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WINNIPEG, APRIL 9, 1894.

## Manitoba.

Wm. Knox is opening in flour and feed at Brandon.

Thos. Twidle, dairy, Winnipeg; offering business for sale.

Miss Kennie will open a restaurant at Portage la Prairie.

W. H. Smith, plumber, Winnipeg, has left for South Africa.

J. R. Alexander, of Treherne, has sold his butcher business to A. Ross.

W. D. Gibson, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, has sold out to John Stephenson.

Haley & Sutton contemplate opening a dry goods store in town soon, says the Rapid City Spectator.

The hardware stock of the estate of J. W. Sawwell, general store, Gainsboro, is advertised for sale by tender.

Thomas Reid has purchased Beaubien Co.'s fruit, confectionery and bakery store at 484 Main street, Winnipeg.

J. B. Draper, musical instruments, Portage la Prairie, has closed out his business and leaves for Vancouver shortly.

The educational board has affirmed the principle of teaching agriculture in the schools, and appointed a committee to consider the matter practically.

During the month just closed 1,017 immigrants arrived in Manitoba, 999 via Fort William and 29 via Gretna. These settlers brought 29 carloads of effects.

The Lahimer perfumery and extract manufacturing firm of Chicago have established a wholesale branch for the Canadian west in Winnipeg with J. W. Lannon as agent.

Dr. Findlay, of Balduf, has been appointed medical health officer at Fort William for the province to examine all immigrants and their effects, and prevent the entrance of any contagious disease into the west.

R. Stacey, proprietor of the Clarendon hotel

bar, Winnipeg, has leased the Grand Union hotel, including the furniture, bar and fixtures, for five years. The former proprietor James O'Donohoe, is retiring from business.

Mr. Gowanloch has sold out his furniture and implement business at Cypress River to Alf. Young.

The town council of Portage la Prairie will submit a by-law authorizing the public school trustees to issue debentures to the amount of \$15,000, for the purpose of erecting ward schools. The vote will be taken on April 19.

Tenders will be received up to the first day of May next for \$16,000 (sixteen thousand dollars) of town of Neepawa debentures. Said debentures bear interest at 5 per cent., payable half-yearly, and extend over a period of thirty years.

The promoters of the Winnipeg Southeastern railway are formulating a new offer to the government, under which they hope to get such aid as will enable them to build the road to the Lake of the Woods.

Jos. Maw, of the firm of Ross & Maw, carriages etc., Winnipeg, has returned from the west. He has been absent two months, looking after his firm's interest in the territories and British Columbia. He visited the San Francisco fair while west.

Virden had two fires on Sunday. John McIntosh's dwelling was burned down and is a total loss with no insurance. At nine o'clock at night the Victoria hotel was ablaze, flames appearing through the roof, but was got under control. The loss to the building and contents is covered by insurance.

The bankrupt stocks of W. H. Maulson, of Moosomin, W. J. Hemenway, of Carman, Bower & Co., of Brandon and R. Callander, of Hartney, all general merchandise, have been brought to Winnipeg by the creditors, and will be disposed of in job lots to the regular trade, under the new plan adopted by the local jobbers for disposing of bankrupt stocks.

The inland revenue receipts for the month of March, 1894, at the inland revenue office, Winnipeg division, were:—

Spirits.....	\$33,054 23
Malt .....	2,060 76
Tobacco .....	17,024 30
Cigars .....	502 30
Petroleum inspection.....	73 10
Fines .....	50 00
Other receipts.....	341 27
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$53,114 91</b>
March, 1893 .....	29,510 92

Increase .....

Building prospects for Winnipeg are very good this year. A number of important buildings are under contemplation, and many will no doubt be decided upon as soon as the building season is fairly opened. Quite a number of residence buildings are under construction at the present time, though it is early yet to begin extensive operations. The following buildings and improvements have been fully decided upon, some of which are already under construction, besides many other smaller residences:—

Wesley college.....	\$ 75,000
St. Andrew's church .....	35,000
Davis' block .....	20,000
Egan block .....	10,000
City parks .....	10,000
Dr. Grey — (residence) .....	5,000
C. H. Campbell " .....	5,000
H. Miller " .....	5,000
D. Philip " .....	3,500
Knox church improvements.....	6,000
Court house (completion) .....	18,000
Mulvey school " .....	2,000
Aberdeen school " .....	3,000
Hudson Bay warehouse (completion)..	10,000
Westminster church .....	5,000
St. George's church .....	6,000
Union bank improvements .....	7,000
Mrs. Clark's houses (improvements) ..	2,000

New government storehouse .....	10,000
Ottawa bank (finishing) .....	10,000
Boundary bridge.....	16,000
General hospital (improvements) .....	3,000
Medical college .....	8,000
Electric railway power house .....	20,000

Total .....

## Assiniboia.

Thos. Gillman, Moosomin, has bought out the Windsor hotel, of Fleming.

It is not W. F. Laurence who is starting a butcher shop at Maple Creek, as reported. He is managing the business for his brother, J. H. Laurence.

W. J. Tudge, who has been in the butcher business for a number of years at Moosomin, has sold out to Colin McLean and F. Leathorn. Mr Tudge has bought one of the hotels at Wappella and will leave for there in a few days to take charge.

## Alberta.

Ross & Co. have opened a tailoring establishment at Calgary.

A party of 28 emigrants from Kansas have arrived at Edmonton, where they will settle. With them came 19 cars with their effects.

An engine and boiler for the steamer of the Roman Catholic mission of Nativity at Fort Chipewyan on Lake Athabasca has arrived at Edmonton.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to set fire to the building occupied by J. E. Jacques & Co., furniture, Calgary. Coal oil was poured through a small hole in the door at the back of the establishment and ignited.

The Commercial has received a copy of a new paper called the Red Deer Review, published at Red Deer by D. H. Murphy. The appearance of the new paper indicates that Alberta is settling up along the line of the new Calgary and Edmonton railway.

## Northwest Ontario.

H. H. Smith, who has conducted a merchant tailoring business for many years in Winnipeg, has moved to Rat Portage where he will open up in business.

A large deputation which included Mayor McKellar, Fort William, and S. J. Dawson, ex-M.P., Port Arthur; Z. Malihat, chief engineer of the Rainy River railway; D. F. Burk, Port Arthur; Geo. Thompson, Winnipeg, and others has asked the Ontario government to give a land grant towards the Ontario and Rainy River railway or else to guarantee the bonds for a period of twenty years. After listening to the representations of the different members of the deputation, Sir Oliver Mowat promised that the proposal would be considered. It is understood the intention of the promoters is to connect with the Manitoba Southeastern railway.

## Grain and Milling.

Shaw Bros. are putting a new boiler and engine in their flour mill at Gartmore, Lake Dauphin.

Machinery for a flour mill at St. Henri Mission, Fort Vermillion, Peace river, has arrived at Edmonton. The mills are creeping gradually away up into the north country.

Most of the country elevators are now closed.

There were 200,000 bushels of wheat marketed at Thornhill, Man., the past season.

It is estimated that 400,000 bushels of grain have been marketed at Manitou, Man., during the winter, and that there will be about 15,000 bushels to come in after seeding.

President Cleveland has vetoed the Bland seigniorage or silver bill.