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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 18, 1895.

Manitoba.

T. A. Shortroed, livery and feed stables, Morden, is dead.

R. Ross, general merchant, Elkhorn, has sold out to M. Finklestine.

Ross & Maw, dealers in vehicles, etc., Winnipeg, contemplate dissolution.

Hanbly & Co., have taken over the business of S. M. Jackson, general merchant of High Bluff.

The Melita Enterprise has entered on its fifth year. The Commercial wishes it a prosperous year.

The Winnipeg Electric Street Railway put their new plant in operation Tuesday. The plant is considered to be one of the largest and best electrical power plants now in use.

W. B. Scarth, of Winnipeg, left for Ottawa last week, where he will permanently reside. He was banqueted by the Manitoba Club before his departure.

D. C. Lamont will open business in the hardware line at Neepawa. The stock in his old stand has been purchased by Mr. Forester of Hartney.

Thompson & Smith's livery, and sale stable at Minnetosa was destroyed by fire on Nov. 10. Insurance \$600. All of the horses were removed from the building but five or six of them went in again unnoticed and were burned.

Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, are mailing to the trade this week a special supplementary catalogue of the new Jewel stoves and heaters for burning native lignite coal.

Alberta.

A pork packing industry has been started at South Edmonton by Howard & Co.

The stable of Thos. Cullen, Calgary, was burned Nov. 9. Loss \$1,500; insurance \$800.

The force of men is being increased at the Lethbridge coal mines.

George Hutton dealer in agricultural implements, Edmonton has assigned.

Northwest Ontario.

J. W. Buchanan, of Winnipeg, has been awarded a contract by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to take out \$0,000 ties at once for track improvement. He will send a

force of 150 men to Oxdrift, near Eagle river, where his camp is located. Other extensive tie contracts have recently been let by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Assiniboia.

R. H. Williams, Regina, has opened a branch store at Balgonie.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks 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.	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Nov. 2	Nov. 9
Extra Manitoba hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	168	0	180	92	69
No. 2 hard.....	41	18	35	37	27
No. 3 hard.....	47	32	45	54	30
No. 1 North'n.....	43	56	22	24	18
No. 2 North'n.....	3	5	5	5	11
No. 3 North'n.....	0	3	4	3	0
No. 1 white type.....	4	0	3	3	0
No. 2 white type.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring.....	30	19	15	9	2
No. 2 Spring.....	0	1	3	0	0
No. 1 frosted.....	60	37	50	34	27
No. 2 frosted.....	31	31	34	24	0
No. 3 Frosted.....	11	6	8	7	7
No. 1 Rejected.....	28	21	21	21	6
No. 2 Rejected.....	57	29	50	42	28
No Grade.....	1	1	1	0	0
Total.....	622	341	426	335	234
Same week last year.....	136	142	211	164	143

*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.

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William afloat, 59 to 60c and 40 to 49c to farmers, Manitoba country points.
Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.45; Bakers, \$1.35.
Bran.—Per ton, \$10.
Shorts.—Per ton, \$12.
Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, 23 to 24c.
Barley.—Per bushel, feed 28c to 30; malting 33.
Flax Seed.—\$1.00 to \$1.10.
Butter.—Round lots country dairy 12 to 14c.
Cheese.—Small lots 11 to 11½c.
Eggs.—Fresh, 14c, round lots.
Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 4 to 5c.
Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 5½ to 6c.
Hogs.—Dressed, 5 to 5½c.
Cattle.—Butchers, 2 to 2½c.
Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.
Sheep.—\$2.25 to \$2.40 per 100 pounds.
Seneca Root.—19 to 20c.
Chickens.—7 to 8c.
Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.
Potatoes.—45 to 50c per bushel.
Hay.—\$4.50 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.
Wool.—8 to 9c, unwashed fleece.

Manitoba Wheat Movement.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William from September 1 to November 9 amount to 6,664,156 bushels, as compared with 6,707,052 bushels for the same period last year. Shipments east of Fort William for export or to Eastern Canada from September 1 to November 9 amount to 4,575,439 bushels, as compared with 6,465,932 bushels for the corresponding period of last year, showing a falling off of about 1,890,000 bushels in shipments this year. Stocks at Fort William on November 9 were 2,259,992 bushels, compared with 1,100,483 bushels a year ago. Receipts for the week ended November 9 at Fort William were 1,060,553 bushels (the largest

week this season) and shipments from that point were 990,382, also the largest week's shipments on this crop. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 717,696 bushels and shipments 1,021,222 bushels.

Adding about 1,000,000 bushels gone out by Duluth for the season, and 1,000,000 carried out this week by the Canadian Pacific Railway to Fort William, the total movement of wheat out of Manitoba on this crop would aggregate about 8,700,000 bushels, exclusive of flour.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending November 14, were \$1,981,395; balances, \$340,944. For the previous week clearings were \$2,351,555. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$1,492,242. For the month of October clearings were \$7,911,958, as compared with \$6,786,730 for October last year.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Nov. 7.	Oct. 31.
Montreal..	\$12,015,285	\$11,252,085
Toronto...	7,212,006	6,141,007
Halifax...	1,397,054	1,079,182
Winnipeg..	2,351,555	1,944,744
Hamilton..	956,304	620,625
Total	\$28,932,204	\$21,037,593

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

A Chicago paper says that a gigantic transportation pool is being formed, which will control not only all the railway traffic from Chicago to the seaboard, but also the lake and Erie canal transportation facilities. Such a pool if possible would be a bad thing for the entire Northwest.

The Chicago Trade Bulletin of Nov. 11 says: The tariff to New York is 20c per 100 lbs. on flour and grain and 30c for provisions. Through rates to Liverpool were easier at 33½ to 34.06c 100 lbs on flour, 43½ to 49.69c on provisions, 15.80c per bushel for wheat and 14.80 for corn. Rates to Antwerp were 3 to 4c over Liverpool. The lake and rail lines are blocked and unable to take business as readily as of late. Rates to New York were 17½c per 100 lbs on flour, 8c on wheat. Lake rates to Buffalo at 3c for wheat.

The Canadian Pacific Railway have reduced the tariff on the Prince Albert branch, on commodities covered by special tariff No. 269, including grain, flour, millstuffs, flax seed, vegetables, etc. Hereafter the rates on this branch on these commodities will be the same as are charged on the main line, east of Moose Jaw.

Financial and Insurance Matters.

"Our Monthly" published by the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, Toronto, offers \$20 for the best argument for life insurance, in the form of a story, not exceeding fifteen hundred words. Particulars from the editor of Our Monthly, 63 Yongo street, Toronto.

The heretofore favorable results on the lives of total abstainers in the United Kingdom and General Provident Institution, of London, seem to be well maintained, according to its 1894 experience. Actuary Hardy reports that in the temperance section the expected claims were \$46 for \$143,000, while the actual claims were 237 for \$250,300. In the general section, the expected claims were 396 for \$183,500, and the actual claims 351 for \$471,900.

Wm. Macdonnell & Co., traders, Bear Hills, have closed out the Wetaskowin branch of their business.