

Dairy Matters.

A cheese or butter factory will be started at Spring Bank, fifteen miles up the Elbow river from Calgary.

R. S. Humphries, tailor, Carberry, Man., and a Mr. Fraser intend this spring to start a butter factory near Glenboro.

The Rapid City cheese factory, James Paterson, manager, will be re-opened in the spring and operated on a larger scale than heretofore.

There is some talk of a cheese factory being established at Poplar Point, Man., this spring. There are a large number of cows in the immediate neighborhood.

A meeting was held at Thornhill, near Manitou, Man., lately for the purpose of considering the advisability of establishing a cheese factory. Appearances were so encouraging that a factory will likely be built and operated in the neighborhood during the coming season. The institution will be under the management of H. J. Rockett, who will also have charge of the Manitou factory.

Lumber Cuttings.

The Selkirk Lumber Co.'s teams have returned from Lake Winnipeg.

Ireland, late of Boissevain, Man., has bought out Fraser's lumber yard at Carberry, Man.

The English barque James Livesey, 1072 tons, has arrived from San Francisco, to load lumber at the Moodyville Mills, B.C., for export.

The shingle mill situated on the north arm of Burrard Inlet, B.C., has been removed to Port Moody. The company has received orders for a number of carloads of shingles from the Territories.

At Tai's lumber shanties, up the Bird Tail, there are now 45,000 logs on the ice and 5,000 logs on the skids ready to be drawn to the river. The logs will be taken down to the Birtle mills to be sawn.

The following official list of saw mills in Manitoba and the district of Keewatin has been published. It will be noticed that there are some omissions:—

Name of Owner or Owner and Assignee.	Where Situated.	Capacity per 12 hours.
Boyd & Crowe	Fisher River	30,000
G. I. Drouse & Co.	Bad Throat River	7,000
Brown, Rutherford & Nielson	Fisher Bay	10,000
F. T. Bulmer & Co.	Keewatin	60,000
A. Cameron	Minnetosa	6,000
Dick & Banning	Keewatin	60,000
Federal Bank of Canada	Ebb and Flow Lake	20,000
Hudson's Bay Co.	Riding Mountain House	
Jermyn & Bolton	Minnetosa	15,000
Sgt. Johnson	Bad Throat River	12,000
Keewatin Lumbering and Manf. Co., Limited	Keewatin	120,000
J. Likely	Fort Alexander	8,000
Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Co.	Ebb and Flow Lake	4,000
Miller & Patton	Bird Tail Creek	30,000
D. McFayden	Sec. 19, Tp. 17, R. 16, W. 1st	3,000
H. B. Mitchell	Millwood	30,000
G. Morton	Turtle Mountain	12,000
Northwest Timber Co.	Bull Head Bay	10,500
Rainy Lake Lumber Co.	Rat Portage	60,000
" "	Fort Francis	
D. Ross	Whitemouth	10,000
S. Smith	Turtle Mountain	3,500
D. Sprague	Winnipeg	20,000
J. Stewart	Fort Ellice	3,000
A. Watts	Norquay	3,000
Wells Bros	Naumoral	2,500
Williams & Harrison	Wakopa	3,000
Whitaker & Ryall	Strathclair	6,000

The planing mill at Selkirk will be removed to a more convenient site.

The Royal City Planing Mills Co., of New Westminster, B. C., is building a railway from Mud Bay to its timber limits. Rails for the road are being imported from England.

The following is the report of the operations of the saw mill at Moodyville, Burrard Inlet, B.C.: For the year ending 31st last December, there were nine vessels loaded with lumber for Australia, of 9740 tons, carrying 6,715,054 feet rough lumber, 180,766 feet dressed lumber; 390,595 pickets and 11,973 laths. For China, six vessels of 4,424 tons were loaded with 3,233,901 feet rough lumber, and 176,150 feet dressed lumber; 60,232 pickets and four spars. Seven vessels of 6,838 tons were loaded for South America, carrying 4,612,931 feet rough lumber; 557,851 feet dressed lumber and one spar. For San Diego, one vessel 1,632 tons was loaded with 923,239 feet rough lumber; 167,116 dressed; 112,983 pickets and 2,118 laths. The total foreign shipments amounted to 15,490,125 feet rough lumber; 1,075,883 dressed; 569,860 pickets; 14,091 lath and five spars. The saw mill for local shipments sold 2,369,230 feet of rough lumber; 460,740 feet dressed, and placed on board vessels in port, 410,680 feet assorted lumber. The grand total cut for the year being 20,513,808 feet; 23,337 bundles laths; 23,926 lineal feet of piles.

General Notes.

The total number of hogs packed the past winter in Cincinnati was 309,588, against 331,401 last year—decrease 21,813.

THE British American Rancho Company, of Alberta, generally known as the Cochrane Ranch, are offering their stock of horses and sheep and their lease for sale, either on block or in small purchases.

A bill for the temporary relief of Portage la Prairie will be presented to the Legislature at the present session. The bill will provide for a special limitation of the rate of taxation and the apportioning of the levy for municipal and school purposes and for the payment of the creditors. Should the bill receive the assent of the Legislature the schools will be re-opened and a council board elected.

W. H. IRWIN, a Brandon photographer, acting on a suggestion of the board of trade of that place, proceeded to Alexander, a couple of stations west of Brandon, lately to take a view of the grain piled up in bags out doors. He reports that the C. P. R. officials tried to induce him to destroy the negatives he had taken, intimating that it would be worth his while to do so. The Brandon Sun says of the photos: Much has been written and said about the quantity of wheat lying unprotected on the prairie, but no conception can be had of it unless it can be seen. The pictures taken show pile after pile of wheat bags scattered in all directions over the prairie in the vicinity of the depot. They are covered with snow and it is only a matter of a thaw when it is extremely doubtful that the contents of the bags would escape being seriously injured.

W. L. Fagan & Co. will open an office as auctioneers and real estate agents at Vancouver.

Voting took place at Neepawa, Manitoba, on March 10th, on three by-laws as follows: To forbid the town of Neepawa from receiving money for liquor licenses; to exempt from taxation for fifteen years Hamilton's mill, having a daily capacity of one hundred and fifty barrels; to exempt Law & Pearson's elevator, capacity fifty thousand bushels, for five years. The three by-laws carried.

Western Notes.

Bibby, a veterinary surgeon from Ontario, has commenced practice at Carberry, Man.

Gibson & Johnston who succeeded Bagshaw Bros., at Birtle, Man., report business good.

W. W. Watson, of the Watson Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg, is visiting the western agencies of the company.

A. Baley, late of Welland, Ont., is putting up a building at Rapid City, Man., which he intends to use as a harness shop.

The Vancouver, B.C., finance committee were authorized at a late meeting of the council to prepare a by-law for the issue of debentures for \$125,000.

Glenn, of Winnipeg, Man., arrived at Lethbridge, Alberta, with a car load of cattle. He has sold several head at prices ranging from \$65 to \$75 per head.

Carberry Man., wants a local paper. There is certainly a good opening for an enterprising journalist to locate here. Many smaller towns are supporting papers.

Coal has been discovered at Kamloops, and those who have visited the place claim that it is a very valuable deposit of anthracite. Tests have been made at the C. P. R. shops, with success.

The Northwest Transportation Company, running the steamers known as the Beatty line, between Port Arthur and Sarnia, Ontario, are building another fine steamship at the latter place. She is to be of the same length as the United Empire, now on that line, and two feet wider, or 260 feet long, with 38 feet beam. She will have one foot more side, and consequently one foot more depth of hold than the Empire, and her capacity on a full draught of water will be about 1700 or 1750 tons. It is expected that the new boat will develop greater speed than the United Empire with a smaller consumption of fuel; though constructed to carry several hundred tons more cargo. This economy will be effected by fitting the boat with the new pattern of triple expansion engine, the introduction of which, though recent, has already revolutionized marine architecture.

Columbian: B. C. Pettengill has returned from Cayoosh Creek, Lillooet, where he has been examining the quartz ledges lately discovered in that locality. He reports many excellent claims on the creek and is favorably impressed with the richness of the ledges. The Mineral King claim took his fancy and he offered the owners \$50,000 for it, but they ask \$90,000 and feel certain of getting that amount before long. Mr. Pettengill confirms the report that the Bonanza company sold their claims to an English syndicate for \$500,000. Cayoosh Creek promises the biggest mining boom in years in this province.