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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 6, 1890.

## Manitoba.

John Burr, watchmaker, Manitou, is dead.  
Geo. Lundy, Queen's hotel, Morden, has sold out.  
Morden Bros. will open a butcher shop at Morden.  
Ramsay & Clingan have opened a store at Virden.  
J. W. Ruth will open a general store at Carman.  
W. Tuck, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out to R. Aston.  
Carberry's fall show takes place on October 9th and 10th.  
S. E. Downs, tailor, of Toronto, has commenced business at Boissevain.  
The late E. Fitz Bucke, of Brandon, carried an insurance of \$10,000 on his life.  
J. E. Porter has been taken as a partner in Burnham's law business at Emerson.  
A. E. Spera of Cornell, Spera & Co., Winnipeg, left for Hamilton, Ont. last week.  
J. K. Mitchell, confectioner, Winnipeg, has sold out his branch store on Portage Avenue.  
The rate of taxation for the town of Minnedosa has been fixed at two cents on the dollar.  
H. S. Westbrook, the well known Winnipeg implement man, returned last week from a trip south.  
The Queen's hotel at Morden has been purchased by Wm. Clougher, Winnipeg, who has leased it to Geo. Roman.  
Wm. Walker has sold the warehouse at Carberry formerly occupied by John Elliott & Sons, to Sylvester Bros.

Cooper, late harnessmaker with W. C. Cottingham of Boissevain, has embarked in business for himself in his line at Ninga.

At the auction sale of the estate of Alexander & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, on Thursday last, the stock was purchased by Mr. Alexander, at 69½c on the dollar.

C. H. Strutt, who has recently started a tannery at Vancouver, B. C., has purchased a quantity of hides at Selkirk, for shipment to his tannery near Winnipeg.

The New Douglas hotel, Winnipeg, has again changed hands, Wm. Saults has been succeeded by John Garrow and James Denton. Mr. Saults leaves shortly for the coast.

Correspondence, says the Neepawa Register, is passing between some of our prominent citizens and the managers of the Portage Electric Co. which may result in the lighting of Neepawa by electricity.

Stonewall lead off with the first fall show this year, and it was a success, the display being good. This district, just north of Winnipeg, is one of the best in Manitoba, and can hold its own with the most favored localities.

The Mennonites who left Manitoba for Oregon last winter are returning. A Gretna correspondent says that five of the twenty families have returned sadder but wiser; the balance will come back as soon as they can find means.

Now is the time to be on guard against prairie fires, with the warm dry weather which we have had lately, a sharp frost would soon leave the grass in a condition to burn readily. The grass is very rank this year, and fires would be more dangerous than usual. Serious prairie fires have already occurred in Dakota.

The early closing agreement among Winnipeg merchants lapsed last week by limitation of time. Some of the principal merchants have wisely resolved to continue closing at the early hour, though others have gone back to the old system. It seems rather a narrow policy to follow the long hours system, and it is to be hoped that early closing will soon become general again.

Manager Graham of the Northern Pacific roads in Manitoba has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Northern Pacific Railway with headquarters at St. Paul. The office of general manager at Winnipeg has been abolished, and Winnipeg will now become the headquarters for what will be known as the Manitoba division of the Northern Pacific, which will include the lines of the company in the province, together with the line from the boundary to Winnipeg Junction in Minnesota, and the Duluth Crookston & Northern branch. F. E. Michaels will be superintendent of the Manitoba division, with headquarters at Winnipeg.

A correspondent at Souris, (Plum Creek), writes:—"Our little town grows apace, the building boom having reached us. A new elevator, with a capacity of 35,000 bushels, has just been put up by the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, and another will shortly go up, so it is rumored. Two flat warehouses, 20,000 bushels each are also being built at the station. With these two new elevators, and the one at McCullough & Herriot's flour mill (25,000 bush.) we ought to be in a position to handle our large wheat crop this fall. Several private dwellings, a new postoffice, an English

church, vicarage and two stores are among the new buildings, either partially built or shortly to be constructed. The new postoffice is almost ready for occupation.

## Alberta.

Dr. Binkley, dentist, of Hamilton, has opened a dental office at Calgary.

J. B. Bright has bought out Quail's furniture and contracting business at Macleod.

One thousand head of beef cattle belonging to the Cochrane ranche are being shipped to British markets, from the ranche near Macleod. W. F. Cochrane, manager of the company, accompanies the shipment.

Parties have made an inspection of the business of I. G. Baker & Co., in the interest of the Hudson Bay Company, with a view of the transfers of the stores at Calgary, Lethbridge and Macleod to the latter company. The report will go to headquarters for consideration, before decision is arrived at.

At a general meeting of the shareholders of the Lethbridge Building Company was held recently, at which Mr. Magrath was re-elected president and Mr. Conybeare secretary. The following directors were named for the ensuing year: E. T. Galt, A. Moffat, F. H. Mewburn, J. H. Cavanaugh and Rev. C. McKillop.

The annual meeting of the Lethbridge board of trade was held recently. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, C. A. Magrath, re-elected; vice-president, C. C. McCaul; secretary, W. A. Gallihor; treasurer, T. D. Kevin; executive committee, Messrs. Colman, McNabb, Cavanaugh, Hawley, Bentley and Sherlock.

Lethbridge and Great Falls are now connected with an iron band. The last spike was driven on Oct. 1. A large crowd assembled at the depot to see the first locomotive complete its trip over the new road. A train loaded with Galt coal left at 8:30 in the evening of the same day for Montana. A banquet will be given in honor of the event, on Oct. 15.

The Macleod board of trade has again taken up the question of a bridge across the Old Man river, and is urging the matter upon the attention of the authorities. The bridge is certainly badly needed. The board is also moving in the matter of the southern extension of the Calgary and Edmonton railway, with a view to having the road located directly into the town, instead of having it terminate some place near Macleod. The board will address a communication to Sir John Macdonald on this matter. Macleod has waited a long time for a railway, and now that a road is in near prospect, it is but right that it should be built into the town, though it might be to the advantage of a few speculators to start a new town close by and have the road end there.

## Saskatchewan.

The trail from Battleford to Swift Current is practically abandoned. All Battleford freight now comes and goes over the Prince Albert railway, via Saskatoon.

John Black, who has had experience in the grain trade in the old country and the United States, has commenced business in Winnipeg as grain broker. He comes well recommended, and has been favorably received by the trade here.