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Manitoba.

The by-law to raise \$11,000 to build a school house at Carberry was carried.

The stone store of Hatch Bros., of Killarney, is now nearly completed and will be quite an addition to the town.

Now that flour has dropped 70 cents per barrel in Winnipeg, a correspondent thinks that bread should go back to the old price before the advance.

Brown, Smellie & Co.'s new cheese factory at Russell will be in running order next week. This will in measure relieve the much vexed butter question. They are starting with about 400 cows.

A fire broke out in Correlli's fruit store, Winnipeg, destroying the stock and damaging the shop and stock of R. Leckie, wall papers, etc. The latter is covered by insurance.

Thompson, Codville & Co., wholesale grocers, of Winnipeg, have rented premises in the Victoria block, at Brandon, for the purpose of opening a branch establishment there. Duncan McKelvie will be manager of the proposed branch business.

The creamery at Macdonald is finished, the machinery is in and buttermaking is in operation. A consignment of butter was shipped to British Columbia last week. The directors have secured the services of a competent butter maker from Ontario, Fred. Smith.

The Hudson's Bay Company's store and general mercantile business at Elphinstone has been sold to Lauder & Co. and will be carried on by them. John A. Lauder, who had a lengthy experience as a merchant in Scotland, has lived for several years in the Riding Mountain district of Manitoba, and is well acquainted with its wants and resources.

The business of Jas. E. Pulford & Co., hardware and second hand goods, Winnipeg, which was recently purchased by I. W. Martin, has been resold to W. J. Craig, auctioneer and dealer in second hand goods, etc., Winnipeg. The business carried on by Pulford will be continued in all its departments by W. J. Craig & Co., in the premises at the corner of Main & Logan streets.

The number of immigrants registered at immigration hall, Winnipeg, during the first six months of the year is as follows: January 77, February 89, March 294, April 804,

May 768, June 840, total 2,822. This represents 608 farmers and their families. Their destinations were: Manitoba 1,152, Territories 1,078, British Columbia 97. This does not represent the number of immigrants who have come into the country, as many went direct west and others who remained over did not stop at immigration hall.

S. A. Bedford, superintendent of the Manitoba experimental farm, gave an interesting and instructive address on practical agricultural questions before the teachers' institute, at Winnipeg, last week. Mr. Bedford also gave an address at the exhibition on shade trees and shrubs.

Recently the Manitoba Fish Company made an experiment in sending fresh fish packed in ice to eastern markets. On Wednesday O. M. Clark, president of the company received word that the shipment had arrived in fine condition and had been picked up by consumers as soon as it was put on the market. Heretofore Lake Winnipeg fish have been held in cold storage for winter shipment only, but with the success of this experiment, summer shipments may be made frequently.

Settlers from Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas and South Dakota, says a correspondent at Killarney, are coming to Manitoba in large numbers. Quite a number come by Killarney and the customs house officer there is kept busy making entries. They are well supplied with horses and settlers' outfits and are well pleased with the appearance of this country. A large number of these immigrants are bound for Yorkton district.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Poultry association was held at the exhibition grounds, Winnipeg, last week. The election of officers resulted as under: Honorary President, E. L. Drewry; President, H. A. Chadwick; first vice-president, S. J. Thompson, Carberry; second vice-president, A. Lawrence, Morden; hon. secretary, Ed. Marsden, Winnipeg; treasurer Jas. Lemon; executive committee—Messrs. Maw, Ling, Rutherford, Wise, Winnipeg and Rolston, Brandon; Auditors—Messrs. Richardson and Van Vilet.

Northwest Ontario.

Dr. Cochrane, of Keswatin, is dead.

Graham, Horne & Co., of Fort William, have made sales of two lots of lumber, amounting to 2,000,000 feet, for shipment to the United States. One lot goes to Chicago, the other to Oswego. This is said to be the first lumber ever exported from West Algoma to the United States and marks a new feature of the lumber trade.

A parcel containing \$795 was stolen from the coat pocket of express messenger Haney, at Rat Portage, on Monday last. Haney left the parcel in his coat pocket and took his coat off and left it in a box car while he delivered some goods down town. When he returned the parcel was gone. The parcel was for the Hudson's Bay Company. There is no clue to the thief.

Alberta.

The Jacques Cartier bank at Edmonton, has purchased about \$10,000 worth of gold dust this season to date.

Mariaggi & De Roux, of the Alberta hotel, Edmonton, and Mansion house, Fort Saskatchewan, are dissolving partnership. De Roux will carry on the Alberta in Edmonton and Mariaggi the Mansion house, Fort Saskatchewan.

Edmonton Bulletin:—Jas. Walsh recently made the heaviest single cash purchase of fur that has ever been made in Edmonton, from Larue & Picard. The amount was \$14,000. The following list of the fur will give some idea of the value involved: 1,602 marton,

1,014 lynx, 667 mink, 212 beaver's 180 bears, 26 otter, 86 fisher, 22 silver fox, 69 cross fox, 162 red fox, 2 wolverine, 18 coyotes, 1 wolf, 819 skunk, 2,005 rats.

Fire broke out at Lothbridge, on July 17, in the Alberta Railway and Coal company's round house. The cause is not yet known. The company's fire brigade was promptly on hand and was quickly reinforced by the town brigades and the mounted police. Although five streams of water were thrown upon it, the building was seriously damaged, also the stored locomotives and president's private car. Engineer Burrol rescued his engine, the cab of which was on fire, and with it was able to draw out other rolling stock. The estimated loss is fully \$20,000.

Assiniboia

The C. A. C. company's shearing crew at Swift Current, has just completed shearing 24,000 sheep, which has given the finest clip ever made. The conveniences for shearing at Swift Current are most complete, being arranged on the Australian system, which ensures every facility for the handling of the clip in a clean and expeditious manner. John Hallam, the Toronto wool buyer, who spent a few days at Swift Current, has purchased the season's clip.

The Territorial Exhibition.

The managers of the Northwest Territorial Exhibition will give a challenge cup for competition between Territorial football teams, the members of teams to be admitted free to the grounds during evenings that the competition is taking place. There will also be a competition for prize medals, to be presented to each member of the winning team. An entry of \$5 to be paid by each team competing. Entries must be sent in by Monday the 29th instant addressed to Mr. Alex. McDonald, Regina.

In addition to the speeding contests already advertised there will be a "free for all," or open trot mile heats, three in five, purse \$150, 75 per cent to first and 25 per cent to second. Also a running race, mile dash, weight for age. Maidens at time of starting allowed ten pounds. Purse \$150, 75 per cent to first and 25 per cent to second.

There will also be a baseball tournament on the 29th instant, entries to close July 20th. The rules as adopted by the National League, and the American Association to govern. First, \$125. 2nd \$25. The draw will be made by the committee on the 17th. Play to commence on the Wednesday, July 31st, at 9.30 p. m., and each morning at the same time until the final. Entry fee \$2 for each club entering. All teams deciding to compete will please notify Mr. Hamilton Lang, Moose Jaw as soon as possible, so that arrangements may be made.

Entries in classes 76 and 77, field roots and garden vegetables, and classes 82 and 83, plants and flowers, will be received to 8 a. m. on Tuesday the 3rd instant.

It has been decided to extend the time for receiving entries for the Territorial Exhibition until the 25th inst. after which positively no entries will be received.

Silver.

The silver market both here and in London has been very quiet, with only fractional changes in quotations. The conclusion of the Russian-Chinese loan has no effect on silver, nor does the statement that China will favor England and Germany by allowing them to take a supplementary loan for about \$100,000,000 seems to create any enthusiasm in regard to silver. Silver prices on July 12 were: London, 80½d. New York, 67c,—Bradstreets, New York,