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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 17, 1891.

Manitoba.

Field & Parker, butchers, Treinerne; succeeded by E. Parker & Co.

Baloveau & Co., have commenced business at Winnipeg as wine merchants.

Ald. Wilson, has purchased the stock of Ferguson & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, by sheriff's sale, at 55c on the dollar.

The tug Glendoven, belonging to the Manitoba Fish Co., was burned at Grand Rapids, Lake Winipeg recently. She was valued at \$10,000.

There is a good prospect of a British Columbia exhibit at the Winnipeg Industrial. The COMMERCIAL articles having stirred up the people over there.

A correspondent of Souris writes: Two new blacksmiths' shops and a new carriage shop are being erected in town. Stanley & Sweet are building a new shop alongside of their old one. James Butler, late of Ontario, is putting up one near the mill, and Coulter, of Brandon, is building a carriage shop beside Butler.

A correspondent at Wawanesa writes: W. J. Richardson, our pioneer hardware merchant, has disposed of his business here and left with his family for Vancouver, British Columbia. C. Christie, late of Shoal Lake, has opened out in the store lately occupied by Mr. Richardson with a stock of groceries and boots and shoes.

L. A. Hamilton, Canadian Pacific railway land commissioner, and Major Walsh, of the Dominion Coal company, who accompanied

Gen. Supt. Whyte to the Souris coal fields, returned to Winnipeg last week. They are extremely well pleased with the result of their trip, having found abundance of coal seams. Major Walsh says that tests will be made in the vicinity of Alameda with a diamond drill, and if coal is found there in suitable quantities mines will be established at that point. If not they will go thirty miles further west, where several large seams are exposed, one of them being twelve feet and another eight feet wide. The railroad graders are now within twenty-five miles of the coal fields, and the grade of ninety miles of road to be built will be finished within six weeks. The tracklayers reached Melita Tuesday, and as the bridge there is about completed, they will begin work west of that point next week.

Saskatchewan.

R. Ironside, of Manitoba, is at Prince Albert in search of cattle for export.

D. Henderson received a telegram at Winnipeg last week, stating that Mr. Plaxton, of Prince Albert, had cut oats on August 11, and was cutting his Ladoga wheat on August 12.

Wm. Plaxton, near Prince Albert, writes to D. Henderson at Winnipeg, as follows: "I shall commence cutting wheat about the 10th or 12th of August. I expect to have as good a sample of Ladoga wheat as I had last year. I have one field from which I expect 40 bushels per acre or more. The wheat crop through this district is not so heavy in the straw as last year, but well headed and very early—summer fallows are very heavy. Oats and barley, on the whole, are light. July month was very warm and continues so up to date." The wheat referred to in the letter, is the "Ladoga" variety, which is earlier in maturing than Red Fyfe. Mr. Plaxton was the grower of the famous Ladoga wheat, a sample of which was forwarded by THE COMMERCIAL last winter, to grain experts in Canada, United States and Britain, and which was generally pronounced an exceptionally fine wheat.

Alberta.

The new railway to Edmonton, will permit of the shipment southward of coal from that district. It is proposed to ship a few cars to Calgary for test.

The Imperial Bank managers are keeping up their progressive policy in the west. A branch of this bank will be opened at Edmonton.

The *Bulletin*, of Edmonton, northern Alberta, dated August 1st, says: Barley fit to cut this week and oats next week are reported. Wheat is beginning to change color in some fields.

Sharples & Co., of Calgary, have opened in the grocery business at Red Deer. Thos. Deltter, of Goderich, Ontario, has opened a dry goods store at the same place.

North West Ontario.

Machinery and stamp mill and batteries have been taken out to the Sultana mine, Rat Portage district. The company are actively working and will soon have the mill in working order.

A new difficulty besets the projectors of the proposed street railway from Port Arthur to Fort William. The council of the latter, it is understood, will refuse to allow the railway to

enter the municipality. The idea is that the railway will carry business to Port Arthur which would otherwise be done at Fort William. This seems rather a foolish view to take. The road would be a benefit to both places, providing it does not cost too much, and can be operated successfully.

Assiniboia.

A. Brown, an eastern cattle buyer, has paid Yorkton and vicinity a visit, and taken out another shipment of fine cattle. This lot comprised six carloads of fine steers for the British markets. Ball Bros., of the Wallace ranch, supplying two carloads of the lot.

Lumber Cuttings.

Booth's new lumber mill at Ottawa, Ont., began work recently. It has a daily capacity of 900,000 feet, or for the season 153,000,000 feet. It employs 400 men.

All the log drives have passed down the Rainy river excepting Hughes & Atkinson's, who will be out in a few days, and Saunders, on Little Forks, who hung up six or seven million feet in the spring, but which is coming down now.

A barge lumber laden, in tow of the steamer Red River, was lost in a storm on Lake Winnipeg recently. The load consisted of 175,000 feet, shipped by Brown & Rutherford, from the mill at Fisher river. The barge was the property of the Northwest Navigation Co.

United States Crop Estimates.

By taking the condition of spring wheat as it was reported by the agricultural department a year ago, at 85.2 with a total yield as finally estimated of 143,888,000 bushels the condition now given at 95.5 would make a total spring wheat crop of 165,159,000 bushels. The final result of marketing last year showed a crop 20 per cent. above the estimate. If this crop is estimated upon that basis it would show a yield of 198,190,000 bushels of spring wheat. Some of the closer guessers estimated the winter wheat crop in round numbers at 400,000,000 bushels, by taking 26,000,000 acres as the winter wheat area, leaving just half as much, or 13,000,000 acres, for spring wheat, which would result in a total production of approximately 600,000,000 bushels. By the agricultural department estimates on a basis of former years, the result officially will probably be about 520,000,000 bushels. — *Minneapolis Market Record*.

London Cheese Market.

At the cheese market at London, Ont., on August 8, forty factories boarded 9,912 boxes of July. There were 880 boxes of white and the balance was colored. Sales:—1,360 boxes colored at 9c; 330 at 9 1-16c.

At a meeting of the council of the Moosomin board of trade, Messrs. Lewin and Barton were appointed a committee to take steps with a view of obtaining a reduction in the price of coal delivered in Moosomin. Mr. Lewin stated that the prices charged here were out of all proportion to those at certain other points.