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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 18, 1889.

THE Qu'Appelle *Progress* has celebrated its fifth birthday.

A DISCOVERY of iron ore is reported from Canmore, Alberta.

G. W. BIGGAR, confectioner, etc., Victoria, B. C., has sold out.

DR. STEEP, Selkirk, Man., has sold out to Dr. Grain, of Winnipeg.

GEORGE MITCHELL, fruits, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out to his brother, L. Mitchell.

THE Massey Company will put up a new warehouse for their agency at Carberry.

THE Massey Manufacturing Company will erect an implement warehouse at Regina.

J. G. CHALMERS, estate of general store, Moose Jaw, has been closed out by assignee.

NEARLY two tons of dressed poultry were shipped from Pilot Mound, Man., one day recently.

C. P. WOOLHOUSE and J. Bell have each opened in the butchering business at Fort Qu'Appelle.

E. F. HUTCHINGS, wholesale saddler, talks of erecting a solid four-story brick block in Winnipeg next spring.

VANCOUVER WINE Co., Vancouver, B. C., liquors and cigars, have sold out—possession to be given December 31.

RICKER & ELLIS, general storekeepers, Souris city, Man., have dissolved partnership. D. Ricker continues alone.

BLACKBURN & DIXON, storekeepers at Dunmore, Assa., have opened a butcher shop in connection with their business.

J. B. HENDERSON & Co., of Carberry, have opened a branch store at Austin, Man., with W. C. Riesberry in charge.

ROBERT HUNT, of Burnside, has secured the agency at McGregor, Man., for A. Harris, Son & Co. implements. A warehouse is being reared.

A GRANT, hardware, Calgary, has made arrangements to amalgamate his stock with that of Rogers & Co., hardware dealers, of the same place.

C. J. McCUSKER, blacksmith, Regina, has sold out to Gilbert Smith. McCusker will now devote his whole time to the implement business.

R. J. MITCHELL, grocer and butcher, Winnipeg, has sold out his grocery business and contemplates going into the cattle business exclusively.

HOLDEN & O'HERIN have opened a hotel at Strathclair, Man. There is a large traffic to the Lake Dauphin country from Strathclair, hence the hotel.

A MOVEMENT is on foot in the city says the *Sun* to form a joint stock company for the purpose of erecting a large summer hotel at either Keewatin or Rat Portage, Lake of the Woods.

F. G. La Penotiere, who has leased the Royal Hotel, Calgary, from Reilly, the late proprietor, has been connected with the house for years. The house is to be fitted with electric lights, electric bells, etc.

THE receipts of wheat at the Canadian Pacific Lake Superior elevators for the week ended November 9, were 180,624 bushels; the shipments were 137,397 bushels and the quantity in store on that date was 610,993 bushels.

THE Lethbridge *News* says: "The mines are now working full time and a larger force is kept employed than for some time previous. The effect of this is being felt by the merchants who report business brisk in all branches of trade."

THE plant of the late Emerson *International* is offered for sale. The plant, which is one of the best in Manitoba, is packed and ready for shipment at Emerson. If not sold within a few weeks, the outfit will be taken out of the country.

A. A. MACKENZIE, of Mackenzie & Mills, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, is again able to be about. Mr. Mackenzie has been laid up with an attack of fever, which came at a very bad time, November being the busy month in the wholesale grocery trade.

THE Pilot Mound *Sentinel* says: "One of the finest lots of cattle ever shipped from this district was sent east recently by Baird Bros. Twenty animals averaged about 1,200 pounds each, and besides being of large size, they were in excellent condition. One pair of three year old steers weighed 2,800 pounds, and an exceedingly fat ox weighed about one ton.

J. H. GLASS, of Stevens, Glass & Clarke, manufacturers and wholesale dealers in boots and shoes, London, Ont., arrived in Winnipeg last week. Mr. Glass is behind most of the shoe travellers this season, owing to the heavy business his house has been doing, but nevertheless he expects to do a fair trade here. He will as usual work the country as far west as the Pacific coast, in the interest of his firm.

THE Calgary *Tribune* says: "J. B. H. Cochran has returned from England where he consolidated the Coal Creek Mine and the Calgary Lumber Company in one corporation, to be known as the Canada Northwest Coal and Lumber Syndicate (Limited), with a capital of

\$350,000. The company are going into developing the coal mines on an extensive scale, and hope to be putting out plenty of the dusky diamonds by Xmas.

R. S. WESBROOK, manager at Winnipeg for the Patterson & Bro. farm implement company, was made the recipient of a handsome present from his employees of the company here, one day last week. The present consisted of a Persian lamb coat, cap and gauntlets. With this outfit he will be able to smile in the face of Jack Frost, when the hoary north king undertakes to get in his five work this winter. Mr. Wesbrook is evidently popular, and deservedly so, with the employees of his company here.

S. A. D. BERTRAND, official assignee, left Winnipeg last week on a trip to eastern Canada. He will interview wholesale merchants who do business in the west, in the interest of the proposed Manitoba and Northwest Insurance Bureau. The object of this undertaking is to secure information as to insurance carried by western retailers, etc., and also to induce retailers to avail themselves more fully of the advantages afforded by insurance. Mr. Bertrand is a gentleman possessing the full confidence of the trade here, where he has been long known, and it is hoped he will meet with a favorable reception in the east.

CITY dealers complain that oyster tubs are frequently returned without any accompanying invoice. When tubs are being returned from a number of persons every day, it is impossible to tell who are the senders, unless a notification is sent at the same time. Dealers frequently have drafts sent back refused, because credit has not been given for returned packages, when really the fault lies with the party who returned the tubs, in not having sent a notification to that effect. In returning packages of any sort, shippers should send an invoice at the same time, in order that they may be credited with the goods.

WORD has reached the city says the *Sun*, that the water-power plans submitted to the authorities at Ottawa by City Engineer Ruttan have been approved of. This includes the plan of the dam, canal, headgates, masonry and foundation in detail. The canal is thrown around some distance from the river, starting just above the dam, and is intended to carry the water at high line until it connects again with the river below the dam. It will now be in order for the private companies to make propositions to the council for going on with the work. There is a feeling against the city undertaking such a huge work.

THE first issue of *The Commonwealth*, the organ of the Equal Rights Association, has been received. The prospectus states that it is an independent journal, devoted to upholding the constitution and the integrity of the British empire, from which it may be inferred that in the opinion of the publishers, the constitution and the integrity of the empire is in danger. *The Commonwealth* will uphold the equal rights of all citizens and the freedom of religious opinion. It will oppose sectarian interference with the public schools; the granting of public money for sectarian institutions; tax exemptions to sects, etc., all of which are sound principles. It will also favor more complete integration of the British empire, while at the same time supporting a renewal of reciprocal relations with the United States.