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Manitoba.

J. B. McLaren and J. H. Black of Morden have amalgamated their businesses as barristers and solicitors.

H McKay & Co., implement dealers at Morden report the sale of forty binders so far this season, and they expect to make it 100.

S. E. Clement and R. A. Clement, two young lawyers, will open a law office at Brandon, under the firm name of Clement & Clement.

Portage la Prairie has now two daily newspapers, one published by Prest & Co., and the other by the Liberal Printing company. They are not yet of very large size, but may grow.

Chalmers, Bros. & Bethune, of Manitou, Man., have one hundred and twenty-five head of cattle in preparation for shipment to Montreal.

The Waterous Engine Works Co., of Winnipeg have received the contract for the machinery, boilers, fittings, etc. for the new elevator now in course of erection here.

Work has been started on the large new block to be erected on the corner of Main and James streets, Winnipeg, which will be occupied as a department store by Geo. Craig & Co. The firm have advertised a big sale to reduce stock before moving to the new block.

The Hudson's Bay company have decided to add two stories to the one story addition which they erected last year to their office building on the corner of York avenue and For street, Winnipeg.

The Imperial Oil company will shortly commence the erection of new buildings and some additions to present structures on their property near Louise bridge, Winnipeg. A new barrel warehouse will be built, stands erected to hold three large tanks which are coming up from the east and a wing will be added to the co-opage.

The creamery committee of the new Manitou factory have made their first sale of butter to the Parsons Produce Co., of Winnipeg, at 15 cents per lb. This will not the patrons about ten cents cash. The consignment comprises about 8,000 lbs. The butter will be forwarded to Vancouver. Nearly 600 lbs of butter are being made at the factory daily.

Alberta.

A project is on foot, says the Edmonton Bulletin, for the starting of a beet sugar industry at Edmonton on a large scale, the person interested being none other than the celebrated Claus Spreckles, the sugar king of the Pacific coast. He already has a beet sugar farm and factory in California, but believes that the more northern climate with fertile soil would be more favorable to the growth of the beets and to increasing the quantity of sugar in them.

Northwest Ontario.

Steve Downing's liquor store at Port Arthur was burned on July 7. The fire started in a shed adjoining the store. The two buildings were insured for \$1,500 and the stock for \$500.

Saskatchewan.

T. B. Winnett has opened in the furniture and undertaking business at Pricue Albert.

The Lakeside creamery, Battleford, of which Pomerleau & Bourne are proprietors, will send several hundred pounds of butter to the Winnipeg and Regina exhibitions.

The Battleford Herald says that O. F. Orr has taken his sheep to Saskatoon whence he will ship several carloads to Winnipeg.

Grain and Milling Matters.

A correspondent writes that a Winnipeg firm has been trying to purchase the farmers' elevator at Cypress River. The Cypress farmers, he says, know how to run an elevator profitably and the past season's business will give the shareholders a dividend of twenty-five to thirty per cent even though the rate for cleaning has been cut from 2 cents 1/2 cents per bushel. There are two or three malcontent shareholders, but they will cut no figure anyway and can sell out at any time at a profit to the company.

Montreal Trade Bulletin: Since our last report six cars more of United States patent flour have been received here upon which duty was paid; but it is a mistake to suppose that these are in execution of fresh contracts, as they form a part of the old business previously referred to.

In all about 120,000 bushels of Manitoba oats have arrived here during the past two or three weeks, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin of July 5, a considerable portion of which are mixed, and have sold at 40c per 34 lbs. No. 2 have been placed at 42c and No. 3 at 41c to 42c. One holder claims that he is willing to accept 42c for a good quality of No. 2, but cannot get it, as the market is extremely dull, and it is a question if 42c could be obtained for a large quantity of No. 2.

Live Stock Notes.

Thos. Almack shipped two car loads of cattle from Saltcoats, Assa., recently. He has about 16 car loads yet to ship during the next three months.

The annual meeting of the Pure Bred Cattle Breeders' association for this year will be held in Winnipeg on Thursday evening, the 18th, during the exhibition, at the exhibition grounds.

The annual reports of the meetings of the Pure Bred Cattle Breeders' association and the Sheep and Swine Breeders' association of Manitoba have been issued and will make interesting reading for Manitoba farmers interested in stock.

Calmers Bros. & Watson, of Manitou, Man., have this season shipped over 200 head of fat stock purchased from farmers in that district, says the Mercury, and have still in the

country surrounding the town a train load of cattle which are being fattened for the eastern market.

A correspondent writes to the Western Mail:—I see by your paper that sheep in New South Wales were quite recently sold for 7d per head. I have a letter by me from a friend in New Zealand stating that at the Kalkoura annual sheep fair this year one lot actually went for 8d per head. Out of the 25,000 penned not half were sold.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended July 6, 1895, shows a decrease of 1,202,000 bushels, against a decrease of 548,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year and a decrease of 197,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first week in each month on the dates named for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2 ..	88,681,000	80,223,000	81,293,000	45,007,000
Feb. 6 ..	97,376,000	79,883,000	81,393,000	43,181,000
Mar. 4 ...	78,795,000	76,680,000	79,088,000	41,656,000
April 1 ..	74,308,000	71,459,000	77,654,000	41,036,000
" 8 ..	72,703,000	70,782,000	77,204,000	41,177,000
" 16 ..	70,487,000	69,217,000	76,006,000	42,055,000
" 22 ..	68,626,000	68,425,000	74,869,000	39,149,000
" 29 ..	65,776,000	66,583,000	75,027,000	37,038,000
May, 6 ..	62,196,000	65,160,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
" 13 ..	59,623,000	63,610,000	72,632,000	35,100,000
" 20 ..	56,484,000	62,044,000	71,392,000	30,607,000
" 27 ..	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,169,000	29,622,000
June 3 ..	52,229,000	59,234,000	71,030,000	27,910,000
" 10 ..	49,739,000	58,211,000	69,662,000	26,950,000
" 17 ..	47,717,000	57,005,000	68,376,000	24,006,000
" 24 ..	46,225,000	55,872,000	68,091,000	24,661,000
July 1 ..	44,161,000	54,657,000	62,318,000	24,262,000
" 3 ..	43,350,000	54,114,000	61,819,000	23,130,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on June 29 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal	244,000
Toronto	27,000
Kingston	45,000
Winnipeg	170,000
Manitoba elevators	800,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	501,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on June 29, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains	53,568,000
Pacific coast stocks	6,549,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	
East of the Mountains	65,250,000
Pacific coast	8,253,000

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York on June 28 and a year ago.

	July 5, 1895.	July 6, 1894.
Flour, straight spring ..	\$3.60 to \$4.15	\$2.00 to \$3.55
Flour, straight winter ..	\$3.50 to \$3.90	\$2.50 to \$2.95
Wheat, No. 2 red	73c	58c
Corn, No. 2 mixed	49c	45c
Oats, No. 2	28c	50c
Rye, No. 2 Western
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee
Cotton, mid. upld.	7c	7c
Print cloths, 6x64	2c	2c
Wool, Ohio & Pa. X.	18 1/2 to 17c	18 to 19c
Wool, No. 1 cmbg.	21 to 22c	21 to 22c
Pork, mess new	\$13.25 to 14.00	\$14.00 to 14.25
Lard, westn. sim.	6.65c	7.85c
Butter, creamery	18c	18c
Cheese, ch. cast ft.	8c	8c
Sugar, centrif. 96°	3c	3c
Sugar, granulated	4 7-16c	4 1-16c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	16c	17c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	\$1.45	8c
Petroleum, rid. gal.	7.50c	5.15c
Iron, No. 1 anth.	\$14.00	\$12.50 to 13.00
*Iron, Bes. pg.	\$13.00
*Steel billets, ton	\$21.00	\$19.00 to \$19.50
Ocean Steam Freight—		
Grain, Liverpool	1 1/2d	1 1/2d
Cotton	1-16d	5-64d