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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 17, 1894.

Manitoba.

Beck, grocer, is starting business at Birtle.

Chas. Berman, harness, etc., is starting at Reston.

D G Horn, tailor, is opening business at Deloraine.

Thomas Dempsey, flour and feed, has opened at Reston.

Dr. W. A. Thomson, of Douglas, is moving to Alexander Ass.

R Bourbeau, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, has given up business.

Rodney Mills, wagon maker, Neepawa, is succeeded by John Mills & Co.

C. V. Anderson & Co., general store, Verdun, advertise retiring from business.

Another flour and feed store has been opened at Yorktyn by Mr. McLaren, of Birtle.

The estate of Dayton & Brydon, general store, Hilton, has been sold at 62½ cents and brook debts at 20 cents.

Mr Beck of Yorkton is building an addition to his store and has gone to Winnipeg to procure a stock of groceries.

Oakes & Co., storekeepers, La Riviere, have sold out to Eli Shelton, of Snowflake, who will open up a general store.

McKim & Mitchell, butchers, Deloraine, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by H. Mitchell.

The estate of M. B. Lee & Co., ladies' tailors and dress makers, Winnipeg, has been sold at 55 cents on the dollar to Edith Lee.

James Drysdale, carriage shop, Portage la Prairie, has sold his business to J. C. Gallagher, and will go farming in the spring.

Thos. E. Greenwood has bought out Geo. Draper's share in the general store business of Draper & Berry of Douglas. The name of the firm will now be Greenwood & Berry.

David J. Dyson & Co., spice mills, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, James Hilton retiring. The business will be continued by D. J. Dyson and Geo. W. Gibson, under the name of the Dyson, Gibson Company.

S. C. Matthews, of Matthews, Towers & Co., wholesale gents' furnishings, Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg early last week, and left for his regular trip to the coast. He has his spring samples along, which he says are extra fine this year.

The annual general meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' association takes place on Saturday evening, Dec. 15, in the grain exchange. The election of directors and the consideration of reports will be the chief business before the meeting.

T. C. Livingstone, formerly manager for the Mutual Life at Winnipeg, has been appointed director of agencies for the Provincial Provident Institution of Ontario with headquarters at St. Thomas, Ont. This will necessitate his removal from Winnipeg.

Permission has been granted by the department of customs for the establishment of a general bonded warehouse in Winnipeg. This will supply a long felt want and provides for the general importing public the bonding facilities which the owners of private warehouses have. John D. Clark has control of the enterprise.

Cartwright would be a good opening for a medical man, as there is no doctor nearer than Killarney, 15 miles west, Crystal City, 20 miles east, and Baldur, 18 miles north. Forty-five families have signed their names to an agreement to pay a doctor who would settle here \$10 each the first year of his residence.

W. L. Hutton, who for the past fifteen years has acted as manager in Winnipeg for the Canada Life Insurance company, died after a short illness on Tuesday last. Mr. Hutton was well known as a gentleman of sterling qualities and high christian character, and was highly respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

The Portage la Prairie board of Trade held its annual meeting on Tuesday and elected the following officers: President, Ed. Brown; vice pres., H. S. Patterson; seely treas., P. Whimster; Council, S. R. Marlatt, F. Phillips, T. B. Millar, J. M. Taylor, W. Forsyth, Jno. Watson, G. C. Hall, Chas. Graban, F. L. Newman and A. Laurens.

Minnedosa Tribune. Messrs. Jackson and Bolton, of the creamery committee, have been very successful in their canvass for cows for the proposed industry. Without having covered the whole ground they are assured 600 cows, and there seems no doubt of a successful issue of their efforts. The provincial government has been communicated with, and has promised that Mr. Hettle will come to Minnedosa early in January to give all details.

Mr. Phippen, on behalf of the liquidators of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, applied to Justice Bain at Winnipeg on Tuesday for leave to issue a summons calling upon the shareholders to pay up the double liability due on the stock. His Lordship granted the summons returnable on a day to be fixed—it will be sent to each shareholder by mail. The summons will ask that the amounts due be paid at such times as the court shall direct in each case.

R. H. Hayward, secretary of the Manitoba board of underwriters, has notified the Winnipeg city council that it had been decided to suspend the increase of the insurance rate on condition that the council would, within one month, provide an extra steam fire engine and a hook and ladder truck. The board also recommended the employment of sufficient men to form a salvage corps. It is understood that a rebate will be given to those who have been obliged to pay the recent advance. This settles the insurance question for the present.

Alberta

Cairns & Kell, brewers, of Edmonton, are shipping malt to British Columbia.

L. Moret, says the Edmonton Bulletin, has purchased an interest in the business of Ross & Stewart, general merchants of Fort Saskatchewan.

Plaxton & Cox, butchers, Prince Albert, have dissolved.

Ross & Stewart, general store, Fort Saskatchewan; L. Moret admitted.

The Edmonton Saw Mill Co. will take out about a million and a half feet of saw logs this winter.

Oats are being shipped from the Edmonton district to British Columbia, quite a number of cars going forward lately. About 20c per bushel is paid to the Edmonton farmer for the oats. Some of these oats are going to the oatmeal mills at Victoria and New Westminster. Though oats are being shipped out, there appears to be not enough wheat grown for local purposes, as flour is being brought in from Manitoba.

The Bulletin has the following statistics of the Edmonton district: Total area of wheat 8,708 acres, 12,205 acres of oats, 6,617 acres of barley and 77¼ acres of potatoes. The yield of wheat this year was above the average, but placing it at an average of 25 bushels per acre, this would give 92,700 bushels of wheat. Barley was a fair crop, and placing the average yield at 25 bushels per acre, would give 166,175 bushels of barley. Oats were a light crop in some districts, but taking the low average of 40 bushels per acre would give 488,200 bushels. Potatoes were an excellent yield, but placing the average as low as 250 bushels per acre would give a total return of 192,562½ bushels, or a total yield of grain and roots, reckoning the miscellaneous crops, of over a million bushels. The totals of live stock are: Horses, 6,549, cattle, 10,246; sheep, 3,733; swine, 8,505. Total population 5,905. This includes the two towns and surrounding settlements.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending December 13, were \$1,285,102, balances, \$272,153. For the previous week clearings were \$1,349,685. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$1,318,127.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Clearings.	
	Dec. 6st	Nov. 29th.
Montreal.....	\$11,861,838	\$11,549,487
Toronto.....	6,818,585	6,167,151
Halifax.....	1,240,622	1,168,795
Winnipeg.....	1,349,685	1,595,210
Hamilton.....	738,297	664,798
Total.....	\$22,009,027	\$21,140,441

United States Population Statistics.

Almost a third of the population of the United States in 1890 were of foreign parentage, according to statistics recently made public by the Census Office. The whole number of persons of foreign parentage in the United States in 1890 was 20,676,046, or 33 per cent. of the total population of 62,622,250. The whole number of white persons of foreign parentage was 20,519,643, while the colored persons of foreign parentage numbered 156,403. The foreign whites in 1890 numbered 9,121,837, of which 105,899, or over 1 per cent., were of native parentage—that is, had both parents native born. The whole number of foreign white persons of foreign parentage in 1890 was 9,015,968, leaving 11,503,675 native white persons of foreign parentage. The whole number of persons of foreign parentage in 1870 was 10,892,015, or over 28 per cent. of the total population, and 14,922,741, or about 30 per cent in 1880. These comparisons go to show that the proportion of persons of foreign parentage is gradually increasing.—Bradstreet's,