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WINNIPEG, APRIL 16, 1894.

Manitoba.

J. W. Flatt, general store, Greenway, is burned out.

E. G. Helliwell will open a general store at Westbourne.

Simpson & Dixon, fish, game, etc., are opening in Winnipeg.

D. W. Shields, butcher and baker, Rounthwaite, is giving up business.

William Orr, jeweller, Alexander, is reported to be moving to Oak Lake.

William Coleman, fruit, etc., Treherne, selling out and moving to Winnipeg.

Thursday, May 10, has been fixed upon as Arbor Day for the province of Manitoba.

The Commercial hotel, Hartney, kept by H. Galbraith, has been rented by Harry Ramsay, of Lauder.

P. McConuell will take over the business of T. H. Evans & Co., grocers and bakers, Deloraine, on May 25.

R. Rogers, of Clearwater, shipped three cars of cattle to British Columbia, where he reports he found a good market.

J. N. Merritt is now the sole proprietor of the photographic business formerly owned by Merritt & Burgess, Brandon.

Mullen & Richardson, general merchants, Carman, have dissolved. The business will be continued by Richardson & Laree.

C. C. Chipman, commissioner of the Hudson's Bay company, returned Thursday to Winnipeg after an absence of some five weeks in the east.

D. Jenkins, recently employed in Todhunter's bookstore, at Portage la Prairie, has decided to go into business for himself, and will open a bookstore in Morden in a few days.

An application for the incorporation of the Deloraine Dairy Company, Limited, will be made. The chief place of business will be at Deloraine and the capital stock of the company will be divided into 100 shares of \$10 each.

This edition of the Minnedosa Tribune commences its twelfth volume. For the past eleven years it has never failed one week to visit the homes of its many subscribers. No other journal in the province can say so, except one in Winnipeg.—Minnedosa Tribune. The Winnipeg exception mentioned by the Minnedosa paper is the Free Press.—Free Press. There is just a slight mistake about this. The Commercial has for over eleven years fully maintained this record, and has never missed an issue.

An English landscape gardener has been engaged to take charge of laying out the eight new parks acquired by the city. Could not a suitable man be found who is familiar with our climate, and who would know what trees, plants, etc., are suitable for this climate. A person not possessing this knowledge, however skilled he may be, is liable to waste several years in experimenting before he acquires this knowledge. It is useless planting trees and shrubs at random, as very few varieties of the ordinary nursery stock will stand our winters.

A four year old steer, located in Chalmer Bros. & Bethune's stable at Pilot Mound, says the Manitou Mercury, is attracting considerable notice from stockmen and others. The animal is being fitted for exhibition purposes and has already reached the 2,100 lb mark, and by the time the Industrial Exhibition takes place in Winnipeg it is expected the animal will be in shape to capture the first prize. Several prominent cattle men who have seen the steer consider him the best animal of his class in the province.

The annual meeting of the Morden board of trade was held recently, George Ashdown in the chair. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—H. P. Hansen, president; H. Meikle, vice-president; J. Heiman, treasurer; J. H. Smith, secretary. Council—C. R. Dunsford, C. Locke, G. Ashdown, J. B. McLaren, W. Garret, J. H. Dunsford, I. A. Cowie and H. McKay. The treasurer read his report, which showed a balance on the right side. A long discussion ensued respecting the utilization of the vacant lands round Morden, and the making of Morden a port of entry and the appointing of an exciseman.

Application has been made for incorporation for the Patrons' Supply Company for the purpose of carrying on business of dealers in farmers' supplies, agricultural implements and in grain and farm produce. The chief place of business is to be Portage la Prairie. The amount of the capital stock is \$100,000 in four thousand shares of \$25 each. The names of the incorporators are Charles Braithwaite, Wm. Crighton Graham, C. J. Green, Portage la Prairie; Kenneth McKenzie, Sr, Barnside; Wm. Gowler, Poplar Point; Finlay McArthur, Westbourne; D. W. McCuaig, Oakland. The first directors to be C. Braithwaite, Wm. C. Graham, K. McKenzie, Sr., Wm. Gowler, F. McArthur and D. W. McCuaig.

On Tuesday Messrs. Ross, Graham and Cameron, promoters of the Winnipeg Southeastern railway, waited on the provincial cabinet and explained what they had been able to do in the way of getting promises of funds in the east. They also intimated that before anything could be done some further aid would have to be given by the government. The members of the cabinet stated that it would be useless to go into details before the government inspectors returned from viewing the country, as unless the security was ample, the government could not consider any increase of aid to the road. After talking the matter over generally, the railway promoters withdrew on the understanding that another meeting would be had as soon as Messrs. Macdonell and Ferris return from the southeastern part of the province, where they have gone to inspect the land grant of the railway company.

The Winnipeg Jobber' Union have passed the following resolution regarding cold storage:—"Your committee appointed to consider the question "cold storage," beg to report that

there exists in this city at the present moment a demand for a cold storage warehouse if erected of sufficient size and on the latest approved principles. They find that there is over one car load per day of freight being brought into Winnipeg that should be warehoused in a building of this description; that a very heavy loss is incurred at all seasons of the year for the lack of storage accommodation where an even temperature can be maintained, and believe that the erection of such a building would be of great advantage, and secure for Winnipeg an increased trade in all such produce as eggs, butter, cheese, meats, fruits and vegetables. Your committee beg to state that they believe a good cold storage building, under good management, would prove a good investment for the owners."

Alberta.

Chonier & Co., general store, Canmore, has removed to Edmonton.

C. W. Sutter & Co., clothing, men's furnishings, etc., Edmonton, has admitted J. J. Dunlop as partner, under the style of Sutter & Dunlop.

A party of farmers and their families to the number of about thirty, from Berlin, Ont., and neighborhood, will settle at Didsbury, Alberta, about forty-six miles north of Calgary, where they have taken up land.

Assiniboia.

Hector J. Davis has opened a general store at McLean.

A. D. Ferguson, druggist, is opening in business at Wolseley.

Smithers & Co., Moosomin, saddlers etc., have bought the premises lately occupied by W. H. Maulson, and will open with a stock of harness, saddlery and boots and shoes.

Northwest Ontario.

Christie & Morse, butchers, Rat Portage, has sold out to Geo. Hadley.

Pending the permanent appointment of a fishery inspector at Rat Portage for the Dominion Government, C. W. Chadwick has been appointed temporarily to the position.

Fire broke out in the residence of A. McLeod, Rat Portage, on April 10. The fire was held in check and confined to the building in which it originated. The greater portion of the furniture was also saved. The building and furniture were insured for \$1,000 and \$1,200 respectively in the Royal Insurance Company.

The Ontario & Rainy Lake railway deputation is waiting on Premier Mowat at Toronto recently asked the Ontario government to give a land grant towards the Ontario & Rainy River railway, or else to guarantee the bonds for a period of 20 years. The company is amalgamated with the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway, and will use the 60 miles of line that have been constructed from Port Arthur to Sandy lake. From the latter point the railway is projected to run to the southwest corner of Moss township, then in succession to French portage, the Aticokan river, Sturgeon falls and Fort Francis, terminating at the mouth of the Rainy river, a distance of 310 miles.

Grain and Milling.

Reports from Chicago say the grain fleet commenced leaving there on April 1, being ten days in advance of the opening last year. There is a great contrast in the business. Last year, with a prospect of good freights and return loads, there was a great rush of vessels to get away. This year there is little freight to be moved, at low figures, and when most of the boats reach the lower lakes there will be little for them to do but to lay up till business improves.