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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 3, 1890.

Manitoba.

John Davy, fruit dealer, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

The livery business of T. E. Kelly, Brandon, is advertised for sale.

R. M. Graham, general merchant, Melita, advertises selling out.

J. H. Brownlee, civil engineer, Brandon, will move to Victoria, B. C.

P. Collinge, of Winnipeg, will open out a lumber yard at Melita.

J. E. Smith, horse dealer, etc., Brandon, has not sold out as reported.

John Sivertz has opened in the confectionery and fruit line at Selkirk.

J. H. Ruddell, saddler, Morden, has opened a branch shop at Plum Coulee.

S. Gray, dealer in fruits and confectionery, Winnipeg, has given up business.

H. W. Kent, dairy, Winnipeg, lost \$800 to \$900 by fire last week. No insurance.

The Pilot Mound Sentinel speaks of cabbage grown in that district which weigh 30 to 40 pounds.

The Winnipeg Board of Trade banquetted the British farmer delegates on Wednesday evening last.

Alderman Hanbury, of Brandon, has purchased Bleasdale's interest in the Brandon planing mill.

L. D. McPherson, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, is again in difficulties and has assigned to the official assignee.

The Shoal Lake creamery has closed operations. The season's make of butter has been sold to British Columbia dealers.

Chalmer Bros. & Bethune, of Pilot Mound, shipped two car loads of stock last week. One car of cattle was for Whithy, Ont.

M. L. Grimmitt, who has been for some time with Munson & Allan, barristers, Winnipeg, has been admitted as a partner in the firm.

John E. Campbell of Campbell & Stevens, lumber dealers, Carman, has commenced the erection of a two-story business block at that place.

F. C. VanBuskirk, tobaccos, drugs, etc., of Manitou, has purchased the stock of stationery and fancy goods of the estate of J. E. T. Powers of Brandon.

The estate of L. Godbolt, boots and shoes Winnipeg, was sold last week to Kilgour, Rimer & Co., also shoe dealers in Winnipeg, at 65¢ cents on the dollar.

Jas. A. Grigor, of Grigor Bros., wholesale jewelers, Winnipeg, is now out on a western trip. This firm has gradually extended its business, and now travellers go right through to the coast.

Notice is given that C. R. Dunsford, H. P. Hansen, H. Meikle, B. J. McConnell, W. Connor and J. B. McLaren will apply for letters patent under the name of "The Morden Electric Company."

Kilgour, Rimer & Co., boots and shoes, Winnipeg, who have purchased the bankrupt shoe stock of L. Godbolt, have opened a branch store in the Fould's block, Winnipeg, corner of Market and Main streets.

The partnership existing between Julien Micheul Romieux, Gabriel Henri, and Pierre Deschanoault, as brick and pottery manufacturers, St. Boniface, under the style of Romieux, Henri & Co., has been dissolved.

The C. P. R. last week re-commenced work on the Souris branch. At present the road is ironed to Menteith, at which place construction material is arriving. It is expected that the locomotive will be running into Melita this winter.

A vegetable that is produced in extraordinary excellence in the peculiar soil of the prairies, says the Pilot Mound Sentinel, is the parsnip. In the spring when many other roots are out of season the parsnip is in its prime and is a delicious article of food.

C. N. Bell, Secretary of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, has returned from his trip east in connection with the Dominion board of flour examiners. He reports eastern grain dealers as greatly disappointed over the poor quality of western wheat this year.

New houses are springing up like mushrooms on the Martin & Curtis estate at Portage la Prairie, says the Liberal, and in other parts of the east end. When the season is closed, it will have been found to be one of the best for years past in the house building line.

Mr. Thomas, general manager of Molson's bank, who was in Winnipeg last week, stated that it was not fully decided to open a branch of the bank in Winnipeg, but such a step was being considered. Messrs. Archibald and Ewing, directors of the bank were here with Mr. Thomas.

It is said that a large number of Mennonites are preparing to settle in the county of Shoal Lake, in this province. The Mennonites are becoming somewhat crowded for room in their older settlements in Manitoba. Some went

away to the Pacific coast states to settle, but are returning again, as they prefer Manitoba.

R. Cochrane & Co., agricultural implements, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Jas. Lowrie retires and R. Cochrane will continue the business.

Steps are being taken for the formation of a poultry breeders' association in southern Manitoba. It is to be hoped this incident will encourage the raising of poultry in that part of the province. Raising poultry is very profitable, and yet Manitoba does not produce a sufficient quantity to supply the home demand.

The contractors of the Northwest Central have applied for a lien on the road until they are paid ten per cent. balance due on the contract, and they further ask for an injunction restraining the company from taking possession of the road until the amount is paid. The contract price was £200,000 sterling, and the balance due is \$83,920. An injunction has been granted.

Bryan & Co., cigar manufacturers, Winnipeg, moved a short time ago to new premises on Market Street, east, where they have greatly increased accommodation. Their business has steadily increased until it has become one of the most important industries in this city, and now gives employment to about thirty hands. "The Canuck" is a new brand of cigar which is now being placed on the market by this factory. Bryan & Co. have recently been appointed agents for all Western Canada for Carling's ales.

Another important change in the implement trade of Winnipeg was made last week. H. S. Westbrook has retired from the management of the western business of the Patterson & Brother Company, his term with the company as per agreement having expired on November 1st. A. S. Patterson, treasurer of the company, succeeds to the management of the western business, and that gentleman is now here. Mr. Westbrook will continue in the implement trade in Winnipeg, and will deal in the goods which he formerly handled in conjunction with and while representing the Patterson company.

G. F. Stephens & Co., wholesale paints, glass, etc., Winnipeg, have had a brisk week recently in plate glass. Among other buildings the McIntyre block has been furnished with glass, and the mammoth Northern Pacific hotel building in Winnipeg has called for a large quantity of fine plate glass. For the latter building one pane of glass has been imported which is 132 by 148 inches in size, and is worth not far from \$500. This is the largest piece of glass ever brought into Western Canada, and is one of the largest, and perhaps even the largest ever handled in Canada. The glass for this building is all of the finest polished plate.

The assignment of A. E. Sinclair, fruit dealer, Morden, is said to have been due to endorsing bills for other parties, a very unwise act for any person to do. Speaking of this the Morden Monitor says: "He hopes to be in a position to make such arrangements as will enable him to pay the small number of creditors in full. There are probably few business men in town so highly respected as Mr. Sinclair for his many good qualities, and his embarrassment is a source of regret to all. We understand that sufficient offers have been tendered him by his friends in town to tide him over, which will leave no doubt of his being in a position to do business again at the old stand very shortly."