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With this issue The Commercial enters upon another year of its life. Twelve years have passed since this journal began its career as an exponent of the mercantile interests of Western Canada, and the thirteenth volume is now entered upon. This thirteenth birthday is celebrated by the appearance of the journal in a new dress of type. It has always been the effort of the publisher to present a clean and attractive paper, typographically, and with the new outfit of type now in use, the new volume of The Commercial will present a neat appearance. The new dress is manufactured by the Toronto Type Foundry, purchased from H. C. Stovel, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the company.

Manitoba.

Thomas Carter, grocer, Winnipeg, deceased.
Geo. McCord, tailor, Winnipeg, opening business.
Peace & McCord, tailors, Winnipeg, have dissolved.
Peace & Co., tailors, Winnipeg, opening business.
W. W. Burke, stationery, etc., is starting business at Winnipeg.
S. S. Barrowclough, music, etc., is starting business at Winnipeg.
Geo. E. Moore, hardware, Lauder, has sold out to H. C. Hamelin.
Chas. Braund, jeweller, has moved from McGregor to Rapid City.
J. B. Abraham & Son, general store, Delorau, has assigned to C. H. Mahon.
Wm. Pitcher, baker and confectioner, is opening business at Portage la Prairie.
Colquhoun & Co., wholesale liquors, Winnipeg, attachment issued; sheriff in possession.
Thompson & Fumerton, general merchants, Glenboro, have dissolved partnership. Fumerton has bought out the entire business and continues under the name of J. F. Fumerton & Co.,

A. B. A. Cunningham, baker, etc., Carberry, is reported away and the bailiff is in possession under landlords warrant.

The hardware stock of John K. Knaus, of Selkirk is offered for sale by tender, up to Sept. 27, by J. H. Ashdown, Winnipeg.

Eames & Co., hotel, Brandon, have dissolved partnership; Thomas Law retires, F. S. Eames and Wm. Law continues under old style.

The regular half-yearly examinations of the Pharmaceutical Association of Manitoba will be held on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of October.

The balance of stock held by the Winnipeg Jobbers' Union will be offered for sale at a rate on the dollar, on September 20. The stock amounts to \$9,000.

J. J. Philp, formerly in the fruit business at Winnipeg, has opened out again as dealer and broker in fruit. He will make a speciality of selecting and shipping fruit for country dealers.

City Treasurer Scott has decided on Oct. 24 as the date of the Winnipeg city tax sale. This is the first sale in two years, and some desirable parcels will be put up. A few small amounts on the tax sale list have been redeemed, the only extra charge being the paying of the advertisement.

The Western Real Estate and Investment company, limited, has applied for charter of incorporation, Capital stock \$40,000, in 800 shares of \$50 each. The first directors to be G. A. Simpson, C. H. Enderton, Dorsey, E. McLaughlin, H. J. Dexter, all of Winnipeg, and F. George, of St. Paul.

The stock of P. Magnusson, of Selkirk, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Thursday, September 18, at Winnipeg, consisting of the following: Dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, \$981.65; hardware, oils, crockery, etc., \$222.52; furniture, fixtures, etc., \$150; live stock and buggy, \$140; book accounts, \$635.46.

Alberta.

J. H. Millward, Paints, Wall-paper, etc. Calgary, assigned to Wm. Meldrum.
Geo. W. West & Co., general store, Innisfail, mortgage sale of stock, etc. advertised.
Ross & Co., tailors, Calgary, have dissolved partnership, John Ross and E. M. Hill continue, under the same style.

Northwest Ontario.

Armstrong & Sproule, flour and feed, Fort William, have dissolved partnership; R. F. Sproule continues.
Fire broke out at Keewatin on Sept. 12, starting in Burton's hall, next catching Roy's boarding house, burton's residence and Michael's shoe store; Coates drug store followed, all being totally consumed. Coates saved considerable stock, but it was badly damaged by moving. An ice house of Burton's was torn down and stopped the fire from spreading further west and saved Drewry's liquor store and Hunter's but both lost heavily in moving of stocks.

The Crop Outlook.

Thornhill, Sept. 12.—Quite a few of the farmers in the vicinity of Thornhill have threshed, and wheat has averaged twenty-three bushels per acre.
Chater, Sept. 13.—Chater is getting from 3,000 to 5,000 bushels of wheat daily. The farmers' elevator is being managed by J. G. Hoey, late proprietor. Woodcock's elevator has been leased by the Ogilvie Milling Co., and W. H. Reid is buying. Prices are 41c for No. 1 hard, 2c less for No. 2 hard. Threshing is progressing very rapidly. Four

machines are working near here and turning out from 1,000 to 1,500 bushels each. The yield will be about fifteen bushels on the average.

Rounthwaite, Sept. 7.—The grain is now all cut except an odd field of oats. Stacking and threshing are now general. A heavy rain commenced last evening and continued during the most of the night. It has put a stop to harvest work for a day or so.

Burnside, Sept. 11.—The grain is all cut in this district and about one-third of the threshing is done. Forty cars of wheat have been shipped from here in the past six days. Some fields have yielded as much as thirty-five bushels per acre, but the yield all round will be twenty. Seven threshing machines are at work in this district which makes it lively for the one elevator.

Brandon, Sept. 12.—Most of the farmers in this district have completed their stacking, and threshing is now in full blast. It is thought that nearly twenty-five per cent. of the grain will be threshed by the end of this week. The weather for harvesting and threshing has been exceptionally fine. In view of the early harvest and the fine weather there is bound to be a great deal of plowing done this fall, perhaps more than has ever been plowed in any fall in the experience of Manitoba.

Rapid City, Sept 8.—Harvesting is about completed and threshing fairly begun. Grain of all kinds is turning out a much better yield than expected, twenty bushels is an estimate of the wheat yield.

Gladstone, Sept. 10.—Threshing is now in full swing, and the returns so far are good, running from eighteen to over thirty bushels per acre for wheat, and there are some fields here that look as if they would yield forty to the acre. Oats are splendid, and will go in some cases seventy-five bushels. Barley is not grown to any great extent here, but wheat is, very good and yielding well. There has been more threshing out of the stock this year than any previous one. Stacking will be finished in two or three days.

Strathclair, Sept. 10.—Many of the farmers have finished stacking, but little threshing has yet been done. Crops in this district are pronounced by travellers to be heavy.

U. S. Crop Report.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The report of the statistician of the department of agriculture for the month of September shows a decline in the condition of corn to 68.4 from 69.1 in the month of August, and 95 in the month of July. This is a decline of 5.7 points from the August and 31.3 from July condition. A change is marked in nearly all great corn states. The present condition is 75 in Kentucky, 70 in Ohio, 55 in Michigan, 80 in Minnesota, 40 in Iowa, 50 in Missouri, 45 in Kansas, 15 in Nebraska, and 16 in South Dakota. In most of the Southern states the condition has risen and a good crop is certain. Reported conditions from correspondents for the principal wheat growing states are as follows: Ohio, 102; Michigan, 94; Indiana, 103; Illinois, 101; Wisconsin, 82; Minnesota, 85; Iowa, 92; Missouri, 91; Kansas, 58; Nebraska, 40; South Dakota, 32; North Dakota, 74; California, 85; Oregon, 88; Washington, 67. In eastern New York, 85, Pennsylvania, 91; Maryland, 98; Virginia reports 78, Tennessee, 78; West Virginia, 93; Kentucky, 92; Texas, 92. In principal wheat states there has been considerable improvement in conditions since the July report. In parts of the wheat region the crop is fully up to expectations, and in other parts the yield has exceeded expectations. The average condition of oats is reported at 77.8, against 76.5 Aug. 1 and 77.7 on July 1 and 87 June 1.