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Manitoba.

Emerson has a new paper called the Journal. E. A. Bailey is the proprietor.

Travis & Bedome's cattle stable at Minnedosa was destroyed by fire recently.

The first number of the Banner, a new newspaper established at Virden, has been received.

Portage la Prairie has a third newspaper. It is a daily publication and is called the Graphic. T. W. Shaughnessy is publisher.

R. Scott's new creamery at Shoal Lake is in operation again, three weeks from the time of the burning of the former creamery.

The contract for the erection of J. H. Ashdown's large hardware warehouse, in Winnipeg, has been let to P. Burnett for the masonry and Mr. Cadham for the carpentering. The amount of the former is \$35,000.

The Winnipeg Retailers' association held their regular meeting Tuesday evening and elected officers as follows: Geo. Ryan, president; J. Carsley, vice-president; Gilbert Fowler, treasurer; L. R. Arnett, secretary.

Sales of land during June by the C.P.R. land department at Winnipeg have been greatly in excess of the same month last year. The amount realized was \$30,000, principally for farms in Manitoba. Enquiries still continue to be received in large numbers from all parts of the United States for good farming land, and sales are expected to continue brisk.

The store of Mahon & Ross, of Douglas, was broken into by tramps recently and about \$200 worth of goods carried off. A party of tramps were discovered during the following day in an empty house three miles away. They were surrounded by citizens and captured on suspicion of doing the robbery. This proved correct and after pressure the tramps made known where the goods were hidden.

E. W. Ashley, commission dealer, Winnipeg, has accepted the agency of the Belleville Canning Co., packers of the well known Queen's brand of canned goods. Now that the various canners have ceased to sell through one agency, the leading canners are appointing agents here. Mr. Ashley represented the Belleville company here previous to the formation of the association, and they have now gone back to him.

The committee having in charge the proposed joint excursion of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, the Grain Exchange and the Jobbers' Union, have arranged the following route: Winnipeg to Napinka via Doloraine, thence to Virden on the Canadian Pacific Railway main line via Souris and Kemnay and from Virden to Portage la Prairie, thence over the Manitoba Northwestern Railway system and return to Winnipeg. The party will leave Winnipeg on Thursday morning, July 25, returning on Saturday, July 27.

Northwest Ontario.

The gold mine known as the Sultana, considered the best property in the Rat Portage district, has been sold to English capitalists. J. F. Caldwell retains an interest in the property and will be connected with the new syndicate. It is understood that the development of the Sultana property will be pushed on a much larger scale.

The steamer Alberta arrived at Port Arthur on Tuesday last on her first trip from Windsor. It is expected that there will be a large traffic over this route this season. The steamer will hereafter leave Windsor, opposite Detroit, Michigan, every Saturday, for Port Arthur.

The Keewatin Power Co. have prepared a map of their water-power and lands at Keewatin. This is one of the grandest water-powers on the continent, and it is now available for manufactures. This will eventually become a very valuable property.

Fire broke out on July 8 at Fort William in the store occupied by John Thompson, stationery dealer, and in which was located the postoffice. Thompson's stock was totally destroyed; covered by insurance. The contents of the postoffice were saved.

Assiniboia.

Messrs. Benallick and Macdonald, two Winnipeg wholesale butchers, shipped cattle and sheep from Maple Creek last week for the Winnipeg market.

Mr. Leveque is building an addition to his store at Maple Creek.

Alberta.

The stock of J. B. Crossman, tailor, Lethbridge, has been destroyed by fire. Insured in the Commercial Union.

Capt. E. C. Davison proposes opening a new coal mine near South Edmonton. Borings have revealed a supply of coal of superior quality, and it is proposed to sink a shaft at once. Heretofore coal has been taken out from the outcroppings along the bank of the river.

Mr. McNeil has arrived back at Anthracite from the east last week and says that the coal mines will be running full blast after Aug. 1st.

Grain and Milling Matters.

A half or whole interest in the flour mill at Hartney, Man., is offered for sale. This is a new mill, built on the most approved plan, with a capacity of 150 barrels.

Dow & Curry are erecting a grain warehouse in connection with their oatmeal mill at Pilot Mound, Man.

Elkhorn, Man., will have a flour mill in time for the new crop. A local joint stock company has been formed, known as the Elkhorn Milling Co., and has received its charter of incorporation, with the following gentlemen as the first directors of the company: Joseph Broadley, T. D. Cavanagh, Robt. M. Coombs, W. M. Cushing, J. W. Carwin, Charles H. Freeman and S. H.

Greenwood. The capital stock of the company is \$10,000 divided in 500 shares of \$20 each. A large portion of the stock has been disposed of. The size of the mill building will be 80 x 40 covered outside with metallic steel siding and shingles. Engine house 26 x 36 built of solid stone, and the roof covered with metal. The well has been dug and a plentiful supply of water obtained at about ten feet. The new company have purchased the mill building and machinery of the Assiniboia flour mills at Moosomin, including the electric light plant and steam heating apparatus. A gang of workmen are now busy taking out the Machinery and getting it in shape to move to Elkhorn. The capacity of the mill when completed will be 75 barrels per day. The company have secured the services of D. W. Rowand as head miller and manager, formerly head miller for Leitch Bros., of Oak Lake.

Regarding the United States flour referred to by us last week, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, we find it is still coming in, two cars having arrived this week upon which the duty was paid. The flour had been placed before arrival, and compares, it is said, very favorably with Canadian spring wheat.

The Farmers' flour mill at Portage la Prairie, Man., is offered for rent, by tender. This is a new mill capacity 150 barrels.

Lumber Trade Notes.

Regarding the price war among the lumber dealers at Brandon, Man., the Brandon Times says: "Pine lumber at \$8.00 per thousand. This is the latest sensation in the lumber trade, due to the stand made by Hanbury & McNea, the sash and door manufacturers of this city, against the lumbermen's combine. A whole train of cars loaded with lumber for this firm arrived on Monday at the Northern Pacific station, some of which can be bought at the above price. Such prices were never before known in this province, and if the farmers will support the firm in their fight with the combine, the firm is determined that the prices shall be down for all times."

A party of Winnipeg aldermen and lumbermen made an investigation of the claims of city lumber merchants that the lumber supplied to the city was not up to what the contract specifications called for. There were in the party besides the aldermen, Captain Robinson, contractor for the lumber, Alex Black and R. Hall, of the firm of Ross, Hall & Browne, Rat Portage. The material in the new sidewalk was measured plank by plank. The conclusion arrived at was that the lumber was up to the specifications and that reports to the contrary were not well founded. This settles the dispute about the city lumber. Previous to this investigation, some of the city lumber dealers waited on the board of works and complained that the lumber being supplied by the contractor was not up to specifications, and the aldermen resolved to make an investigation. There appears to be a little soreness between some of the city dealers and Capt. Robinson, who has the contract to supply the city with lumber this year, hence the objections raised by the dealers as to the lumber supplied to the city.

The Winnipeg Industrial.

The exhibition officials are busy these days preparing for the fair, which opens on July 15, continuing during the week. The books have been opened for the allotment of space to exhibitors and considerable has been taken already. All hands are looking forward to a very successful show. The amusements and attractions to be provided will exceed any previous effort in this direction.