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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 8, 1894.

## Manitoba.

J. Vance, general store. Chater, moved to Winnipeg.

Greenway & Richards, Crystal City, have assigned.

A. C. McEown & Co., general store, Boissevain, have assigned.

Chas. Newburn, hotel, Brandon, succeeded by E. G. Short.

J. Graham & Son, general store, Miami, J. Graham deceased.

S. F. Attwood, fruit and confectionery, Winnipeg, sold out by bailiff.

J. F. Dougall, carriage maker, Winnipeg, premises slightly damaged by fire.

J. B. Henderson, general store, Carberry, reported moving to Portage la Prairie.

Robert Hall & Co., printers and publishers, Brandon, reported sold out to Lang Bros.

Manitoba Farming Colonization & Water Co., Winnipeg, is applying for incorporation.

Brandon Boot & Shoe Co., boots and shoes, Brandon, stock advertised for sale by sheriff.

E. P. Holland, hotel, Brandon, damaged by fire; reported loss \$700, fully covered by insurance.

J. J. & T. M. Baird, implement agent and farmer, Brandon, assigned to Frederick Wm. Young.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange will be held on January 10, at 11 a.m.

C. K. Hamilton, jeweller, Carberry, has moved to Emerson, where he has succeeded J. G. Kerr.

A new drug store is being opened at Selkirk by Dr. J. M. Ferguson and Mr. Peploe, of Winnipeg.

The publishers of the *Manitoba*, the monthly magazine published at Winnipeg, announces by circular that, commencing Jan 10, it is their intention to issue the journal weekly, and in the interest of the Conservative party.

A handy wall calendar has been received from Stephen Nairn, oatmeal miller and grain dealer, Winnipeg.

G. A. Dinwoodie and Dan Hamilton have bought out the implement business at Neepawa of W. J. Hamilton.

A very handy desk calendar for 1894 has been received from Thompson, Codville & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg.

Geo. Botting, Alexander, is about to dispose of his barbering business to his nephew, H. B. Botting, and is re-establishing himself in Brandon.

The employees of Sutherland & Campbell, Winnipeg, presented R. J. Campbell with a handsome and costly gold-headed cane on Saturday evening.

The following are the Government Savings office returns for Winnipeg for the month of December: Deposits, \$15,786.80; withdrawals, \$30,082.19.

C. W. Herrell of Neepawa has rented the store occupied by his stationery and fancy goods department to R. D. Young, and will sell his stock without reserve.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association will be held in Winnipeg, on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 2 o'clock. Public meeting in the evening, at 7.30.

The Hudson's Bay Co. has been awarded the contract for the supply of groceries to the Manitoba insane asylum at Selkirk. G. F. Pearson has the contract for meat.

W. J. Goest, dealer in fish, game, etc., Winnipeg, has been appointed agent for D. & O. Sproule, of Digby, N.S., who are curers of the celebrated star brand of finnan haddies.

D. Sprague, of the Winnipeg saw mills, has sixty men and teams getting out saw logs in Minnesota. The logs will be run down the Red River to Winnipeg next summer.

Addition has been made to the fishing regulations for Manitoba and the Territories, allowing the use of gill nets, under "Domestic Licenses," to a limit not exceeding 1,000 yards, in cases only of resident settlers on Lake Winnipeg and for their winter fishing only in said lake. Previously only 300 yards of net were allowed.

The total arrivals for the year 1893 of settlers and cars of stock and effects for settlement in Manitoba as reported by Agent Smith is as follows: Via Fort William, settlers, 12,634; cars of settlers effects, 442. Via Gretna, settlers, 260. Total for 1893, settlers, 12,894; cars of settler's effects, 442.

Among the bills which it is said will be introduced by the attorney-general at the coming session of the Legislature is an amendment to the County Courts Act, which will have for its object the lightening of expenses in connection with county court proceedings. This is a measure which will be heartily welcomed. Amendments to the Exemption Act, in the interest of farmers, are also proposed.

Following are the customs returns at Winnipeg for the month of December 1893.—

Entered for consumption dutiable	\$109,806
free	39,183

Total for consumption	\$148,989
Duty collected	\$39,872.88

DECEMBER, 1892.

Entered for consumption dutiable	\$121,568
free	43,098

Total for consumption	\$164,666
Duty collected	\$40,440.75

Andrew H. Smith, a Winnipeg tanner, in partnership with A. Nichols, has been arrested for endeavoring to make away with about \$800 worth of furs, which the firm were dressing for Jos. Rogers, furrier, of this city. Smith, it is alleged, bundled the furs up and had them shipped to Vancouver, following himself a little later. His partner becoming suspicious, and discovering that the furs had not been delivered to Rogers, had the matter

placed in the hands of the authorities. Smith was arrested on route to Vancouver, and has been committed for trial.

John McDonagh, a member of the firm of McDonagh & Shea, brewers, Winnipeg, died on Wednesday morning, after a severe and lengthy illness. Both the members of the firm came here ten or twelve years ago from the States, and engaged in railway contracting, and later carried on the Waverly hotel in Winnipeg. This was given up a few years ago, to engage in the brewing industry, in which the firm has been very successful, conducting it with enterprise and ability.

The firm of Chambré, Grundy & Co., real estate and insurance agents, Winnipeg, has been dissolved. Mr. Grundy is to assume the management of a local real estate and mortgage company, with head office in this city. The present company, which was incorporated nearly two years ago as the "Guaranty Land Security Company," will, at the next session of the legislature, apply for power to change the name to the "Realty Trust and Security Company." Mr. Grundy has also received word of his appointment as superintendent for Manitoba and the Territories of the United States Life Insurance Company of New York.

On December 29 fire broke out in M. Lyons' house at Carberry, occupied by J. P. Curran as a dwelling and office. The flames gained headway rapidly, and soon extended to D. Hunt's large livery stables; A. E. May's implement warehouse, owned by James Thompson; Walker's auction room, also owned by Thompson and E. Ross' office, all of which were consumed. Mr. Lyons' loss is \$800, no insurance; Hunt's loss is \$1,500, insurance \$850; Thompson's loss is 1,500, insurance (in Commercial Union) \$600; E. Ross' loss is \$200, no insurance; J. H. Lyons' loss is \$300 in plate glass. J. P. Curran lost all his furniture, wearing apparel, books and office furniture; no insurance.

The dry goods stock of Geo. H. Rodgers & Co., Winnipeg, did not sell at the auction on Dec. 29, as there were no bids above the reserve bid of 50 cents on the dollar. Notwithstanding the failure to sell the stock, Mr. Rodgers has not abandoned his intention of going out of the trade. He has given notice that he will leave the premises after the first of February, and in the meantime he is disposing of the stock by private and auction sales at retail. There is a prospect that the stock may be sold en bloc shortly by private sale, as negotiations are proceeding to that end. The store is one of the best in the city for the dry goods trade, and a purchaser of the stock can secure a lease of the store. Stock amounts to \$17,697.43.

The prospectus of the proposed new Winnipeg daily, has been published. The paper is to be called *The Nor-Wester*, and the company will be known as the Northwestern Publishing Company. We do not like the name selected for the proposed newspaper, but that is none of our business. The authorized capital stock is \$25,000, which seems a small sum with which to begin the publication of a daily paper in Winnipeg, of sufficient merit to compete with existing publications. The charter directors are Alex. Macdonald, wholesale grocer; R. P. Roblin, grain merchant; W. F. Luxton, journalist; Colin H. Campbell, barrister; Geo. D. Wood, wholesale merchant, Murray H. Miller, agent. W. F. Luxton will be managing editor. It is proposed to publish an evening and weekly at the outset, and later to issue a morning edition. The new journal, it is stated, will not be the organ of any political party. It will evidently require the expenditure of considerable capital, coupled with great energy and ability, to place a third daily in Winnipeg upon a paying basis. Mr. Luxton's long connection with journalism in Winnipeg, will ensure a considerable support from the start, but this will to some extent be counterbalanced by antagonisms formed of his long journalistic and political career in Winnipeg. The *Free Press*, as it is now conducted, will prove a very hard competitor, but eventually the proposed new daily may become a profitable enterprise.