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WINNIPEG, MAY 18, 1891.

## Manitoba.

Dr. Wm. Young, of Morris, is dead.

S. Fairbairn is to build the new iron bridge at Minnedosa for \$3,100.

The business men of Carman are moving for the purpose of organizing a board of trade.

J. C. Saunders, late of Owen Sound, is opening out in the fruit and confectionery line at Manitou.

Wallig & Perulli, fruit and confectionery, Winnipeg, have opened out.

J. T. Vardon, fancy goods, etc., McGregor, is adding tinware to his business.

Taylor & Gimmett, butchers and green grocers, Rapid City, have formed a partnership.

Mallett & Co., jewelers, Brandon, have sold out to Conboy & Co. Headquarters now at Souris.

McCulloch & Herriott, of Souris, have shipped a carload of hogs to Burchell & Howey of Brandon.

The Minnedosa town assessor has completed his duties. The assessment is \$289,676, and the population 772.

The stock of general merchandise of A. D'Auvel, Letellier, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, on the 19th of May.

G. A. and Wm. Basler have assumed the management of the Windsor hotel, at Rapid City, Cable having given up the house.

The C. P. R. land sales during the first quarter of this year show an increase of ninety per cent. over the sales for the corresponding period of last year.

The vacant Attorney Generalship of the Manitoba Government was filled last week, when Hon. Joseph Martin was succeeded by Clifford Sifton, member for Brandon North.

The heaviest animal purchased at Pilot Mound, this season was obtained by Baird Bros. & Chalmers from A. McQuarrie, north of the lake. The beast weighed 2,265 pounds.

J. H. Lyons, of Carberry, has let the contract of his new store to John McDougall, for \$7,300, it is to be brick, 80x25 feet and 27 feet high. Blair & Co., general merchants, of Winnipeg, will occupy the lower portion.

In accordance with a clause in the charter of the Winnipeg Water Works Company, the city has served the company with a notice of expropriation. Twelve months must expire before the expropriation proceedings, by means of arbitration, can take place.

Mr. Wrigley, late commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, with his family, left for England last week. A large number of friends were at the station to see them off. On the Friday previous Mr. Wrigley was invited to attend at Government house, where an address was presented, signed by many prominent citizens.

From the Rapid City Reporter we learn that Head & Bell cattle and horse dealers have dissolved partnership. Head has taken Robert Malden as partner. Bell will also continue in the cattle trade. J. D. McCallum, butcher, has rented his premises to H. B. Spence who in future will conduct the business. Grummett & Taylor have opened in the butchering business.

Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and R. A. Grannis, vice-president, were in Winnipeg last week. The visitors were agreeably surprised with the progress and steady advancement of this country. During their visit here, T. C. Livingston, local manager, was promoted to the position of resident director for the western Canada General Agency.

Last week the ratepayers of St. Boniface voted on a by-law to grant \$35,000 to the Norwood Bridge company to assist that company in constructing a bridge across the Red River south of the Assiniboine. The polling resulted in a vote of 51 to 21 in favor of the by-law, but it is claimed this defeats the bonus by one vote, a three-fifths vote of the majority on the list being necessary to carry the scheme through.

Word was received by a Winnipeg party recently that Charlebois, the contractor, and the Great Northwest Central railway company had reached a basis of settlement in the dispute concerning the completed portion of the road. It only now remains to work out a few minor details, when the money, which has for some months been in the hands of a trustee, will be paid over to Charlebois. As soon as the dispute is settled, it is said, the company will prepare to operate the road as far as built and may also do some more construction work this year.

A correspondent at Marquette writes:—Seedling is mostly completed in this vicinity and the acreage will be about 25 per cent. over previous years. Within the last week everything has taken a rapid growth. Jas. Robertson has just completed a fine cheese factory, which he expects to have in operation in a few days. This will be the second cheese factory in operation in Woodlands municipality. Mr. Hainsworth

has built an implement warehouse, and has been appointed representative of H. S. Westbrook.

The following from the Nepeawa Register will show the demand which exists in Manitoba for farm hands:— "There were many disappointed in not getting the farm hands expected from the party of immigrants coming in charge of Rev. Mr. Hole. That gentleman met the party at Port Arthur. There were about 500 in all and they were on two trains. Mr. Hole got aboard the first train and selected 32 men to fill applications at Nepeawa, Minnedosa and Birtle. He arranged with them to meet him the following morning which they readily consented to do. This done, he waited at Rat Portage for the second train which was two hours behind the first. It reached Winnipeg about midnight. Mr. Hole was on hand the next morning to get his party for this line together, but found to his dismay that no fewer than 16 of them had been induced to accept other offers, and it was with difficulty he kept the remainder from being snatched away from him before the train left the city. He had six for Nepeawa, but as there was no one at the station to receive them, four of that number preferred to go on west.

## Alberta.

J. Kuhn & Son, of Balmoral, Man., will open a flour and feed store at Lethbridge.

P. L. McNamara, of Calgary, who recently passed his final examination as advocate for the territories, has decided to locate at Edmonton.

P. Desormeau, who arrived in Edmonton recently, from Montreal, has opened a tailoring business in connection with Larue & Picard's cloth business.

Seeding is well advanced, says the Edmonton Bulletin, of May 2. All or nearly all the wheat is sown. From 50 to 75 per cent. more land is being put in crop this year than last.

Beveridge Bros., near Calgary, have sold their sheep ranch and flocks to Hayes & McIntosh, butchers, Vancouver. There are included in the sale 2,600 head of sheep and corals, residence and lease of ranch, the price being \$17,000. The industry will be largely extended by the purchasers.

## Saskatchewan.

Harry McCall, baker, Prince Albert, has sold out.

R. J. Ballantine will open a baker shop at Prince Albert.

I McCall and R. T. Goodfellow are erecting a building, at Prince Albert, to be used by them as a bakery.

Mr. McArthur, who has a sheep ranch near Prince Albert, has shipped a car of sheep to Winnipeg. This shows the advantage of opening railway communication to that district.

## North West Ontario.

E. Lemarbo, bakery, Fort William, has sold out.

J. E. Dubord, late of Winnipeg, will open a soda water works at Rat Portage.

The stock of A. Jean & Co., Kewatin, will be sold by auction in Winnipeg on May 19.

Green Bros. have closed business at Illecillewaet, and have bought the general stock of E. S. Wilson & Co., at Ainsworth, where they will carry on business in future; also continuing their store at Sproat.