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WINNIPEG, MAY 12, 1890.

Manitoba.

Mr. Teddar is buying the hotel business of H. C. Clay, Rapid City.

N. H. Jackson has sold his drug store at Stonewall to A. R. Leonard.

Mr. A. Basler, of Rapid City, contemplates retiring from the hotel business.

Mr. Lillico, private banker, of Seaforth, Ont., talks of opening a branch in Brandon.

During the month of April 120 carloads of effects and 1,890 actual settlers for Manitoba arrived in Winnipeg.

H. Fryer, of the Portage, is building a hardware store in the town of McGregor, where he intends to enter business.

The Kerby house, Portage la Prairie, becomes vacant this month, Mr. Fletcher having decided to go into the implement business.

The contract for the stonework of Dr. Fleming's new block at Brandon has been secured by J. L. & Geo. Cook, of Newdale.

It is stated that a steam elevator with a capacity of 35,000 bushels will be built at High Bluff, Man., this summer by John Dilworth.

Mr. H. Nason, barrister, of Winnipeg, who had charge of Mr. Burnham's business at Emerson during his absence east, returned to Winnipeg last week.

J. M. Fitzgerald, of the Union Hotel, Portage la Prairie, has purchased Capt. Sheppard's interest in the Woodbine Restaurant and has assumed charge of it.

The estate of Samuel Hartford, of Neepawa, will be sold by public auction on May 12, at the office of the assignee, S. A. D. Bertrand. The estate consists of general goods \$5,420, fixtures \$135, book accounts \$1,500, building \$500.

A post office is to be established at Bredenboro, a station on the M. & N. W. R'y, between Churchbridge and Saltcoats, with Jas. J. Buchanan as postmaster.

It is stated that the plant of the St. Boniface woollen mill has been secured by a joint stock company at Rapid City, to which place it will be removed and operated.

The firm of H. W. Brown & Co., hardware merchants, Carberry, have been dissolved by the death of one of the partners, E. E. Eynon; Mr. Brown will continue the business under his own name.

Frank Lambert, of Portage la Prairie, shipped a car load of choice fat cattle to Messrs. Peebles & Braden, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, via N. P. & M. The first load shipped from this point over the route.

The firm of Martin, Curtis & Anderson, Portage la Prairie, will be strengthened from the 1st of May forward, by the addition of W. Beirsto. The new firm will be Martin, Curtis, Beirsto & Anderson.

R. D. Foley, of Manitou, is going to establish a live stock insurance company. Application will be made to the Provincial Government for a charter, and it is expected arrangements will be completed by the 1st of October.

The estate of J. W. Campbell consisting of stock and fixtures amounting to \$4,308.47, and book accounts and notes \$2,899.14, will be sold at public auction, on May 13th, at the office of the assignee, S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg.

The prospects for a cheap fuel supply for Brandon for the season are bright. Mr. J. A. Christie will put on the market between 3,500 and 4,000 cords of spruce slabs, which makes excellent wood. This will be given to consumers at about \$2.00 per cord. By the time winter sets in the railways will connect the city with coal mines not more than 140 miles distant. This will reduce the price of coal one-half making a saving of thousands of dollars to our citizens and also making it possible for manufacturers to compete with eastern firms.

The Manitou Mercury says: J. D. McIntosh, who went east to confer with Messrs. A. Watts & Co., of Brantford, in connection with proposed improvements and additions to the new mill in course of erection at Manitou, returned home on Thursday, having been entirely successful in his mission. The institution will be fitted with five sets of rolls, and will be in every respect one of the most complete roller mills in the province. We understand Mr. McIntosh has purchased an interest in the mill and together with his brother, who thoroughly understands the roller process, will assume management of the business.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba took place in Winnipeg on Monday, May 5. Messrs. Duncan McArthur, Ralph T. Rokeby, A. Logan, J. Robertson and N. Matheson were re-elected directors, and the names of G. A. Strovel and Hon. A. A. C. LaRiviere were added to the board. In 1885 this bank commenced business as a strictly local institution, it had then a paid up capital of about \$100,000 and it pays an annual dividend of seven per cent. A "rest account" has been established by its shareholders of \$10,000, of which \$15,000 has been added this year, and the increase in the paid up capital has made it about \$350,000. A branch has been opened at Portage la Prairie and one at Morden and Minnedosa.

A public meeting was held on May 7, in the city council chamber, in the interests of the proposed Industrial Exhibition to be held at Winnipeg. About eighty prominent citizens were present, the chair being occupied by Mayor Pearson; C. N. Bell acting as secretary. The directors recommended by the sub-committee were accepted, namely: Mayor Pearson, Alderman Wolf, Black, Mather and Taylor; Messrs. R. J. Whitla, J. H. Ashdown, N. Bawlf, J. H. Brock, E. L. Drewry, J. H. Housser, S. Nairn, M. Bull, J. H. Fairchild, P. C. McIntyre, Wm. Risk, G. R. Crowe, G. F. Galt, Alexander Macdonald, R. Strang, W. Brydon, Alexander Brown, W. S. Grant, Archibald Wright and Isaac Campbell. The suggestion of Mr. Scarth that the Western Territories be incorporated with Manitoba, was adopted. It was resolved to hold a meeting of the provincial directors on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the city council committee room.

Alberta.

T. F. Kirkham, stoves and tinware, Lethbridge has been sold out.

F. W. Padmore, of Edmonton, sold \$800 worth of furs to the H. B. Co., last week.

The Royal hotel at Calgary has changed hands. Ingram & Clark being the proprietors now.

The rate of assessment in East Edmonton school district for the current year is 3 mills on the dollar.

James D. McGregor, of Brandon, is in Windsor, Ont. He intends to bring out 500 young steers to put on a ranche near Calgary.

The total number of live stock on the ranges of Alberta and Assiniboia is estimated at 106,963 cattle, 13,322 horses, and 44,822 sheep.

The Edmonton Bulletin says: The Northwest Government has in view a scheme of immigration, and in aid of that scheme proposes to publish a hand book of the Northwest. A circular has been forwarded to the several districts asking for information, which information is to form the basis of the book.

Sir John Macdonald has given notice that he will ask the House to sanction the agreement with the Calgary & Edmonton railway company to enable it to construct its road at once. The agreement is the same as that entered into with the Regina & Long Lake railway company whereby the government pays the company \$80,000 per annum for 20 years for the transport of men, supplies, material and mails.

The Saskatchewan Herald lately gave the following regarding the gold fields of Alberta: "It is not generally known that gold is one of the products of the prairies, though washing for gold has been carried on on the North Saskatchewan river for years. The Edmonton Bulletin says: It is estimated that last season between \$15,000 to \$20,000 worth of gold dust was taken from the Saskatchewan, of which about \$6,000 was taken from the immediate vicinity of Fort Saskatchewan. Several hundred dollars also were taken from the McLeod river, a tributary of the Athabasca, about 125 miles west of Edmonton. The gold of McLeod is in even lighter flakes and of a lighter yellow color than the gold of the Saskatchewan. The skimmings of its bars are fairly rich but it does not promise as permanent diggings as the Saskatchewan."