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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 3, 1895.

Manitoba.

John Klason has opened a harness shop at Rosenfeld.

P. Hamm has started in the lumber and implement business at Rosenfeld.

C. F. Turner, of Neepawa, was at Lake Dauphin recently looking over the prospects for a hardware and tinshop.

H. W. Gorhardt of Neepawa has secured a position as traveller for the dry goods firm of Kyle, Chesbrough & Co., of Montreal. His territory to be from Fort William west to the Coast.

The Martin, Bole Wynne company, Winnipeg, have decided to put in the foundation for their new warehouse this fall, and complete the structure in 1897.

The annual summer fair of the Brandon society was opened on Tuesday last. The attendance was large and the exhibits good. The fair was voted a great success.

The general committee of the Winnipeg caters' union have arranged for the tenth annual excursion and picnic of the union, to be held at Portage la Prairie on Thursday, August 6.

Jas. Hall & Co., Winnipeg, dealers in gloves, moccasins, etc., have sold out their gents furnishing department, with the exception of men's braces, which line they will continue to handle, as they control some specialties in this class of goods.

A. Patterson, proprietor of the Victoria House, Virden, will take over the Balmoral Hotel of the same place, Steve white retiring. Huston Bros. will continue the Victoria House.

Alberta.

Voting took place at Calgary on July 28, on the by-laws to loan \$5,000 each to the general hospital and to the agricultural society. To carry the by-laws required two-thirds of a majority. Both by-laws were defeated.

Assiniboia.

Angus McKaig has opened a general blacksmith shop at Ellisboro.

The Oxbow hotel has been opened by W. Young.

The stock-in-trade and real estate of A. Roberts & Co., general merchants, of Wapella, will be sold by public auction at a rate on

the dollar on Tuesday, August 4th, at the office of S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg. Stock amounts to \$3,329. The real estate consists of lot 5, in block 7, in Wapella, on which is situated a hotel and a drug store.

Northwest Ontario.

John A. Paterson, a Toronto lawyer has purchased on behalf of an English syndicate, the Mikado gold mine, paying for it \$25,000 cash near Rat Portage.

Wm. McGinnis of Ottawa a geological surveyor for the Dominion Government arrived at Fort Francis recently. He has made several trips through this north west section and bespeaks for it a bright and golden future.

J. C. Foley, president of the Mill and Gold Mining Co., accompanied by John McAuliffe, E. q., and C. Maskell of Duluth, D. M. Tracey, Chicago, and E. M. Hoshee of Detroit, arrived at Fort Frances on the 11th on their way to the mining camp on Shoal Lake where Mr. Foley will push the work of opening and developing their very rich property on A. L. 7w. A 20 stamp mill will be erected at once and such other improvements as will be found necessary to place it amongst the paying ones of this section at as early a date as possible. Whilst awaiting transportation up the Seine they visited the Little American Gold Mine near Rainy Lake City now being operated by Mr. O. A. Watzke of West Superior, Wis., who is pushing the work of sinking and drifting and expects in the near future to have the stamp mill pounding out gold bricks of a dividend paying size. Mr. Foley and party returned to Fort Frances and left later on the Maple Leaf for camp on Shoal Lake near Mine Center.

A Slight of Waterford, Ontario, mining inspector for this district visited the Seine River gold field, making the purchase of a property near the Wilgard mine, he was very much pleased with the formation and will return in about two weeks to put men at work to develop his claim. He left for Rat Portage later in company with A. Brill and A. Blum of Paris, France who arrived here on the 9th and made the tour of the different properties on Sein River expressing themselves as well pleased with what they saw, and expect to return soon to secure some of the numerous rich properties they inspected. They were accompany by Supt. E. H. Ahn, of the Rat Portage Reduction Works who has had large experience in handling gold bearing quartz and who expressed himself as well satisfied with what he saw. Fort Francis also had a visit from H. R. Palmer of Cleveland who passed through here the 27th of June, he speaks well of what he has seen of the country and its prospect.

Financial and Insurance Notes.

The Bank of Hamilton will open a branch in Winnipeg on Monday, August 3, under the management of Benjamin Wilson, late agent of the bank at Wingham, Ont. The premises to be occupied at present by the new bank are those formerly occupied by the Union Bank at 385 Main Street. This is the first branch of the Bank of Hamilton for the west.

An order in council has been passed by the Manitoba government authorizing the American Surety company of New York to transact business in this province. The company is the largest Surety company in the world and confines its business solely to the issuing of bonds for officers and employees in positions of trust, for contracts and for bonds and undertakings in judicial proceedings etc.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended July 25, 1895, shows an increase of 399,000 bushels, against a decrease of 1,251,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 8,778,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 446,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	83,381,000	80,223,000	81,233,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,863,000	81,330,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,785,000	76,609,000	79,033,000	41,558,000
April 1...	74,808,000	71,453,000	77,654,000	41,030,000
May 6...	62,198,000	65,166,000	73,069,000	38,190,000
June 3...	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,030,000	27,910,000
July 1...	44,661,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	21,262,000
Aug. 3...	38,517,000	50,601,000	59,424,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7...	36,764,000	59,168,000	56,140,000	33,760,050
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,276,000	51,258,000
Nov. 4...	52,990,000	80,047,000	71,396,000	61,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,003,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,630,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	87,858,000	79,953,000	81,788,000
" 11...	69,945,000	86,615,000	80,433,000	82,080,000
" 18...	67,983,000	85,286,000	80,332,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,523,000	84,665,000	80,234,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1...	66,734,000	83,376,000	79,833,000	81,390,000
" 8...	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,560,000	80,973,000
" 15...	65,929,000	80,733,000	78,667,000	80,214,000
" 22...	64,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000	79,413,000
March 1...	61,059,000	78,701,000	75,569,000	79,083,000
" 7...	62,598,000	77,717,000	74,607,000	79,103,000
" 14...	62,123,000	76,375,000	73,359,000	79,020,000
" 21...	61,348,000	75,773,000	72,103,000	78,269,000
" 28...	61,018,000	74,308,000	71,438,000	77,634,000
April 4...	60,322,000	72,703,000	70,702,000	77,293,000
" 11...	59,330,000	70,497,000	69,217,000	76,090,000
" 18...	58,483,000	68,628,000	68,425,000	74,869,000
" 25...	57,940,000	65,776,000	66,535,000	75,037,000
May 2...	55,619,000	62,196,000	65,166,000	73,069,000
" 9...	54,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,432,000
" 16...	54,146,000	58,484,000	62,044,000	71,626,000
" 23...	51,298,000	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,159,000
" 30...	50,340,000	52,229,000	59,394,000	70,307,000
June 6...	50,147,000	49,739,000	59,211,000	63,662,000
" 13...	49,486,000	47,717,000	57,105,000	60,376,000
" 20...	48,319,000	46,325,000	55,832,000	63,091,000
" 27...	47,800,000	44,501,000	54,057,000	62,316,000
July 4...	47,199,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	61,819,000
" 11...	47,220,000	41,237,000	53,154,000	59,333,000
" 18...	46,743,000	40,483,000	53,771,000	58,903,000
" 25...	47,442,000	39,223,000	57,144,000	59,319,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on July 18 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	861,000
Toronto.....	164,000
Kingston.....	10,000
Winnipeg.....	135,000
Manitoba interior elevators	1,200,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,603,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on July 18 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	59,496,000
Pacific Coast.....	1,927,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	48,775,000
Pacific Coast.....	6,549,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended July 25, shows a decrease of 210,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains; making the total 59,286,000 bushels on the latter date.

Worlds stocks of wheat on July 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 105,210,000 bushels, as compared with 130,877,000 bushels on July 1, 1895, 146,519,000 bushels on July 1, 1894, 152,303,000 bushels on that date in 1893, and as contrasted with 99,203,000 bushels on July 1, 1892, and with smaller totals on July 1 in preceding years.