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Manitoba.

R. Walton, general store, Clarkleigh, is selling out.

Mr. Kobold, of the firm of Kobold & Sons, Winnipeg, left last week with 112 head of young cattle to place upon his ranch at Maple Creek.

J. Siddons, of Stonewall, Winnipeg district, showed a sample of wheat, pulled on Monday on his farm measuring thirteen inches in length.

People are beginning to get anxious over the rise in bread. At present the price in Winnipeg is 6 cents per loaf, or eighteen loaves for \$1. Two pound loaves.

A new paper has appeared at Manitou. It is called the Independent. W. D. Ruttan is business manager. It is issued, the publishers state, "in the interest of clean politics and good government."

The Brandon Mail has re-appeared, printed in abbreviated form. New presses and type are being purchased for the paper which is to come out in the course of a few days in enlarged form.

J. Bousfield & Co. are moving their creamery, from Rapid City to Hamiota, as they have been getting a large amount of cream from the latter district. They have shipped about 5,000 pounds of butter already this season.

The Winnipeg city school board wish to introduce the best known system of heating and ventilation into the new school buildings which they are about to erect, and invite correspondence from parties dealing in the same.

Meikle and Coppinger are getting the material on the ground for the erection of their new store at Morden. J. B. McLaren will also build on the same lots immediately west of the store, a two story building, the upper story for a loan office and the lower story for the private bank to be opened shortly by Huley and Sutton.

Application will be made for a charter of incorporation of "The A. Macdonald Company," for the purpose of carrying on business in Winnipeg as wholesale grocers, pork packers, dealers in provisions and of general commission merchants, with a capital stock of \$150,000, in 1,500 shares of \$100 each. The names of the applicants are: Alexander Macdonald, Rockley Kaye and Percy Chapman all of Winnipeg.

A meeting was held in the board of trade rooms, Winnipeg, on Wednesday in the interests of a movement to establish a cattle market in Winnipeg. Assurances were given that the Canadian Pacific Railway company would favor the enterprise and assist it in every possible way. It was agreed that the formation of a private stock yard company would be advisable. As the scheme is one in which all engaged in the cattle trade, including large farmers, and others in the vicinity of Winnipeg and at other provincial points, it was resolved to hold another meeting on or about June 18th, and to invite the attendance of all known to be interested in the cattle trade. The secretary was instructed to send out a circular letter of invitation, and steps were taken to furnish him with names of gentlemen whose co-operation it was hoped might be secured. The object is to establish regular market days, say once or twice each week, during the season.

Alberta.

Dr. Solwyn, chief of the Dominion Geological survey, has received from a survey party working near the head waters of the Saskatchewan, word of the finding of valuable deposits of alluvial gold in a minor stream tributary to the river. For the past two years Indians have been washing gold out of the river sand, and the chief of surveyors, D. B. McTavish, has sent word to Comptroller White, of the Canadian Mounted police to prohibit any more gold working until government action has been taken. Particulars are meagre.

Northwest Ontario.

W. L. Blannerhasset has opened a carriage shop at Fort William.

One of the barges of the Lake of the Woods Fish Co., was upset on the lake recently, and the whole cargo lost.

The question of assisting a pulp mill and power development is up for discussion at Port Arthur.

A boom of 10,000 ties belonging to Mr. Labby, broke up on the river at Fort William and floated down stream. About 1,000 were recovered.

Graham, Horne & Co., are putting an electric light plant in their saw mill at Fort William.

Dr. S. S. Scovil and John R. Bunn have patented a mining property which promises to be the most valuable yet discovered in the Rainy River district. The extreme richness of the vein at the surface made it necessary up to the present to keep the location from becoming generally known until means could be taken to protect it from the too eager curiosity of those who are looking for just that kind of property.—Rat Portage News.

The Insolvency Bill.

In the senate at Ottawa the second reading of the insolvency bill was moved by Premier Bowell. McCallum moved the six months hoist. Scott and Power opposed the bill because there was no general demand for it. After other senators had spoken in the same vein, Bowell would not admit that they represented the mind of the country. The government had brought down the measures because of a promise made last session. He argued strongly in favor of the passage of the bill. Senator Clemow moved the adjournment of the debate and this was carried. The bill will not likely be heard of again. Premier Bowell admitted that the senate appeared to be opposed to the bill.

Grain and Milling News.

Maddon and Shannon have started work on the flour mill and elevator to be built at Hamiota, Man. The lumber is on the ground and the work will be rapidly pushed to completion.

Crops in this district, writes a correspondent at Morden, Man., are looking fine and much in advance of the past few years at the present season of the year. The flax crop, of which there is a large area in this neighborhood, is looking well. It was feared at one time that quite a large amount of the early sown flax was injured by the frost of two weeks ago, but the damage if any is very slight.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Great Northern Elevator company, of Winnipeg, it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of a large cleaning and sorting elevator at this point. A site has been chosen on the north side of the Canadian Pacific railroad yard on Sutherland street, a short distance west of the freight sheds. As soon as a few matters of detail regarding the plans, etc., have been agreed upon, tenders for the erection of the elevator will be invited.

A correspondent at Gretna, a Manitoba town near the Dakota boundary, writes as follows. "The wheat market continues to boom. The ruling price is 85 cents, with a tendency still to rise. At Neche, just across the boundary, wheat is 65 cents. Now is the time for the farmers south of the international boundary line to get in their work. By bringing their grain and selling it on the Gretna market, after paying the customs duty on wheat of 15 cents a bushel, they would still realize a profit of five cents per bushel over the ruling prices in their markets in the United States on the south side of the boundary line.

California Wheat.

A factor in the wheat market which public opinion does not place in the important position to which it is entitled, is the California crop. A writer in a Liverpool paper has the following to say; California is to all interests and purposes a country by itself and upon which Liverpool can depend with assurance for getting supplies even more readily than Chicago or any other eastern American city.

California has available for export about 25 million bushels of wheat annually. This is fully three-fourths as much as Argentine can depend upon for export and yet our dealers watch the progress of the Argentine crops as closely as possible and allow actions to be controlled to a considerable extent by these reports, paying little or no heed to conditions in California. In Europe the crop from this state is looked to with a good deal of interest and California conditions affect the markets very materially. India in 1891 exported less than 15 million bushels and yet with what interest our traders read reports of a decrease in wheat acreage in that country.

The bulk of California wheat for some time to come is bound to be exported as it can reach foreign markets more cheaply than domestic points. The fields lie on the coast and so long as that is the case California wheat is bound to cut about as much figure in the wheat prices of the world as Argentine does, and considerably more in some seasons than India can.

The Canadian Rubber Company are preparing a shipment of 80,000 pairs of shoes for Australia. Orders have also been received for many thousand feet of hose and bolting and it is expected a large trade can be worked up.