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## Manitoba.

N. S. Moule, general merchant, Killarney, advertises his stock for sale by auction.

R. Cochrane & Co., carriage dealers, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust to John Atchison Sanderson of Brantford. The stock is offered for sale by tender.

The firm of Kastner & Cowston, dress-makers and milliners Winnipeg, have assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand,

Wing, Chong Wo. & Co., importers and dealers in Chinese and Japanese goods, have opened business at 217 Portage avenue, Winnipeg. They will handle teas, fancy goods, silks, chinaware, etc.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association was held on Thursday last. The election of directors on the board resulted as follows: L. A. Hamilton, A. J. Andrews, J. M. Ross, G. Maulson, H. Bull, D. Smith, D. E. Sprague, F. Fairchild, W. Brydon, F. W. Thompson, H. S. Grotty, G. F. Galt, R. E. Agur, J. T. Gordon, T. A. Anderson, J. A. Richard and Jas. Edmond.

Dr. Riddell, of Crystal City, contemplates moving to Morden.

Hoover & Co., general store, Franklin, have signed.

McKay & Co., agricultural implements, Morden have sold out to Adamson & Parker.

H. Duff, Stonewall, baker, has sold out to A. Shavo.

James Flegg, of the Crawford House, Winnipeg, is succeeded by R. H. Dunbar.

W. J. McKinley, Whitemouth, general store, is succeeded by Wm. Wilson.

## Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Bradstreets says of the trade in the United States. "Cotton goods are firm, with a moderate call for supplies. Raw cotton is steady, and manufacturers are not disposed to force sales of goods at the expense of price. While buyers are not inclined to stock ahead any extent under present conditions. American shirtings and indigo blues and terramar shirtings advanced 3c. December. The market for dress woollens is steady, with the tone of values firm. Moderate orders for spring are being taken, but some mills are quite well sold ahead. Manufac-

turers are preparing fall samples, and in some instances have taken moderate orders for overcoatings. Within the next two weeks samples for fall will be freely shown, if clothiers are ready."

## Financial and Insurance Notes.

All the banks in Toronto have issued circulars to those who have savings deposits with them, informing them that henceforth the interest of 3 1/2 per cent. on such deposits will be reduced to 3 per cent.

## Grocery Trade Notes.

Willett & Gray, of New York, in their last sugar circular says: "Now that the Spanish Government have prohibited all grinding of cane until the month of February, which they set for overcoming the rebellion, it is quite certain that no sugars will be made before. In our first estimate of crops of the world, given herewith for 1896-97, we place the Cuba crop at 100,000 tons. This is subject to such corrections as may be necessary. If the war does not terminate, so that grinding can begin before April, it is not likely that our estimate will be exceeded; We estimate the cane crops for 1896-97 at 181,959 tons less than last season's, which taken in connection with Mr. Licht's estimate of beet crops, will give 451,142 tons more total production of sugar in the world than last season."

The Sugar Planters' Journal says of the Louisiana crop: "We have heard much less than usual about the sugar yield. Every report which has reached us shows that while the cane tonnage is light in places where the drouth prevailed and is good in all other sections, the sugar yield per ton of cane is everywhere larger than usual. As to injury by the cold snap of two weeks ago, it seems that it was more severe than we thought, but only in isolated localities, for much of the cane is yet perfectly green. The injury, however, is mostly confined to the more northern parishes."

## Assiniboia.

A. Grunert, blacksmith, Yorkton, has sold out to Carl Hart.

McPhillips, blacksmith, Indian Head, is burned out.

## Trade with the United Kingdom.

The year is closing well for the Anglo-Canadian trade. The imports from Canada into Great Britain have increased eighteen per cent. for the eleven months ending with November, totalling £12,154,369. The increases include:—Wheat, £500,000; bacon, £190,000; hams, £150,000; butter, £170,000; cheese, £280,000; eggs, £16,000; fish, £50,000; hewn wood, £185,000; sawn wood, £780,000. The exports from England to Canada increased one per cent. during the same period.

## Alberta.

The Calgary Herald Co. and the Gibson Printing Co., of Calgary, have amalgamated. F. M. Robertson, grocer, Edmonton, has sold out to A. MacDonald.

The Innisfail Ranchers Supply Store, Innisfail, will hereafter be known as Powell & Co.

D. E. Adams, who handles the Hazzard mine Souris coal, says that the output from the mine this year is about four times the quantity of any previous year. The coal is coming into use all over the country.

## Hardware and Paint Trade.

The Montreal Gazette says "The most prominent feature of the iron and metal market at present is the strength in tin, Canada, and other plates. It is unusual for dealers here to do any heavy importing after the close of navigation, but several of them have been compelled to place some pretty heavy contracts for delivery around the first of the year. Some of the heaviest consumers of tin plate ordered heavily recently, which is unusual at this time, and as dealers, for various reasons, bought sparingly this fall a comparative scarcity was developed. Indeed even with the supplies ordered for future delivery there is good reason to be doubtful whether there will be enough to go round between now and the spring. This condition has resulted in a very firm feeling in tin plate, and it is doubtful if good IC. coke can be had under \$3.00 while wasters range from \$2.70 to \$2.80. Canada plates are equaly strong at an advance of 15c to 25c per box over a fortnight ago. In fact, all lines of iron are strong also. Another influence contributing to strengthen values are the high freight rates this winter. Importers who were unlucky enough to have some of their shipments miss the last steamer for this port, will readily endorse this. One had a lot of bar steel that he expected to lay down for 7s 6d per ton, which will now cost 27s 6d, a difference of 20s. Another had a shipment of chain, which he was figuring on at freight rate of 10s 6d to 12s 6d, which will cost him 38s 6d. These examples are sufficient to show what the increased cost of laying down goods from now on is."

The Toronto Globe says: "There is a good demand for wools for export and as the bulk of the clip has been sold for export the offerings from the country are very small. Prices offered for fleeces wools here are firmer. The offerings are small and local dealers are offering more and quote 21c to 22c for selected country lots of washed."

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