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WINNIPEG, MAY 11, 1891.

Manitoba.

Carberry is experiencing a building "boom." W. M. Boyd, of Neepawa, will open a branch drug store at Carberry.

A. Lallemand, has purchased a half interest in the Minnedosa brewery.

Additions to cost \$20 000 are to be made to the Winnipeg General hospital.

Simpson has purchased a bake shop at Emerson and will be ready for business soon.

John Cobb, who formerly kept a hotel at Virdeu, intends opening a boardinghouse at Melita.

Reid & Gerhardt have opened the branch general store at Aiden, as successors to G. H. Rodgers & Co.

The municipality of Souris intend to construct an iron traffic bridge over the Souris river at the town of Souris.

Ivey has bought Aylmer Morden's store, at McGregor, and Mrs. Ivey has opened a millinery and fancy store.

Saunders & McKinnon, general store, Deloraine, are dissolving partnership; McKinnon will continue the business.

A Portage merchant has been fined for keeping his store open after the hour fixed by the by-law under the early closing act.

Wallace, a young man who started in tailoring at McGregor about a month ago, has skipped out, leaving a few mourners.

McCulla, of Carleton county, Ont., is building a general store at Austin, and W. H. Duncan is erecting an implement warehouse and office.

Brand n & Thompson, who represent Massey & Co., at Souris, secured the first prize of \$150 offered by the company to the agents doing the best business for the season of 1890

The stocks in trade of E. S. White & Co., general merchants of Carberry and Medicine Hat, will be sold separately at a rate on the dollar, by public auction, on the 19th of May.

Beginning with May 1st, rates on express matter will be reduced by the Dominion Express company 25 per cent. per 100 pounds. The reduction applies to Winnipeg and all points in Manitoba.

C. C. Chipman, private secretary to C. H. Tupper, Minister of Marine, has been appointed Hudson Bay commissioner at Winnipeg, vice Mr. Wrigly, who resigned some time ago on account of ill-health.

A general meeting of the shareholders of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association will be held on Thursday, May 14, in the board of trade rooms, Winnipeg, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering by laws, electing directors and such other business as may be laid before the meeting.

According to the records kept by government agents at Winnipeg, the number of bona fide settlers who have arrived here during the first four months of this year amounts to about 7,000. The greater percentage of that number were Europeans. For the corresponding period of last year the number of settlers who arrived here was 3,926.

The tow factory at Plum Coulee narrowly escaped destruction by fire recently. A quantity of tow which had been placed on the platform to dry caught fire in some manner unknown, and instantly the south side of the building was in flames. Luckily there was plenty of water near by and numerous willing hands to work, and the building and contents—about \$3 000 worth—were saved. Loss about \$150. A new factory will be built at a safe distance from town and steam power put in.

Waghorn's Guide for May is more than usually valuable in publishing information relative to important changes and additions to travel and business tables. It indicates the running of an extra local passenger train between Winnipeg and Brandon about the 10th inst., and gives the service on the opening of navigation by the Lakes via Ft. William and Owen Sound. It embodies the changes in Municipal boundaries in accordance with recent amendments to the Act. It gives the new Game laws; new Post Offices opened and Mail stage changes; new Dominion Land Districts; the sailings of Atlantic Mail Steamers, besides the general business tables, revised to date.

Carberry News: The best lot of fat cattle we have seen yet, was brought in on Monday by Thos. McGregor and Peter Robertson, of Wellwood, whose five head average 1,500 lbs. These cattle got nothing through the summer but the grass they picked, and the trouble or expense in winter was very little, hence the profit was large. About 160 head of such cattle have already been purchased here for shipment. Harry Mitchell, of H. Bannack & Co., Winnipeg, bought six carloads, and P. Gallagher & Sons, two carloads, the average of the string was 1,190 lbs., and the price paid was \$3.75 per cwt., or \$41.00 per head. This leaves the farmers here the snug sum of \$7,000 at a time when money is most welcome."

The case regarding the sale of the Empire Brewery, Winnipeg, was again heard before the full court last week. The Union Bank, a large creditor of the brewery, moved absolute the rule nisi obtained, which called upon the parties interested to show cause why the order made by Mr. Bain for the sale of the brewery to Mr. Drewry should not be set aside. The affidavits filed charged that there was collusion between Clougher, a large shareholder in the brewery, and Drewry, whereby the price paid was much lower than the actual value. Mr. Drewry denied the charge of collusion and on his behalf it was urged that the order for the sale should be carried out at once, as there was a large quantity of beer in stock and it would be damaged if not sold at once. At the conclusion of the argument the court discharged the rule, so that the sale will be proceeded with.

Assiniboia.

J. Jackson, Butcher, Regina, sold out to L. Munson.

The Medicine Hat agricultural society has decided to purchase permanent exhibition grounds.

Up to April 14 over sixty settlers have arrived at the Whitewood agency and secured land in the district.

The first spring show of stallions and bulls for the Broadview district took place last week and was well attended.

David Graham has succeeded G. B. Wallace in the butchering business at Broadview. Wallace will move to Moose Jaw.

T. L. Bray, general merchant, Wolseley, has taken into partnership, Robt. S. Banbury, who has been employed with him for some time.

S. Marling, who has been associated during the past four years with J. D. Sioball & Co., Regina, has bought out the Craven branch of that firm's business.

The Regina town council has passed a by-law to raise by way of loan the sum of 20 000 for drainage purposes, which will be submitted to the ratepayers for approval or rejection on the 22nd of May. The plan of drainage intended is that recommended by H. N. Ruttan, Winnipeg city engineer, viz., sewers connected on streets with box openings. The drain will empty into the Wascana below the reserve.

North West Ontario.

Dr. Jones, of Toronto, has located at Fort William.

The steamer Hiram R. Dixon, from Duluth, was the first boat to arrive at Port Arthur this season, the date being May 1.

The Port Arthur Duluth & Western Railway Co., has resumed construction operations on the road.

Mr. Saul has the contract for building the Hudson's Bay Co.'s store at Fort William. The block is to be 31x70 in size; the basement to be built of stone and the remaining two stories of brick.

A Fort William Journal reporter was shown plans of the block which John MacLaurin intends erecting at that place this summer. It is to be a two storey brick building, 39x70 in size with stone basement, and when completed will cost about six thousand dollars.