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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 29, 1894.

## Manitoba.

Miss McMahon, dressmaker, opening at Minnedosa.

L. J. Treble, blacksmith, Crystal City, starting in general store business.

Taylor Bros., butchers, etc., Minnedosa, succeeded by Travis & Beddome.

H. A. Cearth, general store, Griswold, assigned in trust to Wm. Govenlock.

Steele & Sauls, hotel, Boissevain, dissolved partnership; W. H. Sauls continuing.

The stock of A. W. Dalton, general store, Carberry, is advertised for sale on Jan. 26.

W. F. Dorsey, of Estevan, has purchased the grocery business of Geo. Stewart, of Methven.

The Commercial Bank of Manitoba has entered suit against R. T. Rokeby for a note of \$35,000.

J. W. Gilbard, of Winnipeg, who represents the Jas. Hay Co., Ltd., of Woodstock, Ontario, furniture manufacturers is leaving on a trip to the Coast.

Notice is given that the partnership subsisting between Esau & Loewen, Gretna, has been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to said partnership are to be paid to Isaac Loewen.

Emerson & Hague, who have carried on business very successfully at Brandon for some time, have bought the stock, plant and business of Hope & Co., Winnipeg, and will continue in the premises on Thistle street, where they will manufacture tents, awnings and canvass goods generally, mattresses, etc. They will also continue their Brandon business.

The new Imperial bank building at Portage la Prairie is nearing completion. The building is one of the handsomest in town and a great improvement for business purposes on the present premises occupied by the bank.

The stock of Greenway & Richards, hardware, of Crystal City, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Friday, January, 26th, at Winnipeg, con-

sisting of the following. Shelf hardware, paints, etc., \$660.06; cutlery, brushes, lamps, etc., \$525.37; clocks, jewelry, \$130.42; furniture, undertaker's wares, \$342.48; tinware, etc., \$85.53; tinsmith's tools and machine, \$182.87; shop furniture, \$222.55; hay scales, \$150. Total, \$2,298.00. Book accounts, \$1,578.60.

In the Provincial Legislature this week Hon. Mr. Cameron introduced a bill which was read the first time, to amend the act prohibiting the registration of lien notes, hire receipts, and orders for chattels in registry and land title offices. Mr. O'Malley was allowed to amend his notice of the introduction of bills to repeal the Law Society Act, the Land Surveyors' Act, the Medical Act, and the Veterinary Association Act, substituting the word "amend" for "repeal."

Hon. Mr. Cameron has introduced a bill in the legislature respecting the town of Emerson. He said the bill was the result of certain legislation passed four or five years ago, the House thereby guaranteeing the interest on certain debentures issued by Emerson for \$105,000, interest at 3 per cent. The government had had to meet the payment of interest, and this bill was intended to give the town an object lesson in civic reform. A commission was to be constituted to act as a receiver, taking the place of the mayor and council, and having the power to levy rates. The indebtedness that had accrued to the government was \$4,000.

Dr. Selwyn, director of the geological survey, has received the report from the expert in charge of the artesian well at Deloraine, which describes that enterprise as a great success. Selwyn predicts that at any place west of Pembina escarpment in Manitoba which is not more than 1,500 feet above the sea level, an abundant supply of good soft water can be obtained as is now being done at Deloraine, and that at all elevations not exceeding 1,000 feet above the sea level water would flow over at the surface and afford a never failing supply.

## Alberta.

P. Rose, drugs, Edmonton, succeeded by G. H. Graydon.

T. C. Power & Bro., general store, Calgary, succeeded by D. W. Marsh.

White & Stewart, flour, feed and livery, Fort Saskatchewan, given up business.

Dickson & Wilkie, grocers, produce, commission and real estate, Edmonton; sold groceries to H. Wilson.

Chave & Corriveau, hardware, Edmonton, dissolved; Chave continues, under style "Edmonton Hardware Co."

## Assiniboia.

R. Wetmann has opened a shoe repairing shop at Medicine Hat.

Bullock, of the Ford hotel, Dunmore, will move to Canmore, Alberta.

Thomas B. Willey has opened a drug and stationery business at Saltcoats.

Dr. Patrick, of Saltcoats, has moved to Yorkton, where he will hereafter reside.

A. G. Thorburn, merchant, and best known resident of Broadview, died suddenly on Sunday, January 21, of heart trouble. The evening before he spoke at a political meeting, and was apparently in good health.

## Northwest Ontario.

Vivian & Co., Fort William, have been closed by the Sheriff and assigned.

Murray & Muligan's general store at Chapleau has been burned. The building and stock are a total loss. Insured.

Tenders will be received addressed to Jno. W. Lawrence, Port Arthur, up to Tuesday, 6th of February, for the stock of the late Charles W. Hamilton, of Port Arthur, amounting to \$12,701 worth of dry goods, clothing and furnishings.

## Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin says:—The railroads are getting very little fresh business in grain at the advanced rates, and although agents claim to be maintaining the new tariff, there were unconfirmed rumors of private cuts. The tariff rate on flour and grain to New York is 25c per 100 lbs and 30c on provisions. Through business to Liverpool was slow and rates steady at 35.39 to 38c per 100 lbs on flour, 22.55c per bushel on wheat, 22c corn, and 46c to 52c per 100 lbs on provisions. There was a better demand for vessels to load and store grain for spring shipment, and rates were easier at 2c on wheat and 2c on corn to Buffalo, and 3c for corn to Kingston.

## The British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express of Jan. 20, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: The weather has been mild and the crop conditions satisfactory. Wheat has been the principal feature of the French demand in view of the imposition of duty at an early date. This has considerably reduced the quantity off the coast. The United Kingdom demand continues active. In values white wheat arrived is rather lower, Russia is firm with light offers; American is slow and Indian is neglected, Californian arrived is quoted at 27s; red winter parcels at 25s 3d. Spot trade is low, and the country market quieter. Flour—The animation has subsided and flour is dull and slow; for shipment one lot of Minnesota bakers went at 15s 6d to 17s 6d.

## Live Stock Markets.

The Montreal Stock Yards Company in their report for the week ended Jan. 20, say:—"The cattle trade at these yards for week was fairly good. Everything was cleared out at fair prices. Medium receipts of live hogs, but no improvement in prices. Good lambs and calves demand large prices. We quote the following as being fair values: Cattle, butchers' good, 3½ to 4c; cattle, butchers' medium, 3 to 3½c; cattle, butchers' culls, 2½ to 3c; lambs, 2½ to 3½c; hogs, 5½ to 5c; calves, \$5 to 10. The receipts were 463 cattle, 1,462 sheep, 550 hogs and 30 calves."

## Price of Petroleum.

Mr. Morris, a leading wholesale dealer in petroleum, of Ottawa, publishes a statement denying the charge of Petrolea oil refiners that middlemen are keeping up the price of oil to consumers. Morris points out that when the refiners say that oil can be purchased at Petrolea for six and a half cents per gallon they refer to sales in bulk, whereas purchasers are obliged to pay for barreling as well as for inspection and transportation. As coal oil can be purchased in the United States for three and a half cents per gallon the present duty of over seven cents gives refiners 200 per cent. protection.

It has also been stated by politicians and others that retail dealers in Manitoba have been charging exorbitant profits on petroleum oils. This is certainly not the case in Winnipeg at least, where petroleum oil is a commodity upon which the retailer barely makes the cost of handling. If three to five cents per gallon is an exorbitant profit for handling an article like oil, then the accusation is true.

Edibility of Ants. —The formic acid of ants is said to impart to them an agreeable flavor. An entomologist recalls when himself and boy companions relished a "lemonade" of crushed ants mixed with sugar and water; and a correspondent of *Insect Life* refers to a man who is in the habit of eating large black ants from rotten wood. Another man traced to little red ants a pleasant acid taste of a pie eaten in the dark.