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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 5, 1895.

Manitoba.

Winnipeg caterers will hold their annual picnic to Morden on August 8.

The stock of Burke Bros., general merchants, Winnipeg, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Saturday, August 17.

Canadian Pacific Railway land sales at Winnipeg during July have been fully up to the preceding month, and are away ahead of the same month of last year.

C. E. White has received official notification of his appointment to succeed G. F. Brophy as manager at Winnipeg of the Equitable Life Insurance company in Manitoba and the territories.

The transactions at the Dominion government savings bank at Winnipeg during the months of July were as follows: Deposits \$21,519.82; withdrawals \$28,248.95; withdrawals exceed deposits by \$6,724.13.

It is reported that the department of marine and fisheries has awarded the contract for building two lighthouses at the mouth of the Red river, Lake Winnipeg, one near the shore, and the other some distance out.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. has been obliged to send an agent to Toronto to hire men to work on the line in the west, owing to the scarcity of men here. A number of men are wanted to put the track in good shape before the heavy fall traffic begins, etc.

There are a few idle men about Winnipeg, but they are men who will not go to the country to work. Men in the city are constantly refusing offers of good wages to go to the country, preferring to take chances of getting a job in the city rather than the certainty of work in the country.

The July returns of the inland revenue department at Winnipeg are as follows:

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Spirits | \$15,197 83 |
| Tobacco | 19,198 51 |
| Malt | 1,585 72 |
| Cigars | 888 50 |
| Petroleum inspection fees | 88 20 |
| Licenses | 1,045 00 |

\$81,848 26

July, 1894

81,503 46

Increase

\$890 80

Saskatchewan,

The boom at Moore & Matdowall's saw mill at Prince Albert broke recently, and released 500 logs which went down stream and were lost.

Northwest Ontario.

The item in the last issue of The Commercial regarding the removal of Hoover Bros. of Port Arthur to Franklin, Man., was not exactly correct. The exact particulars are as follows: The firm doing business in the name of Hoover Bros., will continue in business at Port Arthur. M. Hoover, son., will open a general store business at Franklin, in the firm name of Hoover & Co. about September 1.

Alberta.

The Commercial has been favored with a copy of The Herald, a new paper started a short time ago at Edmonton. It is a neat and newsy publication.

Calgary has a new pork packing industry. It is under the management of Thos. Stone & Co. The company occupies the premises recently occupied by the Calgary Agricultural, Coal and Colonization Company.

Hugh T. W. Goslin & Geo. H. Owen and another returned to Edmonton on Saturday July 20 from a gold mining trip up the Athabasca. They went down to Lac la Nonne (52 miles), by trail in a wagon which contained a boat, with provisions and themselves and a full camping outfit. Then they went down the Pembina and up the Athabasca nearly as far up as the big bend. While out they struck a good prospect. The Athabasca being too high to do much work they returned home again for a short time and will go back again when the water falls. They started home from a point on the Athabasca about 80 miles below Old Fort Assiniboine on Thursday, July 16th, at 10 a. m., and walked from there to South Edmonton where they arrived at 5 on Saturday morning the 20th, making 180 miles through bush, swamp, muskegs, etc., and burnt timber land with trails to find in, I should think, excellent time. They saw lots of game of all kinds.

Live Stock Items.

McHugh Bros., of Calgary, have shipped two carloads of horses to Winnipeg to be sold by auction.

At Montreal on August 1 the live stock markets were dull. Sheep were in demand at 8c to 8½c for export. Other lines unchanged and quiet.

Owing to the recent advance in the price of live hogs the receipts at Montreal have increased and a weaker feeling prevails. Prices were 10c to 25c per 100 lbs. lower on July 27 at \$1.90 to \$5.00 per 100 pounds.

Mullins & Wilson purchased 300 cattle from McMillan Bros., of Gladstone. They have bought 700 head between Gladstone and Minnedosa, and 500 hogs on the Manitoba and Northwestern.

At Montreal on July 29, says the Gazette, the supplies on spot were not excessive, but the demand was limited from both local and export buyers, and a weaker feeling prevailed. The best cattle offered did not realize more than 4c per lb., a decline of fully 3c since this time last week. There was a good enquiry for sheep, but receipts continue light, consequently shippers cannot secure as many as they want, and values are firm at 8½c to 9½c.

Cables from Liverpool on July 29 reported cattle firmer, but values for Canadian stock show no improvement over a week ago, while States cattle were ½c to ¾c per lb. higher. Canadians were quoted at 11c to 11½c and

States at 11½c to 12½c. The market for sheep was stronger and prices higher at 12c to 13c. At London on July 29 prices were about the same as at Liverpool. A private cable from Liverpool quoted cattle at 11½c and sheep at 12c. A private cable from London quoted cattle at 11½c. The failure of Canadian cattle to advance is owing to poor quality on account of the drought in the East.

At the East End abattoir, Montreal, on July 29, the tone was weaker and prices ½c per lb. lower. Shippers picked up quite a few of the best at prices ranging from 8½c to 4c for steers, and 2½c to 8c for bulls. In butchers' stock the general run of sales were made at 8½c for good beefs, and in a few cases 8½c. Fair cattle sold at 8c to 8½c and common to inferior at 2c to 2½c per lb. The supply of sheep was small. Exporters paid 8½ to 8¾c per lb. and butchers \$2 to \$5 each. Lambs sold at \$2 to \$3.50 each as to size and quality.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York on July 12 and a year ago.

| | July 26, 1895. | July 27, 1894. |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Flour, straight spring | \$3.15 to \$3.60 | \$3.00 to \$3.50 |
| Flour, straight winter | \$3.40 to \$3.75 | \$2.45 to \$2.85 |
| Wheat, No. 2 red | 78½c | 56c |
| Corn, No. 2 mixed | 48c | 52c |
| Oats, No. 2 | 28½c | 42½c |
| Rye, No. 2, Western | | |
| Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee | | |
| Cotton, mid. upld. | 7c | 7c |
| Print cloths, 64x84 | 2 15 16c | 28c |
| Wool, Ohio & Pa., X | 17 to 17½c | 18 to 19c |
| Wool, No. 1 combg. | 21 to 23c | 21 to 23c |
| Pork, mess new | \$12 25 | \$14 00 to 14 25 |
| Lard, westn. stm. | 6.62c | 7.80c |
| Butter, creamery | 17½c | 19c |
| Cheese, ch. east fr. | 7½c | 8½c |
| Sugar, centrif., 96° | 31c | 31c |
| Sugar, granulated | 4 7-10c | 4 6 10c |
| Coffee, Rio, No. 7 | 10½c | 16½c |
| Petroleum, N. T. Co. | \$1 30 | 82c |
| Petroleum, rid. gal. | 7.65c | 5.15c |
| Iron, No. 1 anth. | \$14.00 | \$12.50 |
| *Iron, Bess. pg. | \$14 60 | \$12.25 |
| *Steel billets, ton | \$21.75 | \$18.00 |
| Ocean Steam Freights— | | |
| Grain, Liverpool | 1½d | 1½-1½d |
| Cotton | 5-6½d | 5-6½d |

* Pittsburgh.

Insurance and Rates.

Just because the insurance companies got done up for a couple of millions by two big fires in Toronto, they have gone to work to twist the thumb-screws. Rates have gone up in Toronto 25 per cent., and all regulations are being rigidly enforced. The companies have sent out various letters of demand to the towns and villages, stipulating for extra watchmen, new hose-reels, etc., until the townspeople have stood aghast and the citizens have become angry.

But out in Winnipeg they seem to have considerably snap. The merchants there concluded rates were too high and began to form a company. They have \$200,000 subscribed and are buying the charter of a weak company. They will confine themselves at first to Manitoba, but later will extend their business through the Northwest to the Coast.

Should other cities adopt mutual protection or municipal insurance, the companies may be sorry that they, like Cromwell, became ambitious.—Canadian Dry Goods Review.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane express of July 29, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: English wheat has been 6d dearer, with fair demand, and foreign wheats have also been 6d higher. The strongest demand in foreign has been for American and only a fair demand for Russia, owing to the superabundant supply to the latter. California and Oregon cargoes have fetched 27s. To-day wheat is quoted at 28s, and old white at 25s. Foreign wheat is 6d and American flour 6d dearer.