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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 19, 1894.

Manitoba.

Richard Spence is opening a hotel at Morris. H. Byres, is opening in hardware at McGregor.

J. W. Kastner, hotel Morris, was sold out under execution.

The Assiniboa Lumber Co., Brandon, has been incorporated.

The Tribune Publishing Co., Winnipeg, is applying for incorporation.

Samuel Evans, milk dealer, Winnipeg, has assigned to Richard Dawson.

H. Hurdman, barber, fruit &c. McGregor, is, adding groceries to his business.

Patterson & Co., livery, Winnipeg are succeeded by Davidson & Routledge.

J. W. Galbraith has opened a boot and shoe repair shop at Portage la Prairie.

C. H. Wilson & Bro., furniture, Winnipeg, are giving up their crockery business.

E. F. Codd, implement agent, Sonewall has admitted A. G. Fraser into partnership.

McCormick Bros., plaining mill, Winnipeg, burned out recently are reopening business.

Jos. Carman, Winnipeg, has been appointed agent for the Portage la Prairie catmeal mills.

Holloway Bros., furniture, Stonewall have dissolved partnership. Thomas Holloway continues.

The estate of Fox & Hubbs, general Store, Methven, has been sold to S. Copleman at 64c. on the dollar.

The estate of the late John M. Peplow, drugs &c. Selkirk, is advertised for sale by the administrators.

R. W. Woodroffe, jeweller, Winnipeg, advertises retiring from business and selling off at reduced prices at retail.

David Gibson has purchased the Bambridge block at Souris. The ground floor will be used as a show room for furniture.

We are pleased to be able to state, says the Selkirk Record, that John K. Knaus, hardware merchant, has made a satisfactory settlement with his creditors, and this week again took charge of the business.

Merrick Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, whose Princess street warehouse was burned on Friday morning, have just issued a circular to the trade saying that their stock of building paper was stored adjoining their paper mill in another part of the city, con-

sequently this department escaped the fire and they are in a position to fill all orders for paper.

At a recent meeting of Winnipeg business men the Retailers' association of Winnipeg was formed, H. H. Lang being chosen president; Geo. Craig, vice-president; Gilbert Fowler, treasurer, and L. R. Arnett, secretary. All the merchants and salesmen present enrolled themselves as members of the association and committees were appointed to visit all retail merchants and salesmen, to invite their co-operation in making a strong organization for the protection of their interests.

Assiniboa.

W. B. Smithett, general store, Salcoats, has assigned.

N. & D. Livingston, general store, Yorkton, have compromised at 60c on the dollar.

The by-law to raise \$10,000 for the erection of buildings at Regina for the Territorial exhibition of 1895 were passed almost unanimously, there being only two dissenting votes.

Reports from settlers in the Cypress Hills country say that there has been a big rush of prospectors into that locality during the past few weeks. A large number of locations have been asked. Samples of the precious metal have been sent to Montreal for assaying.

Alberca.

Geo. Wentworth has bought the Bodega restaurant at Calgary and has applied for the transfer of the license.

The Calgary Tribune says: "Of the fifty-four settlers who left Calgary last week twenty-eight went to Edmonton, twenty got off at Wetaskiwin and four at Lacombe. Forty-two of them were from the United States, and three from Sweden, seven from Hungary and two from Ontario. Of those coming from the United States seven were from Dakota, twenty from Minnesota, two from Oregon and thirteen from Washington territory.

North-Western Ontario.

Mr. Billoadeau, hotel, Norman, has leased to Brown & Kelly for six months.

The Norman Fish Co. is building an ice-house and will engage in the fish business next season.

Geo. Slipper, barber, Port Arthur, has purchased the bakery business of S. Davidson, Fort William.

Rat Portage Mining and reduction Co., Rat Portage; plant sold to an English Syndicate, who continue operations.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Duluth Market Report of November 10 says: "As the season of navigation approaches its close the market situation, especially in grain charters, cannot be characterized otherwise than very dull. There is practically no demand at present for tonnage to carry wheat to Buffalo, while the rate is held steadily at 2 1/2¢ per bushel, notwithstanding an advance during the week to 3¢ per ton on ore. No wheat has sailed for Ogdensburg during the past ten days. The last cargo that cleared was put at 4¢ per bushel. The nominal rate now is 4 1/2¢. A cargo of barley cleared yesterday for Oswego at 3 1/2¢. The week's shipments of wheat will have been 1,050,000 bushels, estimating to-day's shipments at 400,000 bushels.

The Farmers' Binder Twine company of Brantford, Ont., has declared a dividend of 10 per cent.

Grain and Milling News

The flour mill at Selkirk, Manitoba, has put in new machinery including a new boiler and engine.

The Port Arthur Board of Trade held a special meeting recently and passed resolutions endorsing the Winnipeg Grain Exchange statement of the wheat mixing conveyer.

Things do not appear to be going satisfactorily with the Farmers' Mill and Elevator Co. of Portage la Prairie. The directors have all tendered their resignation. An expert is to be secured to audit the books. It is said the enterprise has not been conducted at a profit.

C. N. Bell, of the Winnipeg grain exchange had a lengthy interview with Hon. Messrs. Bowell, Daly and Wood at Ottawa last week on the matter of Manitoba grain grading. He urged that no change be made in the standards during this crop. The Ministers say they are anxious that the grain standards should be so as to give the farmer the best possible price.

W. M. Smith's elevator at Portage la Prairie was burned on Nov. 10. The contents were about 8,000 bushels of oats and 4,000 to 5,000 bushels of wheat. The former was owned by Hon. Joseph Martin. Insurance on contents \$2,000 in Union Fire and \$3,000 in other companies. The Western Canada Loan Coy. had \$3,500 insurance on the elevator which Mr. Smith valued at about \$5,000. Its capacity was 20,000 bushels. This is the second elevator burned at Portage within a brief time.

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 Horne to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Oct. 13.	Oct. 20.	Oct. 27.	Nov. 3.	Nov. 10.
Extra Manitoba	13	20	27	3	10
hard	2	6	4	0	1
No. 1 hard	85	87	180	13	94
No. 2 hard	7	4	6	6	4
No. 3 hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 4 hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Northern	8	12	10	17	26
No. 2 Northern	1	2	6	0	2
No. 1 White type	3	2	2	1	2
No. 2 White type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	1	0	3	3	2
No. 1 Rejected	10	10	8	16	5
No. 2 Rejected	16	18	10	17	7
No Grade	8	1	1	0	0
Total	139	142	211	104	143
Same week last year	236	282	199	211	167

*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.

United States Exports

The chief of the bureau of statistics at Washington reports that the total value of the exports of merchandise from the United States during the ten months ended Oct. 31, 1894, as compared with similar exports during the corresponding period of the preceding year were: Ten months ended Oct. 31, 1894, \$660,116,648; same period in 1893, \$690,897,854. During the ten months ended Oct. 31, 1894, the excess of exports over imports was \$99,895,682, and the excess for the corresponding period of 1893, was \$13,836,660. The excess of exports of silver over imports during the ten months ended Oct. 31, 1894, was \$28,475,147.