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Manitoba.

Wild hops and hazel nuts are a good crop this year.

Drs. McDiarmid & Macdonald, Brandon, have dissolved partnership.

S. Leach, will take possession of the Queen's hotel at Deloraine, says the *Deloraine Times*.

The Deloraine Agricultural Society's show will be held on October 7th and 8th at Deloraine.

Portage will be well lighted soon. Two companies are now engaged establishing electric light works there.

McLean Bros., of Winnipeg, have purchased a property at Pilot Mound upon which they intend to erect a store.

J. C. Johnston, of Drayton, Ont., has purchased the Torance stable, Brandon and will also take out an auctioneer's license.

The contract for the construction of Brandon's new city hall has been awarded to Major Stewart of Ottawa, whose tender was \$28,869.

Mr. Clearihue, representing Jas. Hall & Co., manufacturers of gloves, mitts, moccasins, etc., Brockville, Ontario, arrived in Winnipeg last week on a western trip.

R. P. Redmond and Edward Cordingly, trading as Redmond & Co., dealers in tobaccos and cigars, at Carberry, have made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Lou. Arnett, of the Boston clothing house, Winnipeg, was considerably improved last week, and it is now believed that he may recover from the effects of the serious gun accident.

The Pilot Mound *Sentinel* says: On Sept 4, Gordon & Ironside will send east to Montreal a

train loaded with cattle. The train will consist of eighteen cars, shipped from Pilot Mound, Killarney, Maniyou and Thornhill.

The Winnipeg painters, or those of them belonging to the painters' union, have decided to work nine hours per day, instead of ten as heretofore. Some of the shops have acceded to the demands of the men, while others are out on strike.

To show the great demand which has existed for harvest hands, the *Portage Liberal* says that some farmers in that district went east a station or two to meet the harvest excursion train from Ontario, to secure help from among the excursionists.

J. Pitblado, manager of the branch of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, at Portage la Prairie, has accepted an offer from the Bank of Nova Scotia, to assume the management of its branch in the city of Fredericton, N. B. He will leave in about a month.

The business of J. Kuhn & Son, general merchants, Balmoral, will be continued permanently under the same style, by S. J. Kuhn, son of the late J. Kuhn. The produce business carried on under the same style at Winnipeg will also be continued for the present.

The Deloraine well, at the latest report, was down over 1,400 feet. Rock was struck at a depth of 1,335 feet, and the people are now in hopes of soon obtaining water. The Deloraine people deserve to strike something, for the persistence which they have shown in this enterprise.

The following changes in branches of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba are reported: Henry Fisher, at present manager at Minnedosa, will succeed Mr. Pitblado as manager at Portage la Prairie. Henry J. Pugh, accountant at Morden, will take charge of the branch at Minnedosa.

McKay & Will, carriage builders, Morden, have purchased two lots next to McMillan & Lano's office, and have decided to erect thereon a large two-storey carriage and blacksmith shop, with a frontage of fifty feet and twenty-eight feet deep. It is to be built entirely of cobble stone.

Another newspaper has been added to the list of Manitoba journals. The first number of the *Boissevain Globe* has been received. It is a neatly printed 24 column paper, and is filled with a good supply of local news. The *Globe* is published by W. H. Ashley, who comes from Hanover, Ont., where he printed the *Post*.

Winnipeg will surely have an electric street railway soon, in addition to the present horse-car service. At the last meeting of the council propositions were received from three different companies to put an electric road in operation at once, and it is said that there are still other parties ready to undertake the work. United States capitalists as well as local parties are interested in the different syndicates.

Alberta.

J. H. Lawrence has opened a furniture store at Lethbridge.

J. H. McNulty, general merchant, Banff and Canmore, is concentrating his business at the latter place.

The mounted police at Fort Macleod call for tenders for 19,000 bushels of oats and 1,000 bushels of potatoes.

The rainfall at Edmonton this season from April 20th to August 30th has been 16.25 inches, the greatest on record.

The firm of Murphy & Brumell, hotelkeepers, Macleod, has been dissolved. James Murphy will in future continue the business.

The *Macleod Gazette* says that the heavy rains of late have caused considerable damage to hay in the Pincher Creek country, some of the ranchers there losing heavily.

The Calgary council have decided to strike a rate of 1½¢ on the dollar, instead of 2¢, by carrying certain items as a floating debt over to next year.

The *Macleod Gazette* says: "We understand that a gentleman representing a strong Canadian oil company, is negotiating with some of the parties who hold petroleum claims in the Kootenay district, with a view to obtaining control of a block of land there and sinking wells. It is understood that if successful in obtaining the claims machinery will be put in this fall, and everything made ready to commence work in the spring."

Calgary wants to become a divisional point of the C.P.R., and inducements are being offered to that end. The following resolution was adapted at a recent meeting of the Calgary council: "That the town offer the C.P.R. the public park in the west of the town, provided the government and the people agree to the proposition, and also exemption from taxation for twenty years and all improvements in connection with the new works, on condition that the railway company move the divisional points from Gleichen and Canmore to Calgary, and that when repair shops are erected west of Winnipeg, they be located at Calgary."

Assiniboia.

There is a good opening for a druggist at Wapella, writes a correspondent.

Twenty-four Icelanders have settled 16 miles northeast of Churchbridge and about the same distance from Saltecoats.

J. R. & R. Carphin intend opening a store at Sinaluta. C. G. Booth contemplates opening an hotel at the same place.

E. H. Cooke has retired from the business of Magee, Cooke & Co., general dealers, Wolkeley. The style of the firm will remain as before.

Moose Jaw ratepayers voted recently on a debenture by-law, to raise \$10,000 for a system of waterworks. The by law was defeated.

The Indian office at Regina is calling for tenders for a large quantity of flour and bacon, to be delivered at the various agencies throughout the Territories.

The second annual meeting of the Northwest Medical Association was held at Medicine Hat recently. After the re-election of Drs. Kennedy and Brett as president and secretary-treasurer respectively and the election of Dr. Roleau as vice-president it was decided, owing to the slim attendance, to hold another session this year at Regina, during the session of the Territorial Assembly.

At Montreal last Saturday the building occupied by Tees & Co., desk manufacturers, as an office and warehouse, and by the Goldie & McCulloch safe agency as a store room, was damaged by fire. Tees & Co's loss is \$15,000, fully insured. Goldie & McCulloch's loss is not heavy.