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**WINNIPEG, JULY 28, 1890.**

## Manitoba.

The Brandon council have purchased block 42, for \$16,500, for a city hall site.

The Morden board of trade will consider the question of moving for the incorporation of the town.

Wright & Wright, grocers, Winnipeg, advertise making a change in business and selling off grocery stock.

The summer exhibition, held at Brandon last week, was very successful. The display of live stock was one of the best ever made in the province.

Hon. S. C. Wood, general manager, and John Russell, provincial manager of the Freehold Loan and Savings Company, of Toronto, are making their annual drive through the wheat fields of Manitoba.

A severe hail storm was reported from southern Manitoba, south of Boissevain and Cartwright, on Monday last. The amount of damage done has not been learned definitely, but is placed at 500 to 800 acres destroyed and 1,500 seriously damaged.

A hail storm is reported from Township five, range nine, north of Manitou. The storm covered a very small section of country and only lasted about five minutes, but it was so severe that several farmers had their crops wrecked. Mr. O'Malley, M.P.P., lost about 140 acres of grain.

Hooper & Co., of West Selkirk, have recently put in a plant for the manufacture of the fish boxes used by the fish companies on Lake Winnipeg. They expect to supply about 25,000 this season. Until this year all the boxes were imported from Toronto, Ont., and Hull, Quebec.

Merrick, Anderson & Co., of Winnipeg, have been appointed agents for the Consumers' Cordage Company, for Manitoba and the Territories. This is the company which, as previously noted, has absorbed the Canadian binder twine manufactory, including the establishment of A. W. Morris & Bros., formerly represented here by Merrick, Anderson & Co.

Mr. Van Horne, of the C. P. R., spoke as follows recently, in reply to a memorial concerning railway extension in southwestern Manitoba: "As to the present intentions of the company, I can only say that it has only been definitely determined to build the Brandon branch as far as Melita during the present season; possibly something more than that can be done, and I hope and believe the coal fields will be reached some time during the coming year. But I would like it to be distinctly understood that this is not a promise, but only an expression of my personal opinion."

One of those annoying typographical mistakes which will occasionally creep into a paper, no matter how great the care exercised, occurred in this journal last week. It was the intention to announce that J. A. Rogers, hats and furs, etc., was closing up a branch business in Winnipeg, but the word "branch" was left out by the printer, and the impression was given that the business of the house was being closed. This is not the case. A small branch store in another portion of the city was being closed, but business is still being carried on at the headquarters of the house on Main street.

## Alberta.

Calgary brown stone has been shipped to Brandon, Man., for use on Dr. Fleming's building. The cost of dressing this stone is said to be very much less than that of the stone produced in the Winnipeg district.

The *Macleod Gazette* says: The New Oxley Rancho Co. last week shipped to England 600 head of yearling steers, to mature there for the market. This is a very decided experiment, and is reversing the usual order of things. The result will be awaited with interest, and the *Gazette* can only express the hope that the venture will prove satisfactory and profitable to the company.

At Calgary on Monday morning Hon. Mr. Dowdney assisted at the laying of the corner stone of the pumping station of the Calgary water works near the banks of the Bow River, which was done with Masonic ceremonies. Mr. Dowdney made an appropriate speech, and an address was presented by George Alexander, president of the Water Works Company. A large gathering attended the ceremony. It was pointed out that this is the only water works system between Winnipeg and the Pacific coast. The engines will pump one million gallons a day and the work will be finished in September. The bulk of the pipe is already laid. In the afternoon a procession was formed, about a mile long, consisting of four-in-hands, single carriages and mounted horsemen, headed by a dray bearing a roasted ox, and proceeded to a point east of the Elbow river, where five thousand people assembled. Addresses were presented by the mayor and town council to the Minister of the Interior and to the members of the Calgary & Edmonton railway company, and Mr. Dowdney turned the first sod of the railway amid great cheering. The roast ox was carved for the multitude, who were entertained to

free bread, cakes, ice cream, lemonade and also Speeches were delivered by Mayor Lafferty, Mr. Dowdney, James Ross and Nicol Kingsmill, of the Calgary and Edmonton railway, Geo. Gaetz, of Red Deer, Mr. Smith, of Edmonton, D. W. Davis, M.P., Dr. Brett, of Banff, Thos. Tweed, of Medicine Hat, Supt. Niblock and Major James Walkor. The affair was a great success. The festivities wound up at night with a promenade concert and a dance for the benefit of the fire brigade band.

R. McKernan, butcher, Edmonton, has sold out to Wilson & Norris.

## Saskatchewan.

Some settlers are going into the Prince Albert district.

Rails are laid on the Regina and Prince Albert railway for about forty miles north of Saskatoon, leaving about 60 miles to complete to Prince Albert.

A pamphlet entitled "Prince Albert and the North Saskatchewan," has recently been published, under the authority of the Lorne Agricultural Society, of Prince Albert. The book has about 75 pages and gives a lot of information in condensed form about this important district; also a map of the section of country tributary to the Prince Albert land office. Copies of the pamphlet can be had on application to J. F. Betts, M.L.A., Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

## Assiniboia.

The butcher shop owned by Bate & Ferguson, Moose Jaw, is now managed by H. Ferguson.

The estate of Narvolasky & Ripstein, general store, Moosomin, has been sold to H. Ripstein & Co.

Chas. Harley, formerly a well known hotel-keeper of Regina, and well known to commercial men, is dead.

It is stated that the extension of the Manitoba Northwestern railway from Saltecoats to near Yorkton, which was graded last year, will be completed for the running of trains before long.

## Northwestern Ontario.

Coal or lignite has at last been found on the Canadian side of the Rainy River.

Port Arthur's new railway has been completed as far as Stanley station, and will soon be as far as the Beaver Mine. An effort will be made to complete the road to Gunflint Lake this fall. Grading is completed 30 miles beyond the end of the track.

A third vein of manganese iron, says the *Port Arthur Herald*, has been found in our district. The vein is 100 feet wide. The samples show a fine iron ore with a goodly quantity of manganese in it. This will be a valuable adjunct to our future iron ore smelting works.

The *Canadian Druggist* says: "Now that the season for the sale of Paris green and other insecticides is on, every druggist should make it a rule not to allow anything of this kind to be sold until its sale is registered in accordance with the Act. This we would urge not only as a safeguard to the customer, but also as a protection against any action to which the druggist leaves himself liable for non-compliance with the law."