

Manitoba.

A. Miller, baker, etc., Hamiota, is succeeded by W. G. Scott.

J. W. Sapwell, hardware dealer, Gainsborough, is dead.

J. H. Hog, of Brandon, has opened a grocery store at Rapid City.

Wm. Speers, baker, Boissevain, is opening business at Napinka.

Wilcox & Ramsay, general dealers, Virden, are opening a branch at Keaton.

F. A. Richardson, general store, Pipestone, has sold out to Riddell Bros.

Rogers & Douglass, general dealers, Elkhorn, have assigned. Rogers reported away.

Despars & Bleau, hardware, St. Boniface, have dissolved. H. F. Despars continues.

The residences of Dr. Goulding, Virden, was destroyed by fire, together with all the contents.

Gillies & Co., general dealers, Minnedosa, have sold out to P. J. McDermott, general dealer, of the same place.

W. Williams, of Deloraine, has been appointed an immigration agent at Bay City, Michigan, by the Dominion Government.

Kerr & Magee, furniture, Manitou, have dissolved partnership. Joseph Kerr will continue the business; S. Magee retiring.

The Grand Union hotel, Melita, has changed hands. Mr. Weir, the late proprietor, went out on Monday evening last. It will now be managed by A. Cochlan.

A. Whitelaw, merchant, Brandon, has given Jas. Whitelaw and M. S. Feasting an interest in the business, which will hereafter be carried on under the name of the Whitelaw Trading Co.

Last week's *Manitoba Gazette* proclaimed Thursday, May 11, as Arbor Day. As the 11th is Ascension Day, the Government has decided to change the date to Friday, May 12.

The Northwest Hide Co. is the name of a new concern established with headquarters at St. Boniface, opposite Winnipeg, to deal in hides, skins, etc. D. McKenzie, of Minneapolis, and R. McKenzie, of Manitou, are proprietors.

B. Gordon, who has entered into partnership with W. F. Buchanan, wholesale commission merchant, Winnipeg, is well known in this city, where he was formerly connected with the Hudson's Bay Co. From here he went to Victoria, B.C., where he was successful in building up a large grocery trade.

It appears that bluestone is being offered by retail dealers at low prices, in some places. Wholesale dealers say that good bluestone cannot be sold at 5 cents per pound retail, except at a loss, and that those who sell at that price either have an inferior article, or they are selling regardless of profit.

From the present outlook Melita has a busy summer ahead of her, says the local paper. Among other large buildings to be erected will be the grist mill costing in the neighborhood of \$25,000. A. E. Thomson talks of building a large business block this year as also does Asher Pierce. A number of private residences are also spoken of, among them being J. A. McIntyre, A. M. Livingston and others.

Jas. McAdams, creamery proprietor of Iowa, arrived from the south last week, and will open out in business near Russel, on the line of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway. He states that he is tired of trying to make money in the States and a great many more Iowa settlers will be up this spring. A large number are talking about Manitoba down there. Iowa is the great creamery state of the union, there being 795 factories for the manufacture of cheese and butter within her boundaries.

The *Rapid City Spectator* says:—"The Stiver and Co. estate showed a liability of something over \$1,000. The stock invoiced something less than \$1,000, and sold for 50c on the dollar. The book debts amounted to only \$160, and sold for 10c on the dollar. The stock was purchased by Mr. Langman, and will be moved to

Birtle. After paying expenses connected with the assignment, the estate will pay the creditors about 10c on the dollar. The creditors are now wondering where all the money has gone to."

The stock of H. Steinkopf, general store, Morden, is said to be in the hands of the sheriff.

Following are the inland revenue collections for March, 1893 at Winnipeg:

Spirits.....	\$12,900 80
Malt.....	2,300 52
Tobacco.....	13,012 75
Liquors.....	810 76
Cigars.....	60 00
Petroleum.....	62 80
Sundries.....	120 40

Total.....\$29,471 02

March, 1892.....\$30,333 46

Decrease, 1893.....6,861 43

Alberta.

John Cameron, general dealer, has completed a fine new store at Edmonton, into which he is moving.

F. A. Osburn is opening a lumber yard at Edmonton. A car load of British Columbia lumber has arrived for him.

Fred Gallagher of Winnipeg, left last week for Edmonton, where he intends going into the butcher business with his brother Con.

R. T. Burnes of Macleod has entered into partnership with C. F. Harris, barristers &c., and will take charge of a branch office at Pincher Creek.

The McLaren mill, of Macleod has prepared an exhibit of native woods for the Chicago exposition. It consists of black pine and spruce in various forms.

The New Oxley rancho has shipped three carloads of cattle to British Columbia. They are part of a lot that were purchased some time ago by Mr. Burns.

The Calgary legal firm of Longheed, McCarthy & McCarter has been dissolved. Longheed & McCarter will continue their present practice together, while Mr. McCarthy will open a new firm with a young Ontario barrister as his partner.

The new store which has been just completed for the Hudson's Bay Company at Edmonton, and which the company are now preparing to occupy, is situated on the north side of Jasper avenue at the corner of Third street. The building is of frame with stone foundation. The size of the main building is 60x32 with wing 16x36, giving a total frontage on Jasper avenue of 48 feet.

D. R. Fraser, says the *Edmonton Bulletin*, returned from Calgary on Monday's train. He did not go to Toronto as intended, having been able to arrange with a member of the firm of John Ingles & Son, Toronto, whom he met in Calgary, for the delivery at Edmonton on May 1st of an eight ton stern wheel steamer, 53 feet long, to draw not more than 26 inches of water loaded, and to steam five miles an hour against a current of four miles an hour. The boat will be shipped to Edmonton in sections and will be put together here.

Northwest Ontario.

The *Thunder Bay Daily Sentinel* of Port Arthur has resumed publication. It has not been issued during the winter. Mr. Dickinson of the *Sentinel*, is laid up in St. Boniface hospital, Winnipeg.

The Keewatin and Western Lumber Company are asking authority to increase the capital stock from half a million to one million and to extend the powers of the company for the following purposes: 'To purchase, acquire, hold alienate and convey mills, properties, mill sites, waterpowers and mills already constructed, and erect, to acquire, hold, charter, build and alienate ships, tugs or barges, requisite for the purposes of the company.

A report comes from the Sudbury district of a recent valuable discovery of gold at Wahnapitae lake, about twenty-five miles from the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It appears late last fall some French farmers in the lake district discovered indications of gold, which a sudden fall of snow covered over for the time being. Within the past few weeks, however, several sections have been uncovered and a blasting process introduced, which so far has developed remarkable indications of gold-bearing quartz. The mineral taken out has proved so extensive as to be seen in considerable lumps sticking out of the quartz. The chief area, so far discovered, has been bonded by Mr. Ryckman, M.P., of Hamilton, who is also extensively interested in the development of the nickel interests in that section of the country.

Assiniboia.

Another new paper, the *Whitewood Herald*, has made its appearance, devoted to the Whitewood district. F. J. Greenstreet is editor.

A representative of the *Melita Enterprise* visited the Estevan mines recently, and learned that the mines were closed for a time. It is the intention of the Dominion Coal Co., as soon as the frost will admit, to at once make extensive preparations so as to have a larger output for next winter's supply. A new style of grates for the screening of the coal will be used so that two kinds of coal can be loaded into separate cars at the same time. The company have sent a man to Nova Scotia to examine the machines in use for pressing fine coal into brick and if found satisfactory, a machine will be put in operation here, and in this way utilize the fine coal which is now allowed to go to waste.

The partnership business lately carried on at Saltcoats, as general merchants, under the firm name of Buchanan & Co., has been dissolved.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

Ocean rates on flour, to go forward at the opening of navigation, from Minneapolis, are being offered as follows: To Liverpool, London and Glasgow, 8.44s per 100 pounds; Bristol, 11.25; Leith, 12.66c.

The Duluth and Superior correspondent of the *Northwestern Miller*, writing on March 28, says: "Ocean rates on flour are firmer and quotably higher. Exports from these points are heavier than usual, even at the ruling unsatisfactory prices. The London rate is about 6 6, and on heavy bookings this could perhaps be shaded. A rate to Bristol of 8.03c and to Glasgow of 5.05c is quoted, and bookings to Liverpool have been made at 4.06c. To Aberdeen 14.6c and to Dundee 12 6s is asked, while the through rate to Belfast is about 49c per 100 pounds. Nothing has been booked from these points yet to go via lake and rail. The lowest lake and rail rate last season was 17 3/4c to the seaboard; the highest 27 3/4c. Compared with wheat charters, which have been made at 3 3/4c to Buffalo, it is quite probable that the lake and rail rate on flour at the opening of navigation will approach nearer the maximum than the minimum rate of last year. There are no indications of any change in the basis of rail rates before the opening of navigation, though some shippers anticipate offers from the railroads just before the lake shipping season opens that will attract a large amount of tonnage. Not all the across-lake lines are to be relied upon just now. Shippers receive circulars one day announcing that contracts may be made for across lake business, only to have them followed by messages declaring everything canceled for the time being."

Mr. Pullemine—"I make a bad mistake in buying those goods. I bays too much."

Little Sou—"Th' teacher says we must profit by our mistakes."

Mr. Pullemine—"Ish dot so? Vell, I get dem insured."