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## Manitoba.

A good many settlers are going into the Lake Dauphin region, from Dakota.

Winnipeg will likely vote soon on the question of having Sunday street cars. A bill to provide for a vote being taken is before the legislature.

About 3½¢ was paid for hogs to make up a car load to ship from Brandon to British Columbia recently, but the price paid in the country has since declined ½ to ¾¢.

It is reported from Brandon that R. M. Coombs, general merchant of Elkhorn, intends moving to Brandon, where he will open in mercantile business.

The by-law to regulate the dairies, and prevent the sale of milk from diseased cows, has been passed by the Winnipeg city council.

The Parsons Produce Co., Winnipeg, received 5,550 dozen eggs and 225 packages of butter on one day recently, all from one branch line in Manitoba.

The tannery at the foot of Lombard street, Winnipeg, owned by A. S. Christie, proprietor of the Union Shoe and Leather company, was gutted by fire Monday night.

A fire which broke out in the basement of the premises occupied by the Great North Western Tea Co., Winnipeg, on Monday night was got under control without any serious damage being done.

The Parsons Produce Co., Winnipeg, is having plans prepared to transfer half of their building into a cold storage warehouse. The most approved plan for cold storage will be put in.

J. J. Philip, Winnipeg, has awarded the contract for the erection of a cold storage warehouse on Elgin Ave. The building will be 34 by 48, two stories and a basement; the latter of stone with timber superstructure.

Hayward & Co. have opened in wholesale liquors at 590 Main St., Winnipeg. The premises have been fitted up in good style and a complete new stock has been put in, embracing full lines of all classes of liquors.

John E. Dingman, Winnipeg, who lately represented the Canadian Packers' Association here, has now accepted the agency for A. C. Miller & Co., packers, of Picton and Brighton, Ontario. This company is well known as one of the largest concerns putting up canned goods in Canada, and their goods stand high in the estimation of the trade.

The Winnipeg board of trade has issued a circular calling attention to the opening here for the establishment of a tannery. The hide inspector estimates that 50,000 hides are annually exported from here, a portion of which might be tanned at home.

The Parsons Produce Co., who are agents for the Shoal Lake creamery which was recently burned, report that Mr. Scott will rebuild the creamery at once. He left for Winnipeg immediately after the fire to arrange for the new creamery. Mr. Scott made a large shipment of butter to the Parsons Produce Co. only a few days before the fire, which would very materially reduce his loss.

C. C. Macdonald, provincial dairy instructor, left last week for British Columbia to look into the requirements of the butter trade in that province. Manitoba is now turning out a large quantity of butter, and it is very desirable that it should be put up in a shape to meet the requirements of the market for which we are to cater. The trip of the provincial dairy instructor to the coast is therefore a wise move.

Merrick Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, who have occupied quarters in the grain exchange building since their warehouse was burned, have moved to No. 192 Princess St., in the Gerrie Block. They have had their offices fitted up in this building in the front portion, and the entire ground floor in the rear will be used for sample rooms. In a few days they will have a full line of their samples on exhibition in these premises. No stock will be carried at the Princess St. number, all stock being held in their warehouse on the railway track.

## Assiniboia.

The Saltcoats creamery is now in operation with an output of nearly four thousand pound of butter per week.

A heavy storm, accompanied by hail, was felt at Saltcoats on June 15. Garden stuff was badly cut down, but it is said the grain crops were not seriously hurt.

## Alberta.

Moen & Co., are opening a general store at South Edmonton.

Jas. W. Johnston has sold out his general store business and lumber yard at Lacombe to Stewart & Co.,

Potatoes are dead stock this spring, says the Edmonton Bulletin, being slow of sale even as low as 10¢ to 15¢ a bushel. There is abundance in the country, with very little demand and very little prospect of any.

The Edmonton Bulletin says: J. Reiplinger, agent for Jas. E. Millan & Co., of Minneapolis, has opened an office in Edmonton for the purchase of furs, hides and wool. There was previously strong competition in the purchase of fur in Edmonton, but there was need of an established market for wool and hides, which now is assured.

## Saskatchewan.

D. M. Finlayson, dairyman, of Battleford, has set up machinery for making creamery butter.

The Prince Albert Advocate says the report is current there that three or four prominent business men of Prince Albert will consolidate their interests and start a large department store with a capital of from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

J. T. Fife, traveller for Balfour, Greening & Co., Hamilton, is lying dangerously ill at Regina.

## Northwest Ontario.

The Rot Portage Times is defunct.

Rutledge & Smith have purchased the Fort William Journal from T. A. Ball.

J. F. Philbir, confectioner, Rat Portage, was killed by coming into contact with an electric wire in his premises.

Switzer & Co., have decided to retire from business in Fort William and will offer their stock of stationery, fancy goods, etc., at auction.

The Ontario government is establishing an experimental farm near Wabigoon Lake, about half way between Rat Portage and Port Arthur. There is a considerable area of good land there and the intention is to test the region for the various crops before bringing in settlers.

## Live Stock Notes.

A telegram from Montreal says: "Three beasts for shipment to England have recently been slaughtered here suffering from tuberculosis. The cattle were from Ontario." Tuberculosis is a prevalent disease among cattle and must not be confounded with pleuro-pneumonia, as some do. It is fear of the latter disease which caused the British government to place restrictions upon imports of Canadian and other cattle.

Macleod Gazette: "The police have been instructed to look out for big-jawed cattle on the ranges, and to enforce the contagious diseases ordinance regarding them.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. will enlarge their stockyards in Winnipeg to meet the requirements of the rapidly growing trade. The yards will be floored and otherwise enlarged and improved.

At the open meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade, held on Tuesday last, the following motion was passed. A. Macdonald moved seconded by Mr. Keith "that in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that stockyards be established in Winnipeg at an early date, and that the board of trade be asked to take steps towards the formation of a joint stock company to carry out the project."

A shipment of 800 sheep from the United States to Montreal for export was stopped at the latter place and sent back to the States, owing to the presence of scab disease among them.

Macleod Gazette: Geo. Lane of the G. Lane Co., Montreal, is in the field to buy cattle for export. He has already purchased a number here and in the Pincher Creek district, giving \$10 a head for threes, fours and fives.

## Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of June 14 says: Grain freights continue extremely dull. Rates are quoted at 1s Liverpool, London and Glasgow, with engagements at that figure. Sack flour has been taken at 5s 6d to 6s in small quantities to Liverpool, to Glasgow 6s 8d, to 6s 9d and to London about 8s. Grain to Continent 2s. Provisions are quoted 8s 6d Liverpool, 12s 6d to London, 15s to Glasgow, and 15s Bristol. Cheese and butter 15s to Liverpool, 20s London, 25s Glasgow, and 22s 6d to Bristol. Cattle 40s to 42s 6d to all ports. It is very certain that Montreal has not been getting much grain from Chicago during the past two weeks. The last charters taken were at 2½¢ for corn Chicago to Kingston, and at 2½¢ from Kingston to Montreal. From Fort William to Montreal 6¢ on wheat.

The Duluth Commercial Record of June 17 says. The local freight market has been passively inactive during the past week. In grain freights especially has the dullness been remarkable. Only one wheat charter has been made, and that to Cleveland at 2½ cents."