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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 9, 1891.

Manitoba.

E. Vinning has opened out as a music dealer in Brandon.
Weeks & Nix, grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.
W. J. Smale, boots and shoes, Carberry, advertises selling out.
E. H. Taffee, gents' furnishings, Winnipeg, has given up business.
The general store business of M. A. Russell, Morris, is advertised for sale.
Wilson & Co., hardware, Brandon, have sold out their branch business at Wawanesa.
The estate of F. S. Moule & Co., general store, Kil'arnoy, has been sold to Jas. Thompson.
H. H. Smith has been appointed official liquidator of the Lake Winnipeg Transportation Company.
Alexander & Co., Winnipeg, have assigned, as a result of the troubles of McLachlan & Co., Montreal.
A. R. Sutherland, general merchant, Strathclair, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand, of Winnipeg.
Fairchild & Co., implements, Winnipeg, have opened an agency at Carberry, with A. E. Story in charge.
H. S. Westbrook, agricultural implement dealer, Winnipeg, has returned from a trip through the province.
J. J. Ryan, who represents Michel Lefebvre & Co., manufacturers of vinegars, jams, preserves, etc., Montreal, dropped into THE COMMERCIAL last week. He is on one of his regular western trips.

Livingston, general merchant of Glenboro, has made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand. This establishment was burned out recently.

About 3,000 bushels of grain per day have been marketed at Minnedosa, and about 140,000 bushels have been marketed there so far this season.

Rails and ties for the extension of the C. P. R. Souris branch to Melita are being piled at Hartney. Track laying will be renewed early in the spring.

O. E. Marcoy, western manager for the Evans Bros' pianos and Doherty organs, left last week on a trip to the coast, and will do business at points along the road.

The *Scandinavian Canadian* newspaper, published at Winnipeg, has made its appearance in a new and improved form under the editorship of John E. Forslund, successor to Emanuel Ohlen.

An extension of the regular train service from Glenboro to Methven, on the South-western, went into effect last week. This takes in the new portion of this branch constructed last year.

M. McManus, of Turnbull & McManus, wholesale sash, doors, etc., Winnipeg, goes south this week on a business trip. He will visit Minneapolis and other principal manufacturing points in his line of business.

Thos Clearihue, the well known western representative of Jas. Hall & Co., manufacturers of gloves, mitts, moccasins, etc., called on THE COMMERCIAL last week. He is now about starting out on his western trip as far as coast points.

The fall court gave judgment last week on the appeal from Judge Killam's decision upholding the constitutionality of the new school act passed last session by the Manitoba Legislature. The court sustained the previous judgment, Judge Dubuc dissenting from the finding of Chief Justice Taylor and Justice Bain. The case will be at once appealed to the Supreme Court at Ottawa, and in time be carried by one of the parties to the suit to the to the Privy Council.

The weather throughout Manitoba was very mild up to Saturday, January 31, and up to that time cattle were feeding out on the prairie over a considerable portion of the province. There was little or no snow in the western and hardly enough for sleighing in the eastern portions of the province. On January 31 a cold snap set in, which was quite as cold as anything usually experienced in Manitoba, and lasted up to Feb. 4, when the weather again turned mild and pleasant. Dealers in clothing, furs, etc., were lamenting that the cool spell did not come a month or two earlier in the season.

Capt. Robinson, of Selkirk, who has been studying up the benefits of river navigation between this city and Lake Winnipeg, estimates that in the matter of dimension timber and cordwood alone that \$150,000 per annum would be saved by the people with the present rate of consumption, if the steamers were able to land freight from the lake in the city. The captain also says there would also be corresponding savings in lumber, stone, sand, etc., which are made expensive by railway freights. The captain has made this calculation on account of the proposal to improve Red river at St. Andrew's rapids, so as to enable Lake

Winnipeg steamers to run up the river to Winnipeg.

The following is a statement of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon, at the port of Winnipeg during the month of January, 1891, compared with the corresponding month of 1890:—

Description.	Value. 1890.	Value. 1891.
Exported	\$ 51,437 00	\$202,377 00
Imported—dutiable	115,351 00	120,129 00
Imported—free	41,658 00	165,183 00
Total imported	\$157,009 00	\$285,317 00
Entered for consumption— dutiable	\$113,007 00	\$121,230 00
Entered for consumption— free	41,658 00	165,183 00
Total for consumption ..	\$154,665 00	\$286,413 00
Duty collected	\$ 38,521 16	\$ 35,769 25

Alberta.

N. P. Roman, hotelkeeper, Canmore, is out of business, and is succeeded by Fred. Wyld.

Thos. Rocks, late of Brandon, Manitoba, has accepted the management of the Lethbridge House, Lethbridge.

A commercial traveller, says the *Lethbridge News*, dropped a \$200 roll of bills in a Lethbridge hotel the other day and a brakeman of the Great Falls and Canada Ry. picked it up and skipped across the line with it.

The result of the municipal elections held at Lethbridge is as follows: Mayor—Mr. Magrath, by acclamation; J. H. Cavanah, 233; H. Bentley, 207; W. Calpman, 169; C. M. Turner, 152; T. Curry, 142; W. Henderson, 140.

Assiniboia.

Charles Booth has opened a flour and feed business at Qu'Appelle.

Sherlock, Freeman & Co, general store, Grenfell, have sold out.

Hugh Armour, of Banff, will open business in the butchering line at Regina.

At a meeting at Yorkton it was decided to have a creamery the coming season. Dr. Watson was elected secretary and was empowered to issue stock at \$10 a share. In two days \$2,500 worth of stock was secured.

A meeting of university graduates was held recently at Regina in the interest of the establishment of a university for the territories. A number of resolutions were passed, among which was one urging upon the Dominion Parliament the importance of at once making a land grant for a university. Committees to prosecute the movement were appointed.

Saskatchewan.

F. W. Shea has opened a cigar and tobacco store at Prince Albert.

Geo. Northgraves is closing up his jewelry business at Prince Albert.

THE production of paper in the entire world is estimated to be 3,000,000,000 pounds per year. There are 884 paper mills and 1,106 paper machines in the U.S. Germany has 809 mills and 891 machines; France 420 mills and 525 machines; England 361 mills and 541 machines; Scotland 69 mills and 98 machines; Ireland 13 mills and 13 machines; Russia 133 and 137 machines, and Austria 220 and 270 machines.