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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 26, 1894.

Manitoba.

Bower & Co., general store, Brandon, assigned.

R. C. Callendar, general store, Hartney, assigned.

The Birtle Printing Co., Ltd., Birtle, seeking incorporation.

W. J. Gibson, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, burned out; insured.

Lang & McKeohan, dry goods, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

John McDougall, of Birtle, proprietor of the Ross House for some years, is dead.

C. S. Jeffares & Co., livery, Winnipeg, retiring from business; selling out by auction.

The general stock of the estate of Rogers & Douglas, Elkhorn, has been sold to A. Holliday.

A. W. Dalton, general store, Carberry, has made a settlement with his creditors at 60c on the dollar.

The Winnipeg city council have decided that the sum of \$5,000 be placed in the estimates as a grant to the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association.

Winnipeg milk dealers are forming a combine under the Winnipeg Milk Supply Company, (Limited). The capital stock is \$50,000. Will this mean higher prices for the lactical fluid?

C. W. Johns, blacksmith, carriage maker, etc., Roland, who has rented his blacksmith shop to Chas. Stewart, wishes it understood that he still carries on his carriage and undertaking business.

At the recent annual meeting of the Winnipeg Jobbers' union, the following were elected officers: President, D. W. Bole; first vice-president, R. J. Whitt; second vice-president, W. Georgeson; secretary treasurer, S. A. D. Bertrand.

The poultry, dog and pet stock exhibition will be held in Winnipeg under the auspices of the Manitoba Poultry Association on March 6th, 7th and 8th, 1894. \$1500.00 in premiums will be offered. All recognized varieties of land and water fowl, dogs, rabbits, parrots, doves,

canaries etc., are included. Special passenger and express rates have been arranged for with the Transportation company. For catalogue of further information, address W. J. Human, V.S., Winnipeg, Man.

Ceo. H. Rogers & Co., Winnipeg, jobbers in merchandise, etc., have purchased the stock of the estate of Snider & Miller, Portage la Prairie. It is being run off at the Portage at present, by retail sale, but the balance of the stock will probably be brought to Winnipeg later on to be sold in job lots here.

The first regular meeting of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council was held in Trades Hall Saturday evening. Delegates from ten organizations presented their credentials. It was decided to vigorously prosecute the organization of all the different trades in the city that are not organized at present. Mr. Small drew attention to the fact that the city council was taking steps to materially reduce the number of votes required to carry a money by-law, and considerable discussion followed, but no action was taken owing to the lateness of the hour.

The Winnipeg city council has received authority from the Legislature to submit by-laws to the ratepayers upon the question of building four bridges across the Red and Assiniboine rivers, and also to grant \$100,000 to the Dominion government to assist in the improvement of Red river navigation. The act has been amended so that in the future 49 per cent of the resident vote must vote in favor of a money by-law instead of 50 per cent, and three-fifths of those voting must be in favor of the by-law, instead of three-fourths. There is little prospect of the by-laws being carried.

The promoters of the Manitoba Southwestern Railway Company are asking aid from the local government. They ask a guarantee of 5 per cent for twenty years on eleven thousand dollars per mile, or equal, say, to a bonus of \$1,000 per mile. In consideration of this assistance, the company offer to transfer their land grant of 6,400 acres per mile to the government, in trust as security for the repayment of the bonus. The company further give a guarantee as to freight rates on lumber, logs, etc., from the Lake of the Woods to Winnipeg. On the construction of the road they offer to carry material from the lake to Winnipeg at the following rates.—Logs, \$3 per thousand feet; lumber, 5c per 100 lbs; posts, fence rails, poles, piles and ties, 4½c per 100 lbs; cordwood, 3c per 100 lbs. Minimum weight of cars, 30,000 lbs. This is about half the present rates. This is one of the proposed railway enterprises which the government might aid, to the advantage of the province, especially as ample security appears to be offered for the temporary assistance asked for.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association was held on Wednesday evening in Winnipeg. Those present were J. F. Howard, president, in the chair; E. Casselman, Emerson; G. W. McLaren, Morden; B. M. Caniff, Portage; N. H. Jackson, C. Flexon, Dr. Hutton, J. K. Hill, W. Campbell, W. Pulford, E. E. Lightcap, George Sadler, Duluth; H. H. Casselman, and J. K. Strachan, registrar. The reports of the council, treasurer, registrar and auditors were read and severally adopted. The treasurer reports a balance of \$1,800 on hand and the membership is as follows. Chemists, 79, apprentices, 28, clerks, 14. The secretary was empowered to incur any necessary expense to procure evidence to sustain prosecutions against offenders of the association's act. The following council was elected for the ensuing two years, H. E. Casselman and E. E. Lightcap acting as scrutineers: J. C. Gordon, J. F. Howard, E. D. Martin, C. Flexon, Winnipeg; W. R. Bartlett, Brandon; B. M. Caniff, Portage, and G. W. McLaren, Morden. During the counting of the votes the president addressed the meeting. He reviewed the standing of the association generally and commented upon its present healthy financial position.

Alberta.

D. Collins has opened a harness shop at South Edmonton, Alberta.

A telegram from Lethbridge says:—The coal miners here are out on strike. Last week the now superintendent issued a schedule in which a general reduction in prices was given. The miners held two meetings to consider his propositions, and concluded that they could not accept them. They also talked the matter over with him, but he would not compromise, consequently there is no immediate prospect of a settlement. Five hundred and eighty three men are out of work.

A board of trade has been organized at Edmonton with the following officers: President, John Cameron; vice-president, J. A. McDougall; secretary, Isaac Cowie; treasurer, James McDonald; council, M. McCauley, Jas. Ross, C. F. Strang, W. Johnstone Walker, T. W. Lines, G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, T. Bellamy, J. T. Blowey.

The Edmonton Creamery Co., Ltd., is ordering machinery and are completing arrangements with a first-class butter maker from Denmark. Five hundred cows will supply milk for the creamery, which will be situated at Poplar Lake.

Northwest Ontario.

The fishing season kept good all this winter along the Lake Superior shore, the steam tug at Peninsula and Port Caldwell worked up to Christmas, and there has been very good takes of herring and other fish at Port Caldwell and Jack fish at Rossport since.

S. V. Halstead, says the Rat Portage Record, has shipped to Toronto a car load of gold bearing quartz from a location adjoining the treasure mine, near Rossland. It will there be tested by a new process recently discovered for the treatment of all kinds of auriferous ore. The vein from which the ore is taken is a well defined quartz reef, four feet in width, and it assays well. Should the test prove satisfactory, the property will be developed at once.

The work on the Tunnel Island dam is progressing favorably. The very air around seemed to smell of industry. There is built a neat office, well heated, and lighted with electricity connected by telephone to the town. Off from the office a little way are blacksmith shops and other buildings; so that the once lonely place now shows signs of industry and life. At present there are 98 men engaged on the construction, which has assumed large proportions already. No stone work has been begun yet, but in a few weeks, as soon as the weather permits, the masons will appear on the scene. The stone work will be thirty feet in height and built in a semi-circular wall, which bangs the water for over 1,000 feet in width.—Rat Portage Record.

A syndicate of United States capitalists is asking the towns of Port Arthur and Fort William for a bonus to build a smelting and rolling mills plant, capable of turning out 40,000 tons of pig iron and 30,000 tons of steel rails per annum. At a joint meeting of the citizens and councils of the two corporations on Saturday it was resolved: "That this joint meeting of the citizens and councils of the towns of Port Arthur and Fort William, believe that each of the towns would be warranted in giving a bonus of \$50,000 to a blast furnace (capable of turning out 40,000 tons of pig iron per annum,) and a like amount to a rolling mill capable of manufacturing 2,500 tons per month of steel rails, etc., that is that each of the towns should contribute \$100,000; that a free site should also be furnished; that this be done in connection with the construction of the Rainy River Railway; that towns should have a guarantee that the furnace will be operated on an average of at least six months per annum for ten years; and that tax exemption run concurrently with the guarantee."