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Manitoba.

The Observer, published at Holland, has been enlarged.

The first drive of logs for McArthur's mill at Birtle has arrived.

Somerville & Co., marble dealers, Brandon, contemplate opening a branch business in Winnipeg.

Summer fairs were held at Portage la Prairie and Brandon this week and both were very successful.

The creamery recently destroyed on the Barnardo industrial farm at Russell, is being rebuilt on a smaller scale and with improved equipment.

The proposed joint excursion of the Winnipeg board of trade, grain exchange and jobbers union has been abandoned for the present.

Kingdon & Co., of the Selkirk pottery have arranged to ship ten cars of clay from Moose Jaw to their factory for manufacturing purposes.

About 600 excursionists arrived at Winnipeg from Ontario on Thursday last, a number of whom will become permanent residents in the west.

H. A. Galbraith, a well-known commercial traveller, who represented a Toronto safe firm in the west, died at Winnipeg, on Saturday, July 20.

The editorial management of the Free Press has changed. Mr. St. John retires, and J. B. Somerset, formerly business manager, assumes the double duty of editorial and business management.

Campbell & Campbell is the name of a new firm which will open in the furniture business in Brandon shortly. R. J. Campbell has been in the employ of Wilson & Rankin for some years and A. Campbell chief of the asylum staff compose the new firm.

It is the intention of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association to hold a grain and root show early in October, a project that will be generally endorsed. Liberal prizes will be offered, as well as sweepstakes for municipalities.

A proposal has been made that the electoral divisions bordering on Winnipeg join together and have a good exhibit of grain, roots, fruits, butter, cheese, etc., and general farmers' produce in Winnipeg, instead of

holding small local fairs in the different municipalities.

The general store of N. M. W. McKenzie, at Russell, was burned on July 24, and nothing saved. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The fire did not spread to the adjoining buildings. The store was the first building in Russell and it is the first fire ever experienced in the village.

Alex. Smith, publisher of The Colonist, and formerly immigration agent here for the Manitoba government, died very suddenly on Saturday, July 20. Mr. Smith was at the exhibition in the afternoon of that day and about his office as usual, though not feeling well. About ten o'clock in the evening he expired suddenly.

On the application of the liquidators of the Commercial Bank an order has been made authorizing them to declare another dividend of thirteen per cent., which will make total dividend of fifty per cent on the claims allowed. The payment will not be made until next month.

The crop of cultivated grass in the Pilot Mound district, says the Sentinel newspaper of July 12, is the finest and largest ever produced. Fields of timothy are numerous and extensive. The crop is generally as high as the fences and remarkably heavy on the ground. Mowers are already in operation and farmers must be convinced that weedy grain fields may be restored to cleanliness by using a plentiful supply of timothy seed and sowing at a proper time.

With a view to aiding the farmers in securing help in the harvest the Canadian Pacific Railway instructed their agents throughout the country to receive applications for laborers. The agents have sent in their reports and the list completed therefrom shows that there have been actual applications for 2,000 men, as there are many stations on the lines where there are no agents, it is estimated that fully 3,000 men will be needed. That this labor may be supplied as far as possible, two excursions will be run from Ontario and Quebec next month at a very low rate.

Prof. Saunders, director of the Dominion system of experimental farms, passed through Winnipeg last week, on his way to Agassiz, British Columbia, where he will attend the provincial convention of the dairymen, fruit growers and farmers. He will inspect Manitoba and the Territories on his way back. Prof. Saunders stated that for a radius of forty or fifty miles around Ottawa the country had not suffered to any great extent from drouth, and crops of all kinds were promising. Outside of this radius, however, prospects are not so bright, the root and grain crops giving evidences of but a poor yield. Hay promised to give less than half a normal yield. Fall wheat is now being harvested and bears promise of a fair yield in most localities.

Alberta.

The plans of the traffic bridge across the Saskatchewan river at Edmonton have arrived. They show an iron truss bridge, 703 feet in length with three spans of 234 feet each.

The Canadian Land and Ranch Co., Ltd., has purchased the property, estate and interest, real and personal, of The Canadian Agricultural, Coal and Colonization Co., Ltd. The business will henceforth be carried on by and in the name of The Canadian Land and Ranch Co., Ltd. D. H. Andrew's is manager of the new company.

J. Reiplinger, representing Jas. McMillan & Co. has been buying wool at Calgary. The Calgary Tribune says of his purchases: "All the sheep ranchers in this district have now disposed of their wool at prices ranging from 10½ to 11½ per lb., and have done so without being obliged to ship a pound of it.

The weight of wool sold so far at Calgary this season is about 150,000 lbs.

Edmonton Bulletin. Colin Fraser, trader, of Chipewyan, and party arrived at Edmonton from the Landing on Monday with about \$15,000 worth of fur. The fur includes 88 black foxes, over 8,000 marten and 800 beaver. Mr. Fraser has trading posts at Vermillion, Fond du Lac, and other points north as well as at Fort Chipewyan.

Northwest Ontario.

Hoover Bros., general dealers, Port Arthur, will move to Franklin, Manitoba.

The population of Port Arthur according to the assessor is 3,015, which shows considerable gain since the Dominion census.

The Rat Portage reduction works and about eight mining locations have been purchased by E. Brusewitz, of London, England. It is the intention to equip the reduction works with the most improved mining machinery at once, and also to construct extensive developments on mining locations purchased. At this rate mining development will be active in the district.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of July 20 says: "The freight market for grain has ruled very dull, but the prospects are improving, as quite a lot of grain has recently been engaged from Duluth and Chicago for shipment via this port. The rates on grain are quoted at 3d to Liverpool, 3d to 1s to Glasgow and Bristol, and 1s to 1s 3d to London. Very little grain is going to London, flour being mostly taken for that port. To the continent 1s 6d is the nominal rate. In sack flour there has been a good business at 5s Liverpool, 6s Glasgow, and 7s London. Engagements are reported in cheese at 12s 6d to 15s to Liverpool, 17s 6d to 20s to London, 25s to Glasgow and 22s 6d to Bristol. Provisions 7s 6d to 8s Liverpool, and 15 London or Glasgow. Cattle 42s 6d to 45s, and deals 32s 6d to 35s on regular liners.

Last week we stated that the Canadian Pacific Railway had announced a rate on hay of \$4 per ton, by water from Fort William to Ontario points, west of and including Toronto. It will be understood that this rate includes transportation by boat only. The rate from Winnipeg to Fort William is 17c per 100 pounds, which added to the \$4 rate from Fort William will make the total rate \$7.10 per ton from Winnipeg to Toronto and western Ontario points. The company does not guarantee to continue the rate by water later than early in October.

Toronto Grain and Produce Prices.

Wheat.—The demand is slow and the market is easier. Red was quoted to day at 80c bid on the Midland; it was offered west at 78c, with 76c bid. Manitoba wheat is dull and easy. Cars of No. 1 hard are quoted at 93c west and 91c Montreal freights.

Flour.—straight roller is quoted at \$3.75, Toronto freights; Manitoba flour is easier; patents are quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.55, and strong bakers' at \$4.25.

Milfeed is in good demand, scarce and firm. Cars of shorts are quoted. Toronto freights, at \$17 to \$18, and bran \$14. Some bran was offered west and \$12.50 was bid for it and not accepted.

Barley.—Cars of feed are quoted east at 47c and west at 46c.

Oats.—The arrival of some Manitoba oats has kept the demand for Ontario down. The market is steady at 33c to 34c asked for cars of white west, according to locally. Cars on the track here are quoted at 33½c to 37c, and 36c bid.—Globe, July 22.