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WINNIPEG, MARCH 4, 1895.

Manitoba.

M. Wilkins has opened a harness shop at Ninga.

C. H. Wilson & Bro., furniture, have dissolved.

John Heibert & Co., general store, Pilot Mound, has assigned.

W. C. Cottingham, saddler, Boissevain, has sold out to E. F. Hutchings.

G. H. McGregor, Roblin house, Winnipeg, succeeded by W. McFarlane.

Jas. Watts & Co., tobacco, Winnipeg, stock to be sold by auct. on March 4th, 1895.

A. Patterson & Co., hotel, Virden, have dissolved; Alex. Patterson continues.

Hopper Bros., general store, Rapid City, have dissolved; S. T. Hopper continues.

McArthur & Miller, general store, Ninga, have dissolved; D. C. McArthur continues.

James Miller, general store, Ninga, has admitted J. C. Haines as partner. Style Miller & Haines.

D. Gunn was in Winnipeg last week purchasing a stock for a tin shop he has opened at Manitou.

Mr. Barry, of the Royal Oak hotel, Winnipeg states that he has awarded the contract for the erection of a new hotel building.

The stock of James Watts & Co., tobacco-nists, Winnipeg, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on March 4, stock \$7,500; fixtures, \$500; book debts, \$2,000.

The legislature is to be asked to limit the freedom of selling farm produce in Winnipeg without market fee to those cases where the farmer sells the produce of his own farm.

Mr. Meyers has introduced a bill in the Manitoba legislature increasing the jurisdiction of county court to suits involving amounts up to \$100, instead of \$25 as formerly.

The sheriff's sale of the stock of Reid & Gerhardt, general dealers, of Neepawa, has been indefinitely postponed, owing to the assignment of the firm. The stock was sold by the assignee on March, 1.

A few weeks ago, says the Glenboro Gazette, we announced that efforts were being made to secure a cheese factory for this district. This week we are pleased to announce that the initial steps have been taken.

P. Burns, is shipping 1000 head of lean cattle from points in Manitoba to Calgary, Alberta, where they are to be turned on to the western ranges to make beef. The price paid the farmers is 2 cents, live weight.

The examinations in medicine of the Manitoba university will begin on March 25 in Friendship hall. Winnipeg. Candidates must make proper applications to the registrar twenty days before the date of the examinations.

At a recent special meeting of the Winnipeg school board a by-law to raise \$50,000 by debentures for the erection of school buildings was passed and ordered to be transmitted to the city council for the purpose of having it submitted to a vote of the rate-payers.

The Royal Crown Soap Co. Winnipeg, publish a pamphlet giving a long list of books which they will send free to any one sending them a specified number of Royal Crown soap wrappers. The list includes a large number of excellent books. Housewives who save up their soap wrappers can in this way provide themselves with some useful works.

Alex Smith, until lately provincial immigration agent for the Manitoba government, has taken an interest in The Colonist journal, and will assume the management of the paper. The Colonist, it is well known, is published in the interests of immigration and the settlement of Western Canada, and Mr. Smith's experience in immigration matters render him already well acquainted with this field of labor.

Fire broke out in Carberry on Feb. 26 in the large general store of Dalton & Co., also occupied by postmaster Wise as postoffice of the town. All the merchandise in the store and the building were destroyed, but the postal matter was saved. The total loss is estimated at \$14,000. The stock was insured for \$1,500 in the Phoenix of England, Sun \$2,000, Queen's \$3,000. On the building the insurance was, Eastern, \$1,000, Norwich Union, \$1,000.

A joint meeting of the Winnipeg Retail Association, the Licensed Victuallers' Association and others interested in amending the present system of taxation in the city, was held Wednesday evening. The different interests were fully represented. Joint committees were appointed by the several associations to prepare the necessary legislation to bring before the house during the present session. Several advocates of the single tax system gave expression to their views.

The legislative committee of the Winnipeg city council have decided to ask the legislature for power to enable the city to construct and operate a plant for the production of gas for illuminating and heating purposes and in connection with this to establish a plant for electric street lighting. This committee also decided to ask that with the latter be included power to produce and supply electricity for incandescent lighting and for private use. Application for the above privileges will be made subject to any legal right of the existing gas company. It is claimed on behalf of the latter that it has a monopoly which will not expire till March, 1895.

The poultry and pet stock show, opens in Wesley Hall, Winnipeg, on Tuesday, March 5, continuing for three days. Entries are ahead of last year. Mr. Rumball, the secretary, says the wider interest manifested this season indicates a more important collection of poultry, dogs and other pet stock for 1895. Inquiries for prize lists and information as to transportation have been received from all sections of Manitoba, the Territories, Ontario and British Columbia. The managers have added a new feature for their second annual show, and during its progress a convention will be held when papers and addresses will be given by prominent poultry breeders and

others. Professional judges have been secured in the persons of M. S. Butterfield, of Windsor, Ont., a poultry expert, and Mr. Hughes, of Brandon, for the dog classes.

The two Winnipeg wholesale stationery houses of O'Loughlin Bros. & Co., and Parsons, Bell & Co., have signed an agreement to amalgamate their interests under the name of The Consolidated Stationery Company, (Ltd.). Letters patent for the new concern have been applied for. The stockholders will consist of the members of the two old firms. The officers agreed upon are: President, John M. O'Loughlin; vice-president, Henry Bell; treasurer, W. E. Hazley; secretary, Thos. A. Watts. S. R. Parsons and M. R. O'Loughlin will become directors in the new company, but for the present will retire from any active management in connection with the new company. The arrangement takes effect on the first of May next. It has been agreed the new company will occupy the premises now occupied by O'Loughlin Bros. & Co. The capital of the new company will be \$80,000. Mr. Bell is now on his annual purchasing trip east.

Assiniboia.

Fair & McGuire, grocers, Regina, are succeeded by Walter McGuire.

Alberta.

R. Lindow, general store, Fort Saskatchewan, has assigned in trust to W. T. Hislop.

C. A. Magrath has retired from the firm of Magrath & Young, proprietors of the Calgary Herald. J. J. Young is now sole proprietor.

The site for the bridge across the Saskatchewan river at Edmonton, has been selected by the Dominion government, and work will be commenced at once. The bridge will be a great convenience to that region of country.

D. Ross is buying and packing hogs this winter at Edmonton. He is paying from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs., and will take large as well as small hogs. It is understood, says the Bulletin, that a pork packing business on a large scale will be established in Edmonton next season.

Northwest Ontario.

The stock of Hoover Bros, general store; was sold by auction on 27th inst.

Saskatchewan.

Five cars of wood per week are being shipped from Prince Albert to Regina.

Fire broke out in the Hudson's Bay Company's flour mill at Prince Albert, on February 21, and the mill, together with an elevator containing about six thousand bushels of wheat, were burned to the ground. The mill was only recently remodelled and the elevator was completed only a month ago. The mill was burned down once before about ten years ago.

Winnipeg Jobbers' Union.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Jobbers' Union was held Saturday afternoon. There was considerable discussion of the question of preferences. The matter was left with a committee with J. H. Ashdown as chairman. The question of settlements of bankrupt estates also developed discussion, and there was a sentiment that the system adopted in Ontario for the relief of creditors should be introduced here, though it was acknowledged that there were some objectionable features in the law. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, D. W. Bole; first vice-president, W. Georgeson; second vice-president, G. F. Stevens; secretary-treasurer, S. A. D. Bertrand.