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Manitoba.

The firm of Russell & Cooper, Winnipeg, will shortly dissolve partnership. D. H. Cooper intends opening a law office for himself about June 1st.

Alex. Dunlop, lately connected with the Winnipeg Free Press, leaves next week for Neepawa, where he will establish a second paper, which, it is understood, will be Liberal independent in politics.

The legal firm of Macdonald, Tupper, Phippen & Tupper, has been dissolved. Hugh John Macdonald retires and the business will be continued by the remaining members of the firm.

The Martin, Bole, Wynno Co. have plans out for a new warehouse to be located on the northwest corner of King & McDermot streets. The size of the building will be 33x90, to front on King street and run to the lane. It will be five stories high, with basement.

Boyces carriage works, Winnipeg, will hereafter be located at 316 Ross street. Heretofore Mr. Boyce has had his show room at 216 James street, and his factory at 316 Ross street. This arrangement has been found a little inconvenient, and an addition has been built to the factory, so as to have the entire business centred at the one place.

Complaints are made says the Manitou Mercury that elevator screening and other refuse are being dumped into ditches east of the town. As the drains are now full of water the result will be that noxious seeds will be distributed along the water courses, polluting the land wherever they find lodgment. The only safe way of disposing of elevator screenings is by burning.

Alberta.

The Tribune newspaper published at Calgary, has been sold to W. L. Bernard, who succeeds F. H. Turnock as managing editor.

Assiniboia.

Mr. Grey, of the Dominion land office, Regina, has been transferred to Maple Creek, where a branch office is being opened.

A special meeting of the Regina board of trade was held recently for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and of entering upon a vigorous propaganda. Mr. Paul president, was urged to continue in

office, but declined to do so, and the choice of the meeting was W. F. Eddy, mayor of Regina; R. Martin was elected vice-president; R. B. Fergusson, treasurer, and Wm. Trant secy. The following were elected to form the council: Hugh Armour, C. H. Black, Geo. Fleming, J. A. Kerr, G. T. Marsh, D. Mowat, D. J. Robertson, L. C. Rodgers, and R. H. Williams. H. Le Jeune and P. Lamonte were appointed auditors. The meeting was well attended and decided to enter on a vigorous campaign to promote the prosperity of the district.

Dairy Trade Notes

An Ottawa telegram says: Prof. Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, has mapped out his plans of operation for dairy instructors in the west for the coming season. E. Moorhouse has left to take charge of the creamery at Moose Jaw, Assa. L. A. Zuefelt leaves to take up the work of travelling instructor in dairying in the territories. J. W. Mitchell goes to open a new creamery at Indian Head, Assa., and H. S. Pearson in a similar capacity at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

M. Marker, of the Dominion dairy commissioner's staff, is on his way to British Columbia where he will have charge of the dairy work in the province for the summer. He was in the west last season.

Fur Trade News.

Edmonton fur buyers have established a fur exchange, for the sale of their goods.

C. W. Lamson & Co., under date of April 23, issued the following statement with reference to the Leipzig fair, which was in general said to be fairly good. Articles in good demand: Red fox, silver fox, Australian opossum, dark raccoon, fisher, water sea otter and black muskrat. Articles in moderate demand: Cross fox, mink, beaver, bear and martan. Articles for which there was no demand: Raccoon, skunk, opossum, Russian sable, lynx, muskrat and blue fox.—Fur Trade Review.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, Fort William, afloat 80c.
Flour.—Local price, per sack, 5c higher at: Patents, \$2.00; Bakers, \$1.80.
Bran.—Per ton, \$12.
Shorts.—Per ton, \$18.
Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 30 to 32c.
Barley.—Per bushel, 35 to 40c, local freights.
Flax Seed.—
Butter.—Country dairy 8 to 12c in a small way.
Cheese.—small lots 9 to 10c.
Eggs.—Fresh, 7½ to 8½c in small lots.
Beef.—City dressed, 6 to 6½c.
Mutton.—Fresh, 10c, frozen 7c.
Hogs.—Dressed, 6c.
Cattle.—Range of prices 3 to 4c.
Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4½c.
Sheep.—4½ to 5c.
Soneca Root.—19c lb.
Poultry.—Chickens, 8c, turkeys, 10c, geese, 9 to 10c, ducks 8c.
Hides.—No. 1 cows, 5½c.
Wool.—Unwashed Manitoba fleece, 9 to 10c.
Potatoes.—30 to 40c per bushel.
Hay.—\$1.00 per ton, car lots

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Gazette of May 1 says: "The grain space on board ocean vessels leaving this port for May has been pretty well all engaged, the last engagements reported for Liverpool having been made at 1s 7½d. Oats have been taken for Glasgow at 1s 9d. About 3,000,000 bushels of grain have already been booked to leave this port, the bulk of

which was engaged about three months ago at higher rates than could be made to-day. Considerable sack flour freight has also been provided for at within range of the following rates: To London 8s 9d to 10s; to Liverpool 7s to 7s 6d; to Glasgow 7s 6d to 8s 9d. Quite a number of engagements for cattle are reported for Liverpool, Glasgow and Bristol at 40s. Considerable grain is now on the way from United States to Montreal, latest engagements being reported at 8c per bushels from Duluth and 6c through from Chicago. From Buffalo to New York the rate is 4c; so that the through rates from Chicago to Montreal and New York are about the same, when terminal charges are taken into account. From Fort William to Montreal considerable quantities of wheat have been engaged at 8c per bushel. Corn from Chicago to Kingston is quoted at 3 to 3½c. From Kingston to Montreal the rates 2½c wheat and 2½c corn.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Ma. v. 1 1896.	May. 3, 1895.
Flour, straight spring.	\$3.10 to \$3.10	\$3.00 to \$3.70
Flour, straight winter.	\$3.25 to \$3.75	\$2.85 to \$3.50
Wheat, No. 2 red.	72½c	64½c
Corn, No. 2 mixed.	35½c	57½c
Oats, No. 2.	25c	33c
Rye, No. 2, Western.	40½c
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee
Cotton, mid. upld.	8 3-16c	6 13-16c
Print cloths, 64x64.	21c	2 13-16c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X.	16c	15 to 15½c
Wool, N. C. 1 comb.	20 to 21c	19 to 20c
Pork, mess new.	\$9.50 to \$10.00	\$13.50 to 14.00
Lard, westn. stim.	5.05c	6 87½c
Butter, creamery.	16c	19c
Cheese, ch. east fr.	9½c	9c
Sugar, centrif., 90°.	4½c	3½c
Sugar, granulated.	6 7-16c	4 1-16c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.	14½c	10c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	\$1.27	\$1.55
Petroleum, rfd. gal.	6 95c	\$9.16c
*Iron, Besse. Pg.	\$13.00	\$10.75
*Steel billets, ton	\$19.40	\$15.65
Ocean Steam Freights—		
Grain, Liverpool.	1½d	2d
Cotton.	1-16d	7-81d

* Pittsburgh.

Wool.

Trade continues dull and values are in buyers' favor for all kinds of domestic wool. Manufacturers are picking over the market, and only taking large lines when they find a bargain. Fleece wools have declined fully 2c a pound since February, if not more, as at the decline they go slowly. For XX and above Ohio 13c is a full price to quote, with X at 16½c. Combing wools and N. 1 clothing fleeces are also lower, although offerings are light. Dealers have been holding up prices in sympathy with Australian grades, but they would not sell. Territory wools are dull, and not enough business is doing to establish prices. For fine medium and fine scoured it would be hard to sell much above 30c. The London auction sale of wool opened April 23, with prices about 2½ to 5 per cent. lower than the close of the previous sale. There is little call from this country, as prices are yet above the basis ruling here.—Bradstreet's.

The Safety Barb Wire Company, of Toronto, has assigned. This company was incorporated two years ago with a capital stock of \$75,000, of which \$10,000 was subscribed and \$30,000 paid in.

The Cincinnati Price Current of May 1 says: "The movement of hogs continues of liberal proportions. Western packing returns indicate a total of \$20,000 for the week, compared with \$15,000 the preceding week, and \$25,000 for corresponding time last year. From March 1 the total is 2,275,000, against 2,100,000 a year ago—an increase of 175,000. Quality very satisfactory. Prices at the close average about the same as a week ago for the prominent markets, at approximately \$3.40 per 100 pounds as the general average, about \$1.20 lower than a year ago."