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WINNIPEG, JUNE 1, 1891.

Manitoba.

Thomas Cottingham, harness, Rapid City, assigned in trust.

Joseph Morrison, blacksmith, &c, Winnipeg, sold out by bailiff.

J. N. Knechtel has purchased a stock and will open a store at Killarney.

Mr. Grant, of Grant, Horne & Bucknal, Winnipeg, left for Vancouver last week.

Harry B. Hodgins, livery and mail carrier, Selkirk, has sold out to George Dickinson.

J. B. Henderson has purchased the bankrupt stock of E. S. White & Co., at Carberry.

T. Finklestein, grocer, Winnipeg; premises damaged by fire; loss above insurance small.

A. Cornell, has arrived at Brandon from Ontario, and will undertake to build concrete houses.

J. Murphy, late of the firm of Grundy & Co., has started business at Portage on his own account, in musical instruments, etc.

The official statement shows that the by law voted on in St. Boniface recently to grant a bonus of \$35,000 to the Norwood Bridge Company, was defeated by three votes.

Stone is rolling into Warden, says the *Advance*, fast, for the substantial structures Healey and Caulfield are about to erect. Work on the buildings will be commenced immediately.

There is an impression abroad, says the *Pilot Mound Sentinel*, that the late frosts have destroyed the blossoms on wild fruit trees and bushes. There has, as yet, been little or no in-

jury, as the buds were not far enough advanced to be hurt. Unless another cold time comes, the fruit crop may be a good one.

C. H. Fildes, representing Green and Sons Company, of Montreal, furnishings, fur goods, etc., has been doing the country some time, and this week will open his samples in the city. On his return from southern Manitoba last week, he reported the crops looking exceedingly well. Mr. Fildes succeeds Mr. Matthews in looking after the western trade for the Montreal house.

N. D. Macdonald & Co., plumbers, Winnipeg, have secured the contract for the construction of the water works at Kamloops, B.C., of which J. E. Hannah, of Winnipeg, will be engineer; the amount being about \$11,000. The contract for the plumbing and steam heating of the extensive new addition to the Alberta hotel at Calgary has also been secured by this firm, and also the plumbing and steam heating of the Grand Forks, Dakota, school, the contract having been secured over ten competitors, the price being \$4,700.

Assiniboia.

The assessment roll for 1891 shows the population of Moosomin to be 782, and taxable property \$252,000.

Sporling & Hawkes, general dealers, of Balgonie, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by J. D. Hawkes.

The assessment roll of Regina this year will sum up nearly one million dollars, being an increase of \$200,000 over that of last year.

Jean Claustre, general merchant, of Maple Creek, leaves in a few weeks for France, where large property has fallen to him by the death of relatives.

R. D. McNaughton & Co., general dealers, Moosomin, have prepared plans of new business premises, which they intend erecting this summer. The block will be a fine one.

The council of the Toronto Board of Trade has protested against the imposition of a tax on outside commercial men by the municipal authorities of Victoria, B. C., and will make representation to that effect to that city.

A petition has been unanimously signed in Regina, Assiniboia, to have every Wednesday afternoon in June, July and August proclaimed a civic holiday. The board of trade and town council favor the scheme, which seems to be so popular that it will doubtless come into operation.

A by-law to expend \$20,000 for drainage, as per report of Engineer Ruttan was submitted to the ratepayers at Regina last week, and carried with only one contrary vote. The poll stood 104 to 1. Mayor Williams will go to Winnipeg to confer with engineer Ruttan regarding details of construction.

A number of South Dakota delegates, in charge of W. A. Webster, examined the resources of the Moose Jaw district on Wednesday last. After inspecting several farms and ranches the delegates handed a written expression of their views to the *Moose Jaw Times*, in which they were loud in their praises of the district.

P. Calligher, buyer of the firm of P. Calligher & Sons, Winnipeg, has been here looking over the range stock at Maple Creek, and pur-

chased from the herd of Dixon Bros., two car-loads of beef steers. The cattle are in fine condition. Three cars of beef steers will also be shipped from Maple Creek for the Calgary market.

While drilling for water at Dominion City, Man., Wm. Robie, who has charge of the work, struck a rich supply of gas. The gas ignites and burns steadily at the top of a two inch pipe which has been inserted in the well. Mr. Robie is anxious to have an engineer, or someone competent, visit Dominion City to test the gas as to strength, etc., and with the purpose of ascertaining whether it could be used for any purpose.

Alberta.

D. G. Hamilton has started a foundry at Calgary.

Norris & Carey, Edmonton, have added a clothing department to their establishment.

W. Marchant, who has opened a room for the sale of Japanese curiosities at Calgary has been summoned for not having paid the transient traders' license of \$100. The amount was paid under protest.

Calgary *Tribune*:—Hull Bros. have shipped another train load of cattle to British Columbia markets. I. G. Baker & Co., ship another hundred head to-morrow night, and P. Burns will send another lot shortly. This will most likely finish the shipments for this season.

The weather during the past week says the *Edmonton Bulletin*, of May 16, has been most favorable both for seedling and growth. A very large proportion of the seedling is finished and the wheat is mostly up and looking well. Cut worms are doing some damage. Gardens are doing well.

Lumber Cuttings.

The machinery for Graham, Horne & Co.'s mill at Fort William is all set up and it is expected to start work in a very short time.

Fires in the woods along the Pembina river has caused a great amount of damage. Much valuable timber has been destroyed.

G. O. Buchanan has started a branch lumber yard at Nelson, B. C. It is reported, says the *Miner*, that he has made arrangement with Ed. Sullivan to run the mill for two years.

The estate of J. T. Simpson, lumber dealer, Moose Jaw, Assa., is offered for sale by tender. The estate, including book debts, amounts to \$6,193, of which \$1,900 is in book accounts.

Dobson & Taylor have taken possession of the Queen City Planing mills at Victoria, B. C., recently purchased from Johnson, Walker & Flett. The new owners will refit the premises and add a saw mill with a capacity of 25,000 feet per day.

J. A. Carthew has purchased the Gamble saw mill and cannery site on the Skeena river, B. C., midway between the Standard cannery and Port Essington, and will at once proceed to erect thereon a saw mill, the power being derived from two turbine wheels of 50 horse-power each.

Garnett, owner of the Oyster Bay Shingle Mill, B. C., was burned out recently. He computes his loss at over \$2,000, the dwelling house only being saved. About 150,000 shingles were burned. He does not think the supply of cedar in the vicinity of his late site, will warrant his in rebuilding the mill.