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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 1, 1894.

Manitoba.

Henry Glenn, butcher, Winnipeg, is dead. White & Martin are opening a hotel at Souris.

Thomas Green has opened a butcher shop at Brar don.

D. A. Scott, tailor, Souris, has sold out to Mr. Stockton.

Charles Crothers has re-opened in the hotel business at Pilot Mound.

J. Nation has applied for a license for the Transit House at Souris.

Dan Murphy is opening business in cigars and tobaccos at Winnipeg.

Dagg & Mawhinney have started in the manufacture of brick at Holland.

The bailiff is in possession of the stock of Matthews & Co., jewelers, Winnipeg.

The sale of land for taxes in Winnipeg will be held on October 30. The list of lands liable to sale has been published.

Manitoba bakers have been giving 24 loaves of bread for \$1, but they have now advanced the price to 20 loaves.

G. F. Bradley, for a number of years with Aikins, Culver & McClenaghan, Winnipeg, will open a law office at Morden.

Miss S. Casitar, formerly a milliner at Portage la Prairie, has bought the stationery stock of the late D. Jenkins at Morden and will continue the business.

The partnership existing between Bateman & Chapin, lumber, implement and grain merchants, Hartney, has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by F. Chapin.

The charges against the Robinson Fish company operating on Lake Winnipeg for breaches of the fisheries law, were heard before a magistrate at Selkirk. After hearing the evidence both charges were withdrawn, and Capt. Robinson was completely exonerated.

Mr. Barre reports a large make of butter and cheese this year in his Manitoba factories. His factories have turned out 80,000 pounds of butter to date, and he expects the total for the season will reach 100,000 pounds. Nearly all of this goes to British Columbia. He expects to keep the factories running until November. His make of cheese will also be several tons in excess of last year, owing to the long and favorable season.

The government dredge and other boats used in connection therewith, have been laid up in winter quarters in the slough at Selkirk. The season has been a very successful one, some 68,000 cubic yards of sand being taken out to make the channel clear at the mouth of the Red river. Two full cuts have been made over the bar at the mouth of the river, and a channel made 127 feet wide at the bottom, which gives fourteen feet of water from one end to the other.

The total value of new buildings completed or being erected at Portage la Prairie, for the nine months of 1894 is \$71,000. To this must be added about \$18,000 for repairs of the value of \$100 or upwards to other buildings, making a total of \$89,000 expended in the Portage for 1894. Of the new buildings the new court house and additions to the jail are the principal items, \$25,000 in all; next comes the ward schools, \$9,000, \$5,500 and \$1,500 respectively. The remainder are nearly all dwelling houses, ranging in value from \$2.50 down to less than \$500.

Alberta.

Wm. Bullock is opening a hotel at Canmore.

Gaetz Bros., general store, Red Deer, have dissolved partnership.

Falger & Wilson, hotel, Red Deer, have dissolved partnership; Stephen Wilson continues.

R. C. Brumpton, general store, Red Deer, has admitted Raymond Gaetz into partnership; style Brumpton & Gaetz.

Assinibola.

Armstrong & McNeil have opened dyo works at Regina.

Le Jeune Smith & Co., private bankers, etc., Regina, are reported to have dissolved partnership.

M. La T. Thompson, drugs, etc., Estévan has purchased the drug business of Dr. E. H. Scott, of the same place.

Grain and Milling News

Rileys's elevator at Cypress River, Man., burned recently, contained over 10,000 bushels of wheat, which was also destroyed. The loss is placed at \$9,000 on the elevator and contents, and only \$1,250 insurance.

A by-law was voted upon at Brandon on September 22, authorizing the city council to bonus Alexander Kelly & Co. to the extent of \$9,000 to aid them to rebuild their flour and oatmeal mills, recently burned. The by-law was carried, and the work will be begun at once. The new mill is to have a capacity of 300 barrels a day.

Over 16,000 bushels of wheat were delivered by farmers at Brandon on Monday.

Alexander Kelly & Co. of Brandon, have let the contract for the stonework of their new mill to Chas. Hill and the brick work will be done by Lidster & Bell. A gang of men are already getting things in shape and material on the ground. Alexander Kelly & Co. say that they will be grinding wheat before the 15th of January.

John Frost, of Portage la Prairie noticed a bright light in one of the windows of Smith's elevator at that place the other night, and on looking in he found the building on fire. Having secured a pail he succeeded in putting out the fire. The fire had started in the flour near one of the elevator spouts, and had it been undisturbed for a few minutes more, the building and all its store of grain would have been consumed. There was no one around the elevator at the time, the operators being at supper.

Lumber Trade Items.

Since the reduction in lumber freight rates from the Lake of the Woods mills, the Lake Winnipeg lumber interest is subjected to keener competition, as the rates have not been reduced from the latter place. In voicing this situation the Selkirk Record says: "The lumber trade here is likely to be seriously injured, if not destroyed altogether. From Rat Portage to Winnipeg, a distance of 133 miles, the freight rate is 10c per one hundred pounds for lumber. Now from Selkirk to Winnipeg, a distance of twenty-four miles, or less than one-sixth the haul, the lumbermen have to pay 6c. This is going to affect the lumber interests here considerably."

Insurance and Financial Notes

The seventh annual meeting of the Permanent Mortgage and Trust company was held in Winnipeg on the 19 inst. The president of the company, E. L. Drowry, gave a lengthy and very interesting address, in which he reviewed the business situation generally. The directors whose term of office had expired were reelected, and also E. L. Drowry as president and W. J. Christie as vice-president. The other directors are: J. H. Houser, now of Brantford, Ont.; Hon. Chief Justice Taylor, I. M. Ross, E. F. Hutchings, and Sheriff Inker.

The Manitoba Board of Underwriters has notified all insurance agents of the following resolution: "On and after the first of January, 1895, a special rate of five cents per \$100 over and above regular tariff rates will be charged on all risks and renewals in Manitoba to provide for the provincial tax imposed on the insurance companies doing business in the Province."

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending Sept. 27, were \$1,272,022, balances, ——— For the previous week clearings were \$929,758.

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

	Clearings.	
	20th Sept.	Sept. 18th
Montreal.....	\$12,097,597	\$12,095,508
Toronto.....	4,748,964	5,332,726
Halifax.....	1,023,995	1,512,728
Winnipeg.....	929,758	741,297
Hamilton.....	749,826	650,147

Total..... \$19,598,695 \$20,322,406

Siberian Grain

Dornbusch's London Cargoes List says that, "according to a consular report, the early completion of the Siberian railroad is likely to have a depressing effect upon the price of grain throughout the world. No reliable estimates can be formed of the probable export of Siberian grain to Europe by this line, and one rough estimate, placing it at 6,000,000 bushels for the West Siberian side, is regarded as decidedly too low. Moreover, the completion of the road is expected to greatly stimulate the planting of grain in the black soil belt, famous for its fertility. In 1889 the Siberian government produced a surplus of 30,000,000 bushels of grain. To lessen the depressing effect upon the St. Petersburg market of the expected influx of Siberian wheat, a new outlet is being provided by a line from Perm, already connected with Western Siberia, to Koltas, on the Dvina river, offering an easy way to Archangel on the White Sea, whither the wheat can be exported to other European countries."