22,000,000, which showed a volume of trade considerably ahead of what was expected. It is thought that the aggregate for the year, when the full business is included, will show the sum of \$50,000,000. The following board of managers was elected for the ensuing twelve months: A. Kirkland, manager of the Bank of Montreal; F. H. Mathewson, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; F. G. Nichols, manager of the Molson's Bank; F. L. Patton, manager of the Union Bank; and J. B. Monk, manager of the Bank of Ottawa.