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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 12, 1891.

Manitoba.

Lewis Moncrieff, confectionery, Selkirk, is dead.

F. Charlton has opened a bakery and restaurant at Elkhorn.

Robert Keo, grocer, Winnipeg, has assigned to A. Monkman.

Phizacklea Bros., of the Royal Hotel, Binscarth, offer to sell out.

Rivard Bros. will open a general store at St. Laurent, Lake Manitoba.

Geo. Stewart, general store, Strathorne, is moving to Annapolis, Man.

The Winnipeg Jewelry company has succeeded to the business of W. F. Doll.

E. W. and M. B. Suider have opened a flour and feed store at Portage la Prairie.

M. C. Goodsir has opened out in the furniture and upholstery line at Portage la Prairie.

J. M. Robinson has been appointed assignee in the case of A. M. Chaney, grocer, Brandon.

A. E. Storey has been appointed agent at Carberry for F. A. Fairchild & Co., implements.

A grain blockade was reported at Souris last week. Elevators full, and grain piling up in bags outside.

Manitou expended \$40,000 in buildings last year, of which \$10,000 was for the new roller flour mill.

G. G. Munro, until lately in the Commercial Bank, Winnipeg, died on Dec. 31 at Riverside, California.

The stock of Peables & Braden, butchers, Winnipeg, has been sold by the sheriff to Stewart for 60c on the dollar.

Blackwood Bros., Winnipeg, are at St. Laurent with a general stock, which they are trading for Lake Manitoba fish.

The through telegraph business from Winnipeg on the C.P.R. last year was an increase of about 33 1/2 per cent over the previous year.

The Steam-heating apparatus of the magnificent new Northern Pacific hotel at Winnipeg has been completed by N. D. Macdonald & Co.

J. T. Wilson, who purchased the Cummings grocery stock, Winnipeg has sold the same to T. S. White & Co., of Carberry, at an advance of \$150.

E. H. Taafe, clothing, Winnipeg, who is going out of business on February 1st, has sold his fixtures and the lease of his store to J. Corbett & Co.

The Hudson's Bay Company, Winnipeg, has been awarded the grocery contracts for the deaf and dumb institute, Manitoba asylum and home for incurables.

A. A. McArthur, who until recently was manager of the C. A. C. & C. Co.'s farm at Gull Lake, on the C.P.R. west, arrived in Winnipeg last week.

The number of immigrants reported by government officials to have settled in Manitoba and the territories during 1890 is something over eleven thousand.

S. Nairn, of the Winnipeg oatmeal mill, has issued a useful card giving the telephone number of a number of Winnipeg business establishments in frequent request.

Some of the Brandon city stores boast of exceedingly large sales during the holiday season, says the *Sun*, much larger, they claim, than during the same period in previous years.

The records of precipitation at Winnipeg for the years 1889 and 1890 show that nearly twice as much moisture fell last year as during the preceding 12 months. The figures are: 15.15 inches for 1889, and 25.05 for 1890.

Word has been received that G. H. Rowswell died in Toronto on Dec. 30. The deceased was a very successful general merchant of Elkhorn, Man., which business he sold out some time ago on account of poor health.

There is little or no snow over a large portion of Manitoba, and not enough for sleighing anywhere. Cattle are feeding out on the prairie. Very little hay will be needed this winter, and a good deal will be held over for next year.

In our last issue it was stated that Burton & Hill, general dealers, of Carberry, Man., were opening a branch store at Oak Lake. This is a mistake. They have bought the dry goods and clothing business of J. W. Shaw, of Griswold, Man.

On the application of Mr. Clougher, who is a shareholder largely interested in the Empire Brewing Company, Winnipeg, an order was made by Chief Justice Taylor, winding up the company. Mr. Newton was appointed provisional liquidator.

J. L. Blair & Co., dry goods, advertises giving up business in Winnipeg, and will devote their entire attention to their new business opened this fall at Carberry. The have given a contract for the erection of a large brick building at that place, work to commence on it early in the spring.

Notice was given in the advertising columns of THE COMMERCIAL last week that the well known wholesale commission firm of Henderson

& Bull would hereafter be continued under the style of W. F. Henderson & Co. Mr. Bull retired from the firm some time ago to assume the management of the Royal Soap Company, but it is only now that a change has been made in the firm name.

On Saturday evening the employees of the Northwest Aerated Water Co., Winnipeg, were entertained by E. S. Hill, proprietor, to an oyster supper at his residence. About the commencement of the evening Mr. Hill was presented with a case of pipes containing a fine meerschaum and a French brier, also a very handsome tobacco chest, accompanied by an address expressive of the esteem in which he was held by his employees.

J. D. Carscaden, of the firm of Carscaden, Peck & Co., arrived in Winnipeg to spend the holidays. Mr. Carscaden has had the management of the branch house established by the firm at Vancouver. He has pushed business energetically in British Columbia, and has well merited the large degree of success attained. The Vancouver branch already has a large trade. He reports great progress all over British Columbia.

Until the 1st of October next the retail stores of Winnipeg will close at 7 o'clock sharp, by arrangement between the merchants and the Early Closing Association. This shows that union is strength. The following officers have been elected by the Association: President, W. G. Pennington; vice president, Jas. McMillan; treasurer, E. W. Low; secretary, Robt. Wier; executive committee, Mallabar, Pelkey, Brown, Inslu, Styles.

W. F. Doll, jeweller, Winnipeg, who has had trouble with the customs, reports that Messrs. McMichael and Waters, the customs officials who came from Ottawa, examined his accounts with reference to recent seizures and found them satisfactory. A thousand dollars worth of jewelry stopped some time ago was ordered to be released, and Messrs. McMichael and Waters expressed a regret at the inconvenience to which he had been subjected.

The Inland Revenue collections at Winnipeg for Dec. were:

Spirits	14,545 50
Malt	1,450 57
Tobacco	7,468 20
Cigars	249 00
Petroleum inspec.	198 50
Total	\$23,911 86
December, 1889	23,293 15
Increase	618 71

Customs collections at the port of Winnipeg during December were as follows:

Description.	Value. 1889.	Value. 1890.
Exported	\$ 82,471 00	\$178,875 00
Imported—dutiable	109,618 00	103,795 00
Imported—free	27,549 00	278,244 00
Total imported	\$137,167 00	\$382,039 00
Entered for consumption—dutiable	\$10,673 00	\$108,830 00
Entered for consumption—free	27,549 00	278,244 00
Total for consumption	\$38,222 00	\$387,074 00
Duty collected	\$ 31,687 55	\$ 34,495 96

Saskatchewan.

Thomson & Armstrong have formed a partnership, at Prince Albert, as painters, glaziers, etc.

F. W. Shea has sold out his stock, fixtures and interest in the Eclipse saloon, Prince Albert to T. Ballentyne.