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WINNIPEG, APRIL 2, 1894.

## Manitoba.

A. Lafrance, St. Pierre, is dead.

J. B. Johnson, trader, etc., Bull Head, is dead.

Harris, carriages, etc., is starting business at Thornhill.

Frances & Toms are opening in groceries at Winnipeg.

J. B. Draper, tailor, Portage la Prairie; sole out to C. McGuire.

John Gilbert, grocer, Brandon, has assigned to F. W. Smith.

Melita Milling Co., Ltd, Melita, J. F. Ferguson is dead.

Kent & Co., butchers, etc., are opening business at Winnipeg.

J. S. McDonald, general store, Chater, is succeeded by J. C. Hoey.

A. Ross, blacksmith, Clearwater, is succeeded by W. H. Manning.

E Halpeny will open in the bakery business in Minnedosa in April.

F. A. Gemmel, harness, Selkirk, has sold out to E. F. Hutchings.

Mr. Struthers, of the Barnardo farm, Russell, is establishing a creamery at Rapid City.

H. W. Mackey is taking a car load of milch cows from Pilot Mound to Rat Portage.

Paisley & Morton, clothing, etc., Brandon, stock sold to I. R. Stronie at 61c on the dollar.

A Schmidt, brass founder and machine shop, Winnipeg, is reported in financial difficulties.

S. Y. Cavanagh & Co., general store, Nowdale, W. J. Cavanagh has assigned to Chas. H. Mahon.

The estate of Greenway & Richard, hardware, Crystal City, has been sold to Hon. Thomas Greenway.

Winnipeg wholesale liquor dealers who hustled around and took their liquors all out of bond, for fear of higher duties, now regret their action.

Brandon Boot Co., boots and shoes, Brandon, stock sold to G. H. Rodgers & Co., at 64c on the dollar.

The stock of C. L. Farnworth, general goods, Portage la Prairie, is advertised for sale by the sheriff, on April 5.

The estate of Campbell & Robinson, dry goods, Morden, has been sold to R. J. Whitla & Co.; stock for 50c and book debts for 20c.

A. E. Bethune, of J. W. Peck & Co., has been elected a member of the Winnipeg board of trade, in place of J. H. Houser, who is leaving the city.

Atkinson, Rufus & Co., lumber, etc., Estevan and Alameda, have moved to Hartney, and new partnership being formed; A. J. and J. H. Hughes being admitted partners.

The stock of the estate of Holden & Wright, furniture, Melita, is offered for sale by tender up to April 10, by the assignee. Stock amounts to \$670 and book accounts, \$375.

Mr. Mackenzie, formerly cutter with Tullock & Co., harness, Winnipeg, has opened in the harness line on his own account, at 213 Alexander street, under the style of Mackenzie & Co.

An expert in the creamery business with some capital is wanted at Rounthwaite. A good site for a factory can be got on a running spring creek, and enough cows are promised to insure success. Applicants can get a full information by applying to the postmaster.

Some Manitoba farmers appear to have made money last year, in spite of low prices. A farmer near Winnipeg reports having built a fine granary, bought a new mower and many other less expensive articles, and paid off a small mortgage, all from the proceeds of his farm last year, besides having his living, and a very good living too. He is out of debt.

The stock of W. J. Hemenway, of Carman, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Monday, April 2, at Winnipeg, consisting of the following:—Dry goods, \$2,783.40; ready made clothing, \$2,893.04; gents' furnishings, \$1,171.53; fur goods, \$2,010.50; boots and shoes, \$1,388.09; hats and caps, \$733.31; groceries, \$623.93; crockery, glassware, hardware, etc., \$662.94; shop fixtures, \$660.99; book accounts, \$4,606.83; total, \$17,535.37.

Over \$600,000 of redeemed Commercial Bank bills have been burned by permission of the court. A summons has also been granted for the payment of all unpaid stock, the balance payable being \$185,450. The names of some of those on the list are Duacan Macarthur, amount due, \$137,140; G. Bannerman, Sr., Kildonan, \$2,850; Mrs. M. A. Gray, Seaforth, \$26,880; G. W. Girdlestone, \$300; Mark Fortune, \$160; James Messervay, \$8,000; E. W. Pearson, Minnedosa, \$880; T. Taylor, mayor, \$400.

## Assiniboia.

W. F. Lawrence, butcher, has opened business at Maple Creek.

The Broadview Vidette, a new addition to the newspapers of the territory, has appeared.

John J. Dale, tobacco and cigars, Grenfell, has sold out to R. Luxton.

Joseph Zinkar, general store, Fort Qu'Appelle, has sold out to Hayward & Starr.

## Alberta.

The Lethbridge coal mines started up again on Monday, March 19.

J. J. Dunlop, of Winnipeg, has gone to Edmonton, where he contemplates opening in the hat and gents' furnishing business.

McAdoo & Rush have leased the livery and feed stable of W. D. Whitney at Lethbridge, and purpose carrying on the business.

A portable saw mill, from the Waterous works, has been set to work on John C. Fraser's claim, in the edge of the Beaver hills, near Edmonton.

The Lethbridge News says.—J. H. Cavanah, general merchant, has decided to dispose of his stock in Lethbridge and devote his attention entirely to his Calgary business.

Fire broke out early Tuesday morning in Assolentino's jewelry store, at Calgary, damaging the stock and premises to the extent of several hundred dollars. It is thought to have been caused by a lamp exploding.

## Saskatchewan.

Word has been received that Chas. Mair, formerly of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, but recently in business in the Okanagan country, B.C., will return to Prince Albert.

An important business change has taken place in hardware circles at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. A. Agnew's stock in the Johnson block has been purchased by T. J. Agnew and Andrew Agnew takes the position of salesman for his brother.

The Times, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan territory, says:—"The men in the employ of James Sanderson and Dan Shannon, lumbermen, returned from their winter's work in the woods on Saturday last. The winter has been an excellent season for lumbering operations and the cut has been much larger than usual. Moore and Macdonald's men are expected in this week or next."

## Northwest Ontario.

A carload of machinery has arrived at Rat Portage for the Sultana mine. It comprised a boiler, steam hoist and air compressor, being a complete outfit for deep mining, which will be put in position as speedily as possible.

## Grain and Milling.

F. W. Swanton, head miller in Ogilvie's mill, Winnipeg, has resigned his position, and, it is said, will take up his residence in Minneapolis.

George Bull's grist mill at St. Albert was destroyed by fire on Tuesday. The mill contained about 5,000 bushels of wheat and a quantity of flour.

## Lumber Items.

It is estimated that the stocks of lumber will be depreciated about 15 per cent. by the recent tariff changes. As heavy stocks were carried over winter by the Lake of the Woods mills, the loss is a severe one in the aggregate.

The report of the Dominion Minister of the Interior, just issued, gives a list of lumber prices at different points in Manitoba. The average cost of lumber to the consumer, at Winnipeg, is placed at \$18, while at Brandon, 150 miles farther west, it is placed at \$11 to \$15 per thousand. It seems strange that, according to these figures, lumber is cheaper farther from the source of supply than at Winnipeg. The figures are no doubt misleading, prices probably being based on a different class of lumber. Brandon is a manufacturing point for spruce lumber, the logs being brought down the Assiniboine river from the Riding mountain country. This class of lumber is sold much cheaper than pine, and the price of lumber at Brandon is no doubt based on spruce, while at Winnipeg it is based on pine. Pine lumber could not be sold as cheap at Brandon as at Winnipeg (much less \$3 to \$7 cheaper) without loss, as it costs considerable more to lay it down at the western town. Brandon, however, has always been a very cheap lumber market for the consumer, but a very dear market for the wholesale dealers, who have made heavy losses through the frequent failures of the Brandon retail dealers. The one fact accounts for the other. People up around Brandon have got cheap lumber at the expense of the wholesale dealers who supplied it. Cutting in prices has been the rule in that market, followed by frequent failures, and the trade has been in a continual state of demoralization.