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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 5, 1891.

Manitoba.

Miami wants a drug store.

H. S. Weeks, grocer, Winnipeg, has assigned.

R. H. Nelson has opened a butcher shop at Balder.

J. W. Paunin, millinery, Virden, has sold out to Hetherington.

Mrs. R. J. Dickinson, hotel, Brandon is succeeding Fred. Eames.

Peddle & Erskine, commission agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

Wm. Bertrand, of Carleton Place, Ont., will open a fruit and confectionery store at Brandon.

G. A. Hogarth, general dealer, Minnedosa, has added dress and mantle making to his business.

Couts & Hall have opened a flour and feed store at Neepawa; they will also do a meat business.

J. H. Sparling, M.D., has decided to practice his profession at Pilot Mound to succeed Dr. J. P. McIntyre.

The general stock of the estate of E. J. Keeping, Austin, will be sold by auction at Winnipeg, on October 12.

Geo. Shillington, groceries and hardware, Carberry, has purchased the hardware stock of R. Black, of the same place.

The safe at the Northern Pacific depot at Brandon was blown open by burglars recently, and a small quantity of cash secured.

Raird Bros. & Chalmers of Pilot Mound, shipped two cars of cattle last week. One car goes to Rat Portage the other to Saul St. Marie.

J. G. Morgan, of the New York Life insurance Company, has returned to Winnipeg from an extended trip in British Columbia and the Territories.

Jas. B. Mutter, who recently sold out his stationery business at Neepawa, to G. A. Mathers, has now purchased the bakery and confectionery business of A. W. Caswell, of the same place.

T. V. Wheeler, who has for some years been in charge of the Hudson's Bay Company's Post at Fort Ellice, has bought out the company's business at that place and will in future carry it on his own account.

The lowest temperature, at Winnipeg, for week ended September 26, according to the official report, was 40°3, on September 25. The average temperature of the coldest day was 53°3. Average temperature of the warmest day, 62°5. Rain, 1.94 inch.

E. J. Hughes, formerly of Brandon, will take charge of the Equitable Life Insurance office at Winnipeg. Mr. Bronghall and Brophy, who have been appointed joint managers of the business for Ontario and the west, will have their headquarters at Toronto.

Alberta.

Two car loads of fur belonging to the Hudson's Bay Company were shipped from Edmonton recently.

Fred. Shoults, one of the prisoners waiting trial for the Jacques jewelry robbery in January last, escaped from the police barracks recently, but was recaptured in a few days.

J. McCue, of McCue Bros., Calgary, ranchmen, horse and cattle dealers, was among the visitors to the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition and called at the office of THE COMMERCIAL. He has only recently returned from a trip to British Columbia, where he disposed of several car loads of heavy draft horses, and he has at present two car loads of western horses at Portage la Prairie, where he intends to dispose of them. Horse raising is fast becoming a leading point in Alberta ranching, and McCue Bros. are holding their lead well in that line of business.

Saskatchewan.

T. E. Jackson, drugs, Prince Albert, has sold out to J. G. White & Co.

R. Wyld has secured the contract for supplying the mounted police, at Battleford, with 6,600 bushels of oats at 68c a bushel. Potatoes, for fall delivery, are put in at 45 to 50c, with a considerable advance on the portion to be delivered in the spring.

Mr. Ironside, cattle buyer, has been all through the district, says the Battleford Herald, looking over the stock that is offered for sale. He is now at Jackfish Lake looking over Wyld's band, and when he returns will make his selection and gather together for shipment. He finds a large number of animals suitable for his trade, and is paying good prices for them.

Assiniboia.

McCull & Co., merchant tailors, have commenced business at Moosomin.

United States Corn Crop.

The Cincinnati Price Current has a lengthy report on the corn crop of the United States for 1891, which is summarized as follows:—

The aggregate shown for the corn crop is 1,990,000,000 bushels for the entire country. This is 500,000,000 bushels more than in 1890, and 123,000,000 below the officially estimated production in 1889, when the total was 2,113,000,000 bushels—probably an over estimate of fully 5 per cent., or about 100,000,000 bushels.

For a period of ten years previous to 1891, the yearly average production of corn was 1,680,000,000 bushels, according to official estimates. The exports during the same time averaged 50,000,000 bushels annually, ranging from 24,000,000, in 1887-8, to 102,000,000, in 1889-90. These data suggest that the domestic consumption of corn the past ten years has averaged 1,630,000,000 bushels annually. The population of the country is now 12 per cent. greater than the average population for ten years previous to the current year. If this be taken as a basis of calculation in regard to domestic needs, the logical deduction would be that a crop of 1,825,000,000 bushels will be essential this season to maintain the average supply for such purposes—and if say 2,000,000,000 bushels be harvested it will admit of 175,000,000 bushels for export and enlarging reserves, the latter being lower than ordinarily. The consumption of corn is variable, however, from year to year under influence of shifting conditions with reference to the fattening of animals. The production the past three years has averaged 1,865,000,000 bushels annually, the exports 65,000,000, leaving 1,800,000,000 bushels as the apparent yearly domestic consumption, during this period, the reserves at the close probably not varying essentially compared with three years ago.

How Much Wheat Can We Grow.

In view of statistical statements lately made by certain authorities regarding the possibilities of American production of wheat the facts of this year's yield are peculiarly interesting. The country had been told by C. Wood Davis that the limit of wheat production on this side of the Atlantic had been reached, and that the tendency hereafter would be rather toward decline than toward increase. Mr. Davis's statement hardly became dry on the paper until such a crop as had hardly been dreamed of was ready for harvest. No one pretends to say that its total will fall greatly below 600,000,000 bushels, while men of intelligence are not wanting who place it above that figure. Those who imagine that wheat production on this side of the Atlantic, without any extra effort whatever to produce huge yields, has anything near reached its limit are counting without reflection. We do not hesitate to say that with such preparation as the importance of such a crop justifies the yield of this year, with such a favorable season, could as well have been nearly one thousand million bushels. The limit of American wheat production simply lies in the degree of pains taken to grow the crop.—National Stockman.

Beaudoin & Archambault, coal, Montreal, have dissolved.