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Manitoba.

A. G. Hepworth, of St. Laurent, has assigned.

D. Brundrit, lumber, Blder, is moving to Melita.

A. E. Hopkinson, jewelry, Emerson, has sold out to Neilson.

The ratepayers of Brandon have decided by their vote in favor of a \$35,000 central school.

Geo. Leishman, the Ogilvie Co.'s British Columbia representative, was in Winnipeg last week.

Cavanagh & Hallonquist, general store, Oak Lake, have dissolved partnership. B. Hallonquist continues.

W. & P. Dickson, general merchants, are opening their branch at Alexander, decided upon some time ago.

Young & Moore, general storekeepers, Hartney, have dissolved, Moore retiring. Style now Young & Hopkins.

Another car load of potatoes has been shipped by Mr. McConnell, to go to Ontario, says the Deloraine Times.

Assistant Supt. Murray, of the C. P. R., was in Selkirk recently, looking up the location for the station site there.

Jas. A. Grigor, of Grigor Bros., jewellers, Winnipeg, left for the coast last Thursday on his regular midsummer trip.

J. T. Blowey, of Morden, one of the largest furniture dealers of Manitoba, outside of Winnipeg, has sold out to Stewart Scott and Peter Rutherford.

McKenzie & Powis, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, contemplate the erection of a brick and stone block, on the corner of Princess and McDermott streets.

J. E. Sanders, Deloraine, has been up before a justice on a charge of keeping his store open after the hours fixed by by law and was fined \$5 and costs.

Tenders will be received up to July 6th, for the purchase of \$20,000 drainage debentures of the town of Regina, running thirty years; interest six per cent, half yearly.

F. C. Fahoy, who has been connected with the firm of Carscaden, Peek & Co., Winnipeg, for the past nine years, leaves to accept a lucrative position with a Montreal house.

The partnership existing between W. W. Blackburn and A. R. Dickson, general merchants, Dunmore, has been dissolved by mutual consent. A. R. Dickson will in future carry on the business.

While boring to test for coal at Medicine Hat natural gas was struck at one hundred and seventy feet, which burned freely on a match being applied to it. With coal and gas the Hat may yet become a great manufacturing centre.

New regulations governing fishing in Manitoba and the territories, have been issued. Commercial licenses will be issued to companies or parties fishing as a business, under certain restrictions. Domestic licenses are intended for persons for their own use, etc.

Fire did considerable damage in the upper stories of the Bishop Furniture company's premises, in Winnipeg, last week. Loss to stock about \$3,000, nearly covered by insurance. A number of real estate, insurance, law and other offices in the block, were damaged by water.

Brandon Times: At a full meeting of the council of the Brandon Board of Trade the question of inducing wholesale houses to locate in Brandon was fully discussed and it was decided to take some steps to induce wholesalers to locate in the city. The question of instituting an annual industrial exhibition in Brandon was also discussed. Steps will be taken with a view to establishing such an exhibition next year.

J. McLeod Holiday & Bro., of Winnipeg, have been appointed wholesale agents for the Western Woolen Mills, at St. Boniface, opposite Winnipeg. These mills have gained a splendid reputation for the excellency of their products, which include yarns, flannels, blankets, wool socks, etc. Messrs. Holiday & Bro. have also been appointed agents for the large woolen house of Mark Fisher & Son, of Montreal and Toronto, connected with Fisher & Co., of Huddersfield, England.

In Lynch v. the Northwest Land Company, Gibbons vs. Barber, and South Dufferin vs. Morden—cases recently decided by the Supreme Court—the effect of the judgements is to uphold the legislation passed by the Manitoba legislature, under which, by the act known as the municipal act an additional ten per cent. is charged upon taxes in arrear. The chief ground of the decision being that although this additional charge may be called interest in reality it is an additional tax, and therefore within those provisions of the British North America act which gives to provincial legislatures the control over taxation for provincial

municipal purposes, and not within the provision of that act giving parliament control over the subject of interest.

Alberta.

L. Moret, who recently returned from Switzerland, intends starting a cheese factory at Fort Saskatchewan.

The contract for the erection of the new building of the Calgary Hardware company has been let to Frank Dick.

Limoges & Co., general store, High River, has been succeeded by T. W. Robertson. Robertson is applying for incorporation as "The High River Trading Co."

Maclead Gazette: L. French passed through Macleod on Monday on his way to Lethbridge to arrange for shipping the oil machinery, which has arrived there. Two string teams have gone down to haul it down to the place where boring for oil will be commenced on Fish Creek. The machinery weighs 40,000 lbs, and includes a 20 horse power engine. The machine will bore 2,000 feet deep. Boring operations will be under full way before long, and the result will be eagerly awaited.

North West Ontario.

Rat Portage is shortly to have a second newspaper, to be published by James Weidman, formerly of Qu'Appelle.

The Canadian Pacific steamers have resumed calling at Port Arthur, the Alberta on June 22 being the first. Captain Anderson, of the Manitoba, personally sounded the harbor on Saturday and found, as was predicted, that there was nothing to prevent the company's steamers making their regular connections here.

Assiniboia.

Tenders will be received up to July first, for the stock in trade of Felix Plante, merchant at Moose Jaw.

The Regina council has refused to take action re the proposed Wednesday half holiday, and has resented the board of trade resolution on the matter.

Grain and Milling.

The farmers of Indian Head district, Assa., contemplate the erection of two grain elevators, one here and another at Sinaluta, and are now taking steps in that direction.

G. V. Hastings and W. A. Matheson, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., have been taking a drive over the province on an annual inspection of the crops for the information of the company.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Company are making alterations in their elevator at Keewatin so that in place of being able to handle twenty cars daily as at present, they will be able to handle thirty-five cars daily.

The Duluth market report says grain rates have ruled firm the past week at 2 to 2½c for wheat to Buffalo, and very dull and nominally at 3c to Kingston. Ore rates active and unchanged with good demand for capacity at 50c. Coal rates unchanged at 40c for hard and 50c for soft coal. Erie canal rates have ruled irregular at 3½ to 4½c on wheat Buffalo to New York, including Buffalo charges they are quoted at 3½c this morning.