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WINNIPEG, JUNE 20, 1892.

Manitoba.

A large number of fat cattle were shipped from Carman this week to the Winnipeg market, says the *Standard* of June 10th. Some really fine animals were among the number, one steer tipped the scales at 1,900 pounds.

E. J. Brown, formerly with the Carberry Milling Co's branch business in Winnipeg, and who has lately been employed with the Winnipeg Storage and Advance Co., has opened in the flour and feed business, in the Robert block, King St., Winnipeg.

J. H. Holman, who is now one of the travelling representatives of Wm. Bateman & Co., biscuits, etc., Winnipeg, returned last week from a western trip. He reports the crops looking well through the country, and the people are generally pleased with the prospect.

The directors of the Brandon Summer Fair held a meeting last week, and most of the work mapped out preliminary to the appearance of the prize list. A meeting of members of the Brandon Poultry club took place also to arrange for matters in connection with the poultry department of the exhibition.

The *Souris Plaindealer* of June 9 says. A farmer living a few miles from here brought in some samples of grain and grass yesterday which are of surprising length considering the short growing season we have had. One sample of grain measured over sixteen inches, and was only one leaf from the shot blade, while on opening the stalk the head was discovered already formed. Stocks of timothy measured twenty inches, and a sample of alsike was a wonder of vegetation. The gentleman says this latter is a perfect mat of growth in the field. He also had a sample of white clover in bloom, and he says this is the third year for this clover from one seeding, and he finds it a success, and that the sod spreads fast.

A paper is to be started at Hamiota by H. C. Clay.

W. Chisholm, livery, Oak River, has sold out to Jos. Henry.

Carveth & Co., Winnipeg, have added flour and feed to their business.

The plant for Thomas & Matthews new machine shop at Hamiota, has arrived.

W. Cranston, art dealer and picture frame dealer, Winnipeg, has retired from that business.

Building operations are still on the increase says a Hamiota. Scott & Chambers are building a large addition to their store.

Gardiner and Owen, have bought the stock and tools of the Murphy estate, Rapid City, will open out in the hardware line.

Emanuel Ohlen has again taken charge of the Swedish monthly paper published at Winnipeg, the *Scandinavian Canadian*. He intends making it a first class paper.

W. H. Rowley, of the E. B. Eddy Co., of Hall, Quebec, was in Winnipeg last week, on the way home from a visit for health, pleasure and business, to the west.

The Winnipeg Storage and Advance Company has been wound up. The business was established three months ago, with a capital of \$2000, two-thirds of which has been sunk, through bad management.

The eighteenth annual exhibition of the Portage and Lakeside Agricultural Society will be held at Portage la Prairie, on July 21 and 22 next. Prize lists will be forwarded on application to A. A. MacLennan, Portage la Prairie. Competition unrestricted.

Alfred Robinson, of Toronto, manager of the Canadian head office of Lever Bros., of England, manufacturers of the famous Sunlight soap, was in Winnipeg last week on his return homeward. He has been west as far as the coast inspecting the western agencies of sunlight soap, and prospecting the country, with which he is highly pleased.

J. G. Dennison, contractor, has left with eighty men to complete the contract to build the Glenboro branch railway extension between Souris and Nesbit. This is a gap of eighteen miles and in six weeks it is expected the work will be finished.

The bankrupt stock of Thos. Brownlow, dry goods and clothing, Winnipeg, was sold on June 11. The dry goods were bought by George Clements; the clothing department was bought by S. A. Ripstein. The stocks each brought between 49 and 50 cents on the dollar, and considering the class of goods are considered to be well sold.

Wm. Bateman & Co., manufacturers of biscuits and confectionery, Winnipeg, are meeting with every success in their new venture. Their business during May, which was the second month since the establishment of the industry, was treble what it was during the first month in which the firm has been open for business. The firm is making a point to turn out the best quality of goods, and their business is being rapidly extended all over the country.

The Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, Ontario, who are manufacturers of several lines of goods, have opened a wholesale branch warehouse in Winnipeg, in the premises lately occupied by Mackenzie & Mills, Robert block, King street. The lines of goods which will be handled here, consist of sash, doors, blinds, mouldings and other articles in joiners supplies; also Portland and hydraulic cement, these lines being some of the manufactures of the company. The business here will be in charge of G. M. Taylor, who arrived recently from Deseronto to take charge of the branch. R. P. Inglis will represent the company on the road here. The Rathbun Co. is one of the large and substantial manufacturing concerns of Ontario, and THE COMMERCIAL can recommend the new institution to the western trade.

Ripstein, of Winnipeg, has bought the stock of the branch store of Livingston & Co., at Hiltou.

Senator Sanford, of Hamilton, Ont., of the Sanford Manufacturing Co., was in Winnipeg last week.

Geo. H. Rogers & Co., who have purchased the general stock of Livingston & Co., of Glenboro, will amalgamate the stock with their Glenboro branch store.

The Winnipeg board of trade and the Winnipeg grain exchange have each accepted offers from N. Bawlf to occupy quarters in the new block which he proposes erecting at once on Princess st, corner of Jamima.

THE COMMERCIAL stated last week that "the estate of Gunne & Co., drugs, Glenboro, has been sold to Geo. H. Rogers & Co., Winnipeg, at 63 cents on the dollar." This should have read "estate of Livingston & Co." With this correction the item is all right. The error occurred through the fact that Mr. Gunne, in whose name the drug store is conducted, was lately connected with the firm of Livingston & Co.

A meeting of the provisional directors of the Western Agricultural and Arts association, Brandon, was held on Saturday last, when it was decided to open out stock books and solicit the purchase of shares. The capital stock of the association is placed at \$10,000 in 1,000 shares of \$10 each, a payment of ten per cent. being required on subscribing. On the necessary capital for incorporation being subscribed a public meeting of the shareholders will be called to elect directors and other officials. Shares in the meantime can be obtained from Thos. Harkness, D. G. Stewart or any member of the provincial directorate.

The business of Jas. Kirkwood & Co., commission, etc., Winnipeg, has been transferred to Wm. White, who will continue the same. For the present the business will be conducted under the old name of Jas. Kirkwood & Co., and all the agencies formerly represented, will be continued by the new proprietor. Mr. White has been connected with Jas. Kirkwood & Co for the last year, and therefore is familiar with the details of the business. Mr. Kirkwood has moved to British Columbia, and will open business in Victoria, in the same line as that in which he was engaged in here. He will represent in British Columbia a number of the firms which were formerly represented by him here, and including some of the best houses in the country.

Free Transportation to the Winnipeg Exhibition.

The Canadian Pacific, Manitoba & North Western, Northern Pacific and Great North West Central Railway Companies and the Alberta Railway and Coal Company have generously agreed to convey all exhibits from Manitoba and the North-west Territories absolutely free of freight charges, provided the ownership of the exhibits is not changed, and that they are returned immediately after the show to the points from which they were originally shipped.

From points east of Manitoba exhibits will be brought in at the ordinary tariff rates, and will be returned to the original place of shipment free of charge, provided the ownership does not change.

The railway companies have also agreed to greatly reduce rates of fare for visitors to the exhibition. From many points the fares for the round trip will be much less than the ordinary fares for the single journey.

Libby, McNeil & Libby, says a Toronto paper, have advanced their price for 2-lb canned corned beef to \$1.60 per dozen. Reports from the west state that the packing is comparatively light at present, owing to scant supply of stock.