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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 24, 1891.

## Manitoba.

H. J. Rockett, cheese factory, Manitou, is burnt out.

S. L. Taylor, drugs, is opening business at Minnedosa.

Carley Bros.; Clothing; Winnipeg, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

David Gibson, implements, Souris, is adding furniture to his business.

A. B. A. Cunningham, fruits and confectionery, Carberry, has assigned.

Chambre & Young, real estate, etc., Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

Joseph Reilly, grain and lumber, Cypress River, has had his elevator burned.

The Misses Covert millinery stock, Winnipeg, has been sold to Robert Elliott.

Colquhoun & Co., wholesale liquors, Winnipeg; sheriff's sale advertised, for 29th inst.

Waite & Oliver, general store, Ochre River, have dissolved partnership; E. J. Oliver continues.

Magee Extract Co., manufacturers of extracts, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out to Williams & Hilton.

M. La T. Thompson, who has been engaged in Gilliuly's drug store at Selkirk for the past year, has purchased the drug store of Dr. Scott of Estevan.

Mr. Parsons, of the Parsons Produce Co., of Winnipeg, was in town this week, says the Rapid City Reporter, and purchased the whole of the creamery butter made in August, which amounted to over 8,000 pounds.

The contractor for a new hotel to be erected on Market St., Winnipeg, by W. H. Barry has been awarded to W. A. Charlesworth. The estimated cost of the building is \$14,000. Work will be commenced at once.

The Portage Creek cheese factory is closed down for the season. This institution has been of great value to the farmers of the district, and the company operating the factory are well pleased with the success of the first season.

The first frost of the season came on Monday morning last. It was quite sharp in some sections, sufficient to cut down tomato vines, potato tops and other tender garden stuff. The grain crops of course out of the way of danger, and such garden stuff as received damage, is not of much importance.

Thos. Frankland, of Stonewall, has left a sample of Manitoba grown plums at the Mani-

to be government immigration offices in Winnipeg. There are a large number of varieties in the collection, most of which have been originated by Mr. Frankland from wild native stock.

W. J. Guest, fish and game dealer, Winnipeg, has erected a freezer, which is a great convenience to sportsmen these days. He freezes grouse or other game for a small charge, so that those who make large bags of game, can have their birds frozen and thereby kept in a perfectly fresh state for any length of time.

The Portage Liberal of Sept. 18 says: "Forty cars of fat cattle were shipped from the Manitoba Northwestern district to Montreal last week for export. This means about a sum \$25,000 distributed among the farmers here in a single week. Nearly sixty cars more will be shipped from points west of Minnedosa before the end of the month. Next month at least a hundred car loads of stock, probably more, will be shipped from that district. The value of a hundred car loads of cattle is at least \$6,000, so that during the months of September and October \$100,000 will find there way to those farmers—who are not very many in proportion to the total population of the province. It is not claimed that the monthly export is so large all the year round; but the country that can do so well will be found doing better shortly, and the cattle trade of the Manitoba & Northwestern may double or treble within the next two or three years."

## Alberta.

S. R. Benoit, formerly manager of the branch of the Jacques Cartier bank at St. Anne de la Perade, Quebec, arrived at Edmonton lately to take charge of the branch of La Banque Jacques Cartier which is shortly to be established at that place.

## Assiniboia.

W. T. Martin, drugs, Moosomin, has sold out to a party named Carley.

## Lumber Trade Items.

The Vancouver Commerce says that there seems to be a general feeling that the quotations for lumber and shingles will be advanced very shortly.

Dennis Ryan, proprietor of the Ryan hotel, St. Paul, who is a member of a syndicate interested in the Lake of the Woods lumber, paid a visit last week to the the lumber towns of the lake.

Graham, Horn & Co., of Fort William, will operate what is known as the Ontario Bank timber limits this winter. The logs will come out via Pine river. Supplies and outfit are being sent in.

Forest fires have ruined over 400,000,000 feet of standing timber in Ontonagon county, state of Michigan, and about 700,000,000 feet in the entire upper peninsula of the state. A portion can be saved if cut the coming winter.

The Assiniboine Lumber company is applying for incorporation. The chief base of operation of the company will be at Brandon, Man. The capital stock is to be \$100,000 in a 1,000 shares of \$100 each. The first directors of the company are to be J. A. Christie, W. M. Alexander, G. Aske, J. Hanbury and R. M. Matheson, all of Brandon.

McCormack Bros. planing mill at the foot of Thistle street was burned on Wednesday. The building was an old one and had been fitted up about three years ago by McCormack Bros. as a planing mill. The building and machinery were valued at \$3,700; besides there was a considerable quantity of fittings in the place. The loss is over 1,000 and the

insured \$1,000, the risk being held by the National Fire company of Ireland. Alex. McCormack says that his firm will rebuild at once and continue business.

## Grain and Milling.

Mr. Hughes, of Chaffey's Locks, Ont, a practical miller, was looking around Deloraine this week, says the Times, sizing up the opening for a flour mill. Mr. Hughes is well satisfied that a good opening exists at Deloraine for a mill, but he would require a bonus. He thinks it is too late to do anything this fall, and intends returning in the spring.

## Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Duluth Market Report of Sept. 15 says: "The only wheat loaded out this week was on charter made some time ago. There has been practically no new business and many boats chartered to load grain this week have been obliged to cancel their contracts for wheat, for no grain was available. Such boats have gone at once to the ore dock. Lino boats unable to get flour have taken "jag" lots of wheat at 2½c per bus to Buffalo. There is nothing doing to Kingston. The ore rate is firm at 85c per ton, and two boats are placed at 90c on Thursday. The lumber rate is firm at \$1.75 to Lako Erie ports and \$1.87½ Chicago. Shippers are holding off for a less rate and stocks are accumulating on their hands. The coal rate up, is 50 cents on soft coal and 30 cents on hard coal."

Chicago Trade Bulletin Sept. 15 says: Business with the east bound lines was slow. Rates to New York are 20c per 100 lbs for flour and Grain, and 30c for Provisions, the latter being restored on the 10th. Ocean rates were steady, but business light. The rate on flour to Liverpool was 19½ to 22.03c; Wheat, 8½c per bu, and Corn, 8c per bu. provisions, 23.48 to 36.25 per 100 lbs. Glasgow and Antwerp were about 1c over Liverpool rates. Through rates to New York were firm at 7c for wheat, 6½c for corn, and 5½c for Oats. Flour rates via lake and rail steady at 15c per 100lbs. New England rates were steady at 9c per bu for corn and 5½c for oats. A fair demand existed for vessel room and lake rates were easier at 1½c for wheat, 1½c for corn and 1½c for oats to Buffalo, 2½c for wheat to Kingston, and 1½c for wheat, 1½c for corn and 1½c for oats to Port Huron.

## The Sugar Industry.

The United States consumes annually more than four billion pounds of raw sugar, of which it produces little more than 10 per cent. It imports annually from \$100,000,000 to \$115,000,000 worth of sugar. Except for the effort to develop the beet sugar industry in the west, which has not yet reached large proportions, the production of sugar has been confined chiefly to the cane-growing districts of Louisiana. Of our total sugar production of 481,270,222 pounds in 1890, 450,000,000 pounds was cane sugar. The domestic demand holds out the inducement for expanding this industry to many times its present volume. It is claimed that hundreds of thousands of acres of Florida land are admirably situated for growing sugar cane. The withdrawal of the bounty will not discourage any sagacious business men from undertaking the business. There is a market within our own gates for every pound of sugar we can produce. The Disstons, who have been experimenting with sugar cane in Florida, have succeeded with it. They have pointed out the way for the capital and the energy of other men.—Louisville Courier-Journal.