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## Manitoba.

Roe, of Newdale, will build an elevator at that place.

Chas. Burke, grocer, Winnipeg, has given up business.

David Scott, tailor, Souris, has given up business.

Dr. J. G. Clint, of Almonte, Ont., has decided to locate in Winnipeg.

Geo. H. Rogers & Co., closed their branch store at Aruen last week.

W. D. Russell, books, etc., Winnipeg, the sheriff is in possession.

Estate of H. S. Weeks, grocer, Winnipeg; stock sold to J. T. Wilson.

Lindsay & Co., general store, Griswold, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

I. A. Cowie, pump factory, Morden, has sold out to Mr. Pierce, of Manitoba.

John Tait has been appointed agent at Manitou for Massey & Co., implements.

Lud Horne and W. Hawthorne of Rapid City, will open a harness shop at Arden.

The sales of farm lands are increasing in several sections, the demand being good.

The Brandon Sun now publishes a tri-weekly edition. Success to the enterprise of the Sun.

Mr. Mitchell, of Winnipeg, purchased a carload of fat cattle recently at Carberry for Benallie.

Wm. Robinson, of the Carney house, Emerson has taken over the Russell house, at the same place.

Chalmer Bros. & Bethune of Pilot Mound,

shipped a car load of cattle to Winnipeg on Monday.

The Manitoba paper mill, at Portage la Prairie, will commence operations to-day, Monday

Seeding on the Manitoba experimental farm at Brandon commenced on Monday last, March 30.

The Calgary agricultural society has secured a quantity of seed wheat for the benefit of its members.

Baird Bros & Chalmers of Pilot Mound, had a car of cattle ready for shipment to Winnipeg last week.

B. M. Canniff, druggist, Portage, has returned from Winnipeg, where he went for treatment at the hospital.

Burchill & Howey, butchers, and stock dealers, Brandon, are shipping three cars of Ontario hogs to Victoria, B. C.

The dwelling house of H. S. Maw, Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire last week. The loss will be about \$2,200; insurance \$1,000.

Higginbotham, in the employ of Harris, Son & Co., at Brandon, has gone to Virden to represent the McCarmack machinery.

Sylvester Bros., implements, have arranged to open an agency at Rapid City, where Malcolm Thompson will act as agent.

Mr. E. G. Daniels, has decided to return to Brandon from the States, and will go into partnership with W. R. Garside, painter.

Jos. Laurence, of Clearwater, has brought from the east a carload of Shorthorns for his farm at Rock Lake. Several were prize winners at London, St. Thomas and Chatham last fall.

The store of J. S. Curry, East Selkirk, was broken into recently and his entire stock of tobacco, a quantity of sugar and other articles stolen.

The first incubator ever brought into this district, says the Virden Advance, was received this week by W. H. Hall and will be used by him this season.

W. Overton, manager of the Manitoba Fish Co., is supervising the erection at Selkirk of a new steamer for fishing purposes this summer on Lake Winnipeg.

J. H. Hanbury has a gang of men overhauling the machinery and other parts of his planing mill preparatory to commencing work next Monday, says the Brandon Mail.

E. W. Matthews, of Victoria, B. C., who has been transferred from that city to Winnipeg as manager of the Dun, Wiman mercantile agency, arrived in Winnipeg early last week.

Burglars effected an entrance into the clothing store of Simon Ripstein, Winnipeg, on Wednesday night and carried off three or four hundred dollars worth of jewelry and clothing.

G. W. Robinson, of Cartwright, has decided to start a cheese factory at Pilot Mound, and is now in the east procuring machinery, which will consist of an improved and complete outfit.

A dye house is to be established in connection with the Western Woolen Mills at St. Boniface, opposite Winnipeg. The company intends doing custom work in addition to their commercial work.

The electric street railway in Winnipeg has been found to work well, and the horse cars now

used on the old portion of the line will probably be discontinued in favor of electric cars. No inconvenience from snow was experienced the past winter.

The Dominion Government Savings Bank transactions at the Winnipeg branch for March, were: Deposits, \$20,970.00; withdrawals, \$32,385.83; the withdrawals exceed deposits by \$11,915.83.

Edward Dickson, has bought out the hardware business at Oak Lake, Man., carried on as the estate of J. Campbell. Dickson also recently purchased the hardware business carried on by the late John Horsman of Oak Lake, and the two hardware stores of the town will now be amalgamated.

It is reported that the Winnipeg & Duluth Railway company will apply to the Dominion Parliament at the coming session for a charter to construct a road from Winnipeg to the international boundary in a south easterly direction. The company now holds a charter from the Manitoba Legislature. The terminus of the road at Winnipeg, it is said, will be between the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific depots. Offices will shortly be opened in the city.

Mayor Crawford, and Reeve Hussichen of Birtle, Reeve Smalley, of Westbourne, and representatives from other municipalities along the line of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway were in Winnipeg last week interviewing the Government in reference to the railway bonuses granted by those municipalities to that railway. Most of the bonuses were granted during the period of speculative inflation, and the people now find the burden a heavy one and desire the Government to afford them a measure of relief.

The Pilot Mound Sentinel says: "About 600 exceedingly well fed cattle will, this season, be sent from the district around Pilot Mound to the English market, and this will be only a portion of the number of animals that will be disposed of. Dealers in cattle report that while well fed animals will be in demand at good prices, ill fed beasts will bring very little and will be disposed of with anxiety and at a loss. Those who cannot now put cattle in good condition should let them run during the summer."

The collections of inland revenue at Winnipeg for March were as follows:

Spirits	.....	\$13,600 65
Malt	.....	1,024 00
Tobacco	.....	8,411 40
Cigars	.....	575 65
Petroleum inspec.	.....	264 80
Total	.....	\$23,946 30

The following shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered in Winnipeg with duty collected thereon during March, compared with the same month last year: -

Description.	Value. 1890.	Value. 1891.
Exported	\$ 24,775 00	\$124,563 00
Imported-dutiable	159,182 00	137,642 00
Imported-free	24,687 00	45,848 00
Total imported	\$183,869 00	\$233,490 00
Entered for consumption-dutiable	\$167,728 00	\$179,371 00
Entered for consumption-free	24,687 00	45,848 00
Total for consumption	\$186,415 00	\$224,219 00
Duty collected	\$ 49,778 10	\$ 57,950 90

W. S. Stewart has left Ottawa for Vancouver with the nucleus of a crew of trained men to commence a survey of Burrard inlet and the Pacific coast for the purpose of making a correct chart for the use of Canadian Pacific and other large steamers.