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WINNIPEG, JUNE 11, 1894.

Manitoba.

Samuel Rowe, hotel, Pilot Mound; hotel closed up.

Scott Ellis, blacksmith, is opening business at Foxwarren.

E. Webster, general store, Niverville, sold to J. R. Marsh.

Chas. W. Barkwell, hotel, Treherno, has given up business.

Taylor & Black have opened a hardware store at Minnedosa.

James Bell, hotel, Portage la Prairie, is reopening in business.

The Wells Hardware and Plumbing Co., Brandon, reported sold out.

J. R. Hoffman, baker and confectioner, is starting business at Gretna.

F. M. Riessbury has purchased the flour and feed business of W. Gray of Brandon.

M. Banks, of Carman, has moved to Winnipeg, and will open a drug store on the south side.

J. E. Aylesworth, stover, tinware, crockery, etc., Brandon, sold hardware stock to — Murdock.

Several bush fires are reported in different sections of the province, owing to the dry weather.

The Schaeffer Piano Co., pianos and organs, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership; Dr. Simpson continuing.

It has been decided that a man living outside of Manitoba can claim exemption under the local exemption act.

D. C. Fleming, butcher, of Shoal Lake, writes The Commercial denying the report that he was moving to Binscarth.

Greenwood & Bousfield, butter manufacturers, Douglas, have obtained low rates of transfer from the Canadian Pacific railway, and are having cream gathered and forwarded to them by rail from Carberry, McGregor and other points.

The premises and stock of T. Finklestein, trader, Winnipeg, were damaged to the extent, it is claimed, of \$1,500 on Monday morning. Fully insured.

Jas Mode has bought the butchering business formerly carried on by A. Bird at Manitou. Outstanding accounts will be collected by Mr. Mode, and Mr. Bird will settle his own indebtedness.

A special meeting of the Winnipeg Jobbers' Union was held on Thursday at which \$1,200 was subscribed in cash and ordered to be forwarded to the coast for the relief of the flood sufferers.

The Rathbun Manufacturing company, Winnipeg, has moved from the corner of King street and Alexander avenue to Bannaytine street east, to the warerooms lately occupied J. Y. Griffin & Co.

R. & J. Watson, machinists, etc., Portage la Prairie, have dissolved; J. Watson is retiring and W. H. Whimster is taking his place, the new firm to be known as Watson & Whimster. Mr. Whimster was formerly in the lumber business in Strathclair, Man.

It is stated that Winnipeg parties have purchased the recently reported coal find at Buffalo bay, Lake of the Woods, conditionally upon an investigation of the property showing that it is as represented. The proposed Southeastern railway would reach this section, and if the coal turns out all right and the road goes on, it would mean a sharp reduction in the price of coal in this market.

The report of the Winnipeg customs house for the month of May was as follows:

Description.	Value.	
	1893.	1894.
Exported.....	\$ 54,775 00	\$ 96,448 00
Entered for consumption dutiable ..	144,515 00	99,091 00
Entered for consumption free	36,548 00	55,017 00
Total for consump't'n	\$181,363 00	\$154,108 00
Duty collected	\$53,836 00	\$36,061 73

The inland revenue receipts for the month of May, 1894, for the inland revenue division of Winnipeg were:—

Spirits.....	\$ 7,174 94
Malt	2,710 50
Tobacco	13,364 37
Cigars	635 70
Petroleum inspection.....	46 50
Other receipts.....	166 47
Total	\$24,098 48
Receipts May, 1893	32,369 93
Decrease May, 1894	\$8,271 45

Saskatchewan.

It is said that a change in the management of the Queen's hotel, Prince Albert, will take place in the near future. Mr. Oram, says the Times, whose continued ill health obliges him to retire from active business has about completed arrangements with a party in the east for the lease of his hotel for a number of years, and will likely vacate the premises in about a month's time.

Assiniboia.

Love & Tryon, general store, Grenfell, stock damaged by fire.

C. R. Tryon & Co., bankers, etc., Grenfell, burned out; fully insured.

J. C. Mitchell, hardware, Estevan, has been succeeded by Murdock McLean.

Fire at Grenfell on June 4 burned C. R. Tryon & Co.'s bank and H. Coy's harness shop and residence. The bank was mostly covered by insurance. The harness shop and dwelling were insured for \$1,300. The bank's safe was found open, and is supposed to have been blown

open by burglars, who fired the bank. The cash and notes are safe. The bank books were burned, but are legible. Mr. Peel, lawyer, who occupied a room over the bank, lost his library. Love & Tryon's store was badly charred, and the goods thrown out on the street much damaged by fire, water and rough handling.

Alberta.

The machinery of the Edmonton Creamery Co. is being put in position in the building at Poplar Lake. The creamery will probably commence work in about ten days.

A quartette of Scandinavian delegates from Carlson, Minnesota, are in the Edmonton district, where they will inspect the land in the interest of a party who contemplate moving from their locality if their report is satisfactory.

The Edmonton Bulletin says:—G. F. & J. Galt, wholesale grocers of Winnipeg, have opened a warehouse in the west store of the Robertson block. The establishment of a branch by such an important and reliable business firm in Edmonton is a recognition of the commercial standing of this place.

A meeting of the Edmonton wool growers association was held recently and a communication was read from G. Medley, of Waterloo, Oregon, regarding terms for the erection of a woolen mill in Edmonton. The secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Medley that a smaller mill than the one suggested by him would meet present requirements, and that a mill, one department of which would run as a woolen mill for part of the year and an oatmeal mill for the rest of the year would meet present requirements. It was decided to advertise in the Toronto Globe and Mail stating the advantage offered for a woolen mill and to solicit correspondence. The secretary was instructed to write to the Midnapore and Rapid City mills asking prices, and terms for taking tweeds and blankets in exchange for wool. It is proposed to send out the total wool clip of the district, about 20,000 pounds, in one consignment in charge of an agent who will handle it on behalf of the wool growers.

Northwest Ontario.

It is reported from Fort William that bush fires are doing considerable damage. Five hundred cords of wood and several small buildings have already been burned.

The Port Arthur council has decided to lease the electric railway which the town owns and operates between there and Fort William for a term of years. The lessee is to have the sole right also to furnish light and power for municipal, domestic and commercial purposes for a term of years. Tenders will be asked.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The saw mill at Rapid City has resumed cutting.

A New Mercantile Agency.

John W. Lang, wholesale grocer; Orville E. Collins, collector; Herbert B. Andrews, accountant; Chas. R. Hammersby, accountant; W. S. Patterson, detective, all of Toronto, have applied for incorporation as the Union Credit and Protective Association. The purpose of the company will be the collection of accounts, etc., and carrying on the business of a collecting and mercantile agency; also to purchase stocks in trade and book debts of insolvent debtors and wind up their estate, or enable them to continue in business, as the case may require, so as to protect the wholesale trade from losses and avoid the great expense of winding up estates. The chief place of business to be Toronto.

A telegram from London, Ont., on June 7, says: Frost last night practically destroyed garden produce. Early potatoes are badly scorched and wheat is somewhat injured.