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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 22, 1894.

## Manitoba.

W. W. Matthews, jeweller, Winnipeg, has assigned;  
John Carswell, general store, Douglas, has assigned.  
The Manitoba Publishing Co., Winnipeg, have assigned.  
Snider & Miller, dry goods, Portage la Prairie, have assigned  
J. M. Gilroy, harness, Elkhorn, has sold out to John Carwin.  
Steel & Saults, hotel, Boissevain, have dissolved; Saults continues.  
Wm. W. Matthews, jeweller, Winnipeg, is in the hands of the sheriff.  
Water has at last been struck at Deloraine, and the public are jubilant.  
H. B. Tullock & Co., harness, etc., Winnipeg, chattel mortgage foreclosed.  
Pierce Bros., Melita, are moving their stock of dry goods to Oxbow, Assa.  
H. L. Elliott, general store, Melita, stock damaged by fire. Covered by insurance.  
The Carberry electric light plant, owned by Thos. Oliver, has been seized by the sheriff.  
Ghearley & Dixon, livery, Alexander, have sold out. Mr. Dutton now has the business.  
R. Alton's conservatories on Notre Dame street, Winnipeg, have been damaged \$300 by fire.  
Fire in the basement of Howard's drug store, Winnipeg, the other night, did considerable damage to the stock. Covered by insurance.  
The well known furniture firm of Wilson & Smyth, Brandon has dissolved. S. M. Smyth goes out and A. D. Rankin takes an interest in the business. The new firm is Wilson & Rankin.  
The publishers of the *Western Workman*, Winnipeg, have issued a very neat calendar, specially adapted for Workmen. Many of the lodges of the Ancient Order United Workmen are sending the calendar to their members.

G. A. Hogarth, general dealer, Melita, is moving back to Minnedosa, where he was formerly located.

The Methodists will build a college in Winnipeg to cost \$75,000. The location is on Portage avenue, and the land has cost \$24,000.

The Winnipeg city council has decided to apply to the legislature for power to grant a bonus of \$100,000 to the Dominion government to aid in improving the navigation of the Red river, it being understood that approval of the bonus must also be obtained by popular vote of the electors.

The stock of A. C. McEown & Co., general merchants, Boissevain, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, on Friday, January 20, at Winnipeg. The stock consist of the following:—Clothing, \$1,137.54; dry goods, \$2,483.42; boots and shoes, \$703.89; groceries, \$777.02; crockery and glassware, \$189.14; hats, caps, furnishings, etc., \$713.52. Total, \$9,004.53. Book accounts, \$641.45.

In the Manitoba legislature on Wednesday, Hon. Mr. Cameron stated that the object of the bill respecting insurance companies was to compel the taking out of license, also the putting up of a certain deposit as security for the benefit of the insured. The bill was based largely upon an act in force in Ontario. The proposed amendments to the county courts act, the Attorney General said, contained minor matters respecting fees and expenses, but did not extend the jurisdiction of the court.

## Assiniboia.

Regina has a new fire engine.  
Rufus Atkinson, & Co., lumber, Alameda, have sold out to G. H. Knowling.

## Alberta.

McHugh Bros., Bow Park ranch, Calgary, are dissolving partnership.  
King, Leakey & Co., general store, Calgary, have dissolved; Leakey continues.  
The Lethbridge & Cardstone Telephone Co., Lethbridge, are seeking incorporation.  
Arrangements are being made by the customs department by which Calgary, now an out port of Winnipeg, will be made an independent port of entry, with Edmonton and McLeod as out-ports. Davis, M.P. for Alberta, will be appointed collector, it is said.

## Prince Albert.

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This is without exception one of the best districts you can find in a week's travel for mixed farming. In an interview with a farmer from North Dakota, who has been looking around here for land for the last two months, he said it is good enough for him, and leaves this week for Dakota to move his family here. There is any amount of good water, and plenty of groves and shade. The farmers here are complaining because they only had 25 bushels of wheat to the acre. Cows sell for \$40, sheep \$5 to \$7 per head, wheat 38c, potatoes 50c per bushel and hay \$5 per ton. Wood delivered for \$1.50 per cord. Vegetables of all kinds grow here well. The lakes are full of fish, and there is any amount of game.

A short time ago J. McArthur shipped 250 sheep to Winnipeg. He has about 3,000 sheep, and they are doing well.

Mr. Russel, butcher, has recently shipped 5,000 lbs of beef to Winnipeg.

Rumor has it that a woollen mill be started before many months.

The merchants are forming a stock company to start a flour mill.

D. W. Garrison has furnished and fitted up a first class stopping place at Saskatoon.

## Wolseley, Assa.

(From a correspondent).

Banbury & McGee's tender has been accepted for building a stone and brick court house at a cost of about \$5,000.

The Massey Co. intend building a new warehouse as soon as the weather permits.

B. A. McGee will build a fine residence in the spring.

A large creamery is to be built here by Mr. Dill.

More new settlers came here last year than for several years previously.

We can boast of having as good a crop as any other district.

The proprietor of the Leland house intends making some extensive alterations, so that it will be more comfortable for the weary traveller.

## Indian Head, Assa.

(From a correspondent).

One of our bachelor farmers, J. Stevens, cleared \$1,400 last year out of wheat alone, after paying all his expenses.

Our harness maker reports collections much better than he expected, and he is kept busy all the time.

Money is fairly plentiful here.

The only drawback to this district is that there are too many large farms, and settlers can't get farms near this place without paying a good price for them.

## Northwest Ontario.

Coal has been discovered near the Lake of the Woods, south of the boundary, and a company is being formed at St. Paul to open the mines. It is said the vein extends into Canadian territory, and shafts will be sunk on each side of the boundary.

On January 14 fire broke out in Brown's restaurant at Sudbury. The building was destroyed, together with Gibbons & Elliott's general store and Tuttle's boarding house. Gibbons & Elliott and Ruddenham and the owners of the restaurant and boarding house are the heaviest losers.

The famous case of Ray vs. Ibester, of special interest to Port Arthur people, has at last been settled by Judge Street, in Queen's Bench Division Court, Toronto. This action was concerning certain promissory notes. Upon the evidence the learned Judge finds that the defendant James Ibester held himself out to the plaintiffs as a partner in the firm of M. Ibester & Co., and that whether actually a partner or not, he thereby made himself liable upon the notes sued upon, and that none of the defences urged is an answer to the action. Judgment for the plaintiffs for the amount of their claim with interest and costs. This judgment in favor of Mr. Ray amounts to over \$30,000.

## Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for week ending Jan. 18, were \$962,987; balances, \$184,636. For the previous week clearings were \$1,115,806.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses:

|               | Clearings.  |             |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
|               | Jan. 4th.   | Dec. 28th.  |
| Montreal..... | \$9,325,343 | \$8,564,508 |
| Toronto.....  | 5,744,939   | 5,171,342   |
| Halifax.....  | 1,081,106   | 983,650     |
| Hamilton..... | 781,944     | 548,397     |

Total.....\$15,933,332 \$16,267,886  
Balances.....\$2,346,471 \$2,399,983