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WINNIPEG, JULY 7, 1890.

## Manitoba.

Virden has made application for incorporation.

J. Fletcher, hotel, Binscarth, is giving up business.

July 18th has been appointed civic holiday at Brandon.

J. Hamilton has taken over the Grand Pacific hotel, at Winnipeg.

T. Spence, second-hand dealer, Brandon, is closing up his business.

Mr. Walker has started in the shoemaking business at McGregor.

Stewart & Van Norstrand, general merchants, Elkhorn, have made an assignment.

Geo. H. Rogers & Co., Winnipeg, have purchased the stock of Haley & Sutton, Morden.

Mr. Winder, late of the firm of Smith, Winder & Co., Brandon, has decided to open a livery at that place.

Wood & Co., of Winnipeg, have been awarded the contract of erecting the new Hudson Bay Co. store at Manitou.

The Commercial Bank have purchased property in Minnedosa and will erect a bank building there this summer.

The Reaburn Stock Fair Association are advertising their annual stock fair sale to take place at Reaburn on July 10th.

A recent assessment of Minnedosa shows \$265,000. The rate of taxation will be in the neighborhood of 18 mills on the dollar.

The Portage Milling Company will erect a new elevator at Portage la Prairie this summer. It will have a capacity of \$50,000 bushels.

The Winnipeg authorities have decided to prosecute all persons having signs or awnings on the Main street, unless certain provisions are complied with.

Brandon merchants are signing a petition asking that a postal service be established by the postoffice authorities on the local train running between Winnipeg and that place.

After the 1st of July a daily mail service will be established between Winnipeg and Doloraine—three times a week by postal car and three times by baggage car. At present the mail service is tri-weekly west of Manitou.

The second farmers' excursion from Toronto arrived in Winnipeg on June 27. There were 169 excursionists in the party altogether. A considerable number of them were going to Calgary and the balance to intermediate points.

Waghorn's Guide for July has been issued. This handy little publication is full of information, as usual, of value to the travelling public. Railway and steamship time tables and rates, particulars concerning mails, and a large variety of features make up its pages. Certainly a handy reference for travellers.

Following are the successful tenderers for supplies to the Stony Mountain penitentiary in Manitoba: Groceries, coal oil and mess pork, A. Perry; hardware, G. D. Wood & Co.; drugs and medicines, J. F. Howard & Co.; dry goods, Wright Bros.; leather and findings, S. Wellband; lumber, A. H. Correlli; beef and mutton, John McQuat; flour, feed and bran, Ogilvie Milling company.

The collections for June in the Winnipeg Inland Revenue division were:—

Spirits.....	\$18,314 04
Malt.....	1,961 32
Tobacco.....	9,201 60
Cigars.....	493 00
Petroleum.....	1 80
Methylated Spirits.....	64 93

Total.....\$30,041 69

## Alberta.

G. H. Strevel, of Winnipeg, has received the contract for 100 miles of the Calgary & Edmonton railway and left last week for Calgary with his men.

J. D. Quail, furniture and contractor, Macleod, contemplates selling out owing to poor health. The business offers a good opening in the lines mentioned.

The Lethbridge board of trade is working up a scheme of incorporation which will shortly be submitted to the ratepayers for approval and incorporation asked for at the approaching session of the Northwest Assembly.

Beef is reported scarce in Alberta this year, the Calgary Herald says it has not been so scarce in six years and the probabilities are that high prices will be the rule for some time. The fact of cattle being so scarce in Manitoba has a bearing upon prices in Alberta.

In the Calgary court of revision last week G. F. & J. Galt, of Winnipeg, appealed against the assessment on their wholesale stock of groceries which they keep there. D. W. Marsh, their agent, who appeared for them, contended that their goods should be regarded as 'in transit' and no more liable to municipal taxation than goods in cars in the railway yard. John L.

Brown gave evidence to the effect that Galt's stock of goods was of the same character as other stocks in town and that dealers could go to the warehouse and buy in large or small quantities. After some discussion the assessment was confirmed.

T. F. Kirkham, recently in the stove and tinware trade at Lethbridge, was not "sold out," as would appear from a typographical error in reporting the item in this journal a short time ago. Mr. Kirkham has done a successful business at Lethbridge for some years, and he retired from trade of his own free will, for good reasons, the main considerations being health and a good offer in another direction. Mr. Kirkham still resides in Lethbridge, and owns a valuable property there, so that the idea which might have been conveyed by the item in THE COMMERCIAL that his retirement from business had been in the nature of a forced sale, is altogether erroneous.

Harry Taylor, of the Macleod House, Macleod, has undertaken to thoroughly test the agricultural capacity of that district. He procured a section of land adjoining the town and last year commenced farming operations with success, his wheat turning out twenty bushels to the acre, and of fine quality. This was sold for seed to settlers in the district, and a number of samples were sent away, to show what could be done in growing wheat at Macleod. This year Mr. Taylor has about 120 acres in wheat and oats, and a considerable space is given to vegetables. The vegetables have done remarkably well and the earlier varieties are now ready for the table. Almost everything in the vegetable line has been tried with general success. The appearance of the garden would be a surprise to those who imagine that the very choicest vegetables cannot be grown in the district. The guests of the Macleod House will no doubt live high as a result of Mr. Taylor's experiments in farming.

## Assiniboia.

R. Overson & Co. have opened a saloon at Medicine Hat.

McCauley, Higgenbotham & Co., general storekeepers, Whitewood, are dissolving.

E. W. Warner, C.P.R. agent at Qu'Appelle, has removed to Prince Albert and will take charge of the company's office there.

A train load of steers from Calgary, destined for England, passed through Medicine Hat recently. These animals will be fattened in England for the Christmas beef trade.

The Merchants and Imperial banks, and the Dominion Express Co's agent at Moosomin, sent large parcels of American silver to St. Paul last week. It is expected that within a very short time the country will be rid of foreign currency.

## Northwestern Ontario.

Arrangements are being made to light Rat Portage by electricity.

A farmers' club has been formed by the settlers in the Rainy River district.

Arrangements are now nearly completed to build a direct telegraph connection between Duluth and Port Arthur.

The Beaver silver mill near Port Arthur, Ont., has re-commenced operations, and is now reducing 30 tons of ore a day.