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## Manitoba.

Virdon is now a regular customs outpost of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg city brewers held their annual picnic at Elm Park, July 9.

Smale & Co., boots and shoes, Carberry, have sold out to G. S. Haslan.

Montgomery & Co., hardware merchants, Napinka, have moved to Deloraine.

Trudeau & Co., butchers, St. Boniface, have dissolved; Degagne continues alone.

Ricker & Nichol have commenced the manufacture of starch in the building known as the Empire Brewery, in Winnipeg. The idea of Messrs. Ricker & Nichol is to produce starch from Manitoba wheat. This is a new industry in the west.

It is announced that W. B. Scarth will be appointed commissioner of Dominion Lands at Winnipeg, and that the present commissioner, H. H. Smith, will become a deputy minister. Mr. Scarth is well qualified for the position, having been long connected with western land interests.

The Winnipeg caterers made preparations for a great day at Morden on the occasion of their annual picnic, which was held on Thursday last. Indications of rain kept some at home, but a great crowd went, nevertheless, this being regarded as one of the great events of the year. Lots of music and a fine programme of sports were features of the day.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, entered for consumption and duty collected thereon, during the month of July, at Winnipeg, compared with the same month of 1894:

	Value '94.	Value '95.
Exported.....	\$111,865.00	\$179,878.00
Entered for consumption, dutiable....	194,287.00	207,910.00
Entered for consumption, free.....	41,704.00	83,927.00

Total consumption \$175,990.00 \$291,887.00  
Duty collected..... 97,763.48 52,178.86

H. F. Forrest, receiver in charge of the Great Northwest Central Railway, arrived in Winnipeg Wednesday last. He reports that the country tributary to his line is developing nicely. Quite a number of elevators have been built or are in course of construction

this summer at points along the line, and a new flour mill is just about completed at Hamiota. Crops are fine in the districts served by the railway and harvesting would soon begin.

## Saskatchewan.

The hide market here, says the Prince Albert advocate, has taken a lively spurt. One lot of hides, amounting to a carload held by local butchers, was yesterday started at 0 1/2c, and was spiritedly raised to 7 1/2c, and bought by F. Lightcap, in opposition to our local dealer, T. H. Brooks. This is a big increase in the price.

The new Prince Albert creamery, three miles east of town, is now in operation. E. Mcorhouse, of the dairy commissioner's office Ottawa, started the creamery and Mr. Roberts will stay to run the factory. The building is a substantial and commodious one, built upon approved plans.

## Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort. William afloat 60 to 61c  
Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.55; Bakers, \$1.45.  
Bran.—Per ton, \$11.  
Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.  
Oats.—Per bushel, 31 to 32c.  
Barley.—Per bushel, 40 to 45c.  
Butter.—Dairy 11 to 15c.  
Cheese.—8 1/2 to 9c.  
Eggs.—Fresh, casier at 12 to 14c.  
Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 5 to 7 1/2c.  
Mutton.—Fresh, 8c.  
Hogs.—Dressed, 5 1/2 to 6c.  
Cattle.—2 to 3c.  
Hogs.—Live, good packing 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c off cars.  
Sheep, average butchers 3 1/2c, live weight.  
Seneca Root.—20 to 23c per lb.  
Chickens.—per pair, 45 to 50c,  
Hides.—No. 1, 2 to 2 1/2c.  
Potatoes.—new 60c per bushel.  
Hay.—\$4.50 to \$5.00 per ton, car lots.  
Wool.—6 to 8c, unwashed fleece.

The first train load of range cattle of the season went through for export this week last year, which was much later than this year. Hides and seneca root tended lower, flour inclined to advance.

## The Dairy Industry.

The Montreal Gazette notes the arrival there of a car of Manitoba cheese for direct export to Liverpool, via the steamship Vancouver.

In a personal interview given to the representative of The Commercial at Vancouver, British Columbia, Premier Bowell said that it could be stated emphatically that British Columbia would receive the same attention from the federal government in the way of encouraging creameries as any of the other provinces. They had commenced at the other end, namely, Prince Edward Island, and were working towards the coast. British Columbia was very suitable for dairying and would no doubt be soon in line with the other provinces. He was very much pleased at the progress being made in dairying throughout the Dominion and they were rapidly becoming the greatest dairy producers in the world. It was a phase of work that this government was giving more than usual attention to.

The annual meeting of the Dairymen's Association of British Columbia, was held at Agassiz on the 2nd of August. Thos. Cunningham, president of the association, said that he had been informed that butter had sold in Manitoba at 7 cents a pound. He ridiculed the idea of butter being made here to sell at that price. Prof. Saunders gave some interesting statis-

tics. From 1869 to 1891 the dairy export for Canada had increased from \$18,000 to \$15,488,000, and it was increasing rapidly every year. Canadian cheese was famous throughout the world, and their butter was preferred in the European market. This was because we gave them a uniform good quality. It tasted the same, smelt the same, and looked the same, for the reason that dairymen of Canada were all learning at the same school. Canada supplied 60 per cent of all the cheese used in Great Britain. Prof. Saunders spoke at length on winter dairying and its great success in Canada. He believed that the Manitoba and Territorial creameries could be kept running in winter. He said the creameries at Alceas Jaw, Dawdney, Calgary, Innisfail, Red Deer and Edmonton were turning out a total of 1,900 pounds a day, which net them 15 cents. They paid 2 cents a pound for commission and one and a half for freight to British Columbia. They got 20 cents for their creamery on the coast. The dairy butter they only got 8 cents a pound for. He thought, however, that Manitoba and the Territories would have to find a market in England very soon. The are glutting the markets here and as creameries are starting in British Columbia the province would soon make their own butter. It was a magnificent country for dairying, none better in the world, as their clover would make a splendid ensilage, taking the place of corn.

A scheme to establish a central creamery at Westminster, B. C., with distributing stations throughout the district, was considered at a meeting of farmers this week. The idea is being favorably received by most of those interested.

## Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at \*Winnipeg for the weeks of ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	June 29	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Extra Manitoba hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard....	34	65	42	9	11
No. 2 hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Northern....	1	4	3	0	1
No. 2 Northern....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white fyle	1	0	0	1	0
No. 2 white fyle	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Rejected....	0	2	1	1	0
No. 2 Rejected....	1	1	9	0	0
No Grade.....	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	37	62	55	17	12
Same week last year.	37	23	16	45	55

\*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

## Lumber Trade Notes.

A telegram from Rat Portage on Thursday says: There is a general strike on among the men employed by the Ontario and Western Lumber Association. Last spring wages were reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.35 per day and a demand is now made that wages be raised to the former rate. The demand was made last Monday on Manager Cameron and the men remained at work till about noon to-day, when all went out, closing down the three saw mills in operation, and planers. About 200 men are going out. At present it is impossible to say what the probable termination will be. The men labor eleven hours, and are willing to accept either the old rate or a reduction of hours to ten, or an increase to the old rate, as follows: Laborers, \$1.50; pilers from \$1.75 to \$2. The strike will seriously affect the lumber trade here unless speedily settled.