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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 1, 1892.

## Manitoba.

Jackson & Co., are opening in drugs at Winnipeg.

Angus McLeod, general storekeeper, Elkhorn is dead.

J. Rougeau, store and hotel, Otterburn, has resigned.

D. McLeod, general storekeeper, Selkirk East, is dead.

J.B. Henderson, of Mills & Co., general dealers, Holland, is dead.

J. W. Sapwell, hardware, Boissevain, has moved to Gamsborough.

M. Hughes & Co, furniture and undertakers, Winnipeg, have assigned.

R.S. Christie, of Christie, Bailey & Co., general dealers, Millwood, is dead.

Baker & Leeson, general storekeepers, Douglas, are reported to be selling out.

Geo. Newton, Winnipeg, has taken the Commercial hotel at Morden, formerly kept by Bell.

The stock of R. Hodgins, cigar manufacturer, Winnipeg, has been sold by the sheriff to H. Wilson.

Andrew Fleming has purchased the bakery of R. Livingstone at Carberry and will open a confectionery store.

Magge & Co., successors to L. R. Arnott, clothing, Winnipeg, have sold out at a rate on the dollar, to H. Ripstein & Co.

A branch of the Canadian Mutual Loan and Investment Company, with head office in Toronto, has been opened at Emerson.

C. V. Anderson & Co., general merchants, Virden, are offering their branch dry goods and clothing business at Melita for sale.

S.C. Matthews, of Matthews, Towers & Co., furnishings, Montreal, was in Winnipeg last week, on his way east from a trip to the coast.

The Brandon Times Publishing company, limited, is seeking incorporation. The proposed capital stock of the company is \$12,000, divided into shares of \$10 each.

During his recent visit to Winnipeg, W. W. Ogilvie, president of the Ogilvie Milling Company, presented \$1,000 toward the erection of the proposed Y.M.C.A. building here.

Banfield and McKeehan, Cheapside dry goods house, Winnipeg, are dissolving partnership. Banfield continues the carpet department, and the dry goods have been sold to a party called Lang.

The Queen's hotel, Winnipeg, received a slight scorching Saturday night, Jan. 23. The fire was confined mainly to the underground portion, and the damage amounted to a few hundred dollars.

Madder's store, near Douglas, was burned last week, and a stock of about \$6,000 worth of goods consumed. The fire originated in the upper part from an overheated stove pipe. The only insurance was \$750 upon the building.

The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association have fixed upon the week commencing July 25, for the date of the show for 1892. Farmers should keep an exhibit of the finest samples of their crop of 1891, for the exhibition.

The Brandon summer fair opens on July 19. It is suggested that an effort be made to arrange with the railway companies to allow lie-over privileges for exhibitors at Brandon, so that exports from the west could be shown at Brandon, and then be sent on to the Winnipeg Industrial.

Buffalo robes are not entirely an extinct article. Morton, Alexander & Morton, tanners, Winnipeg, have just finished preparing a very handsome buffalo robe for a rancher near Selkirk. The buffalo was a tame one, which was accidentally killed some time ago. The same firm is dressing a number of skins of Highland cattle which will make very fine robes.

W. J. F. Hayward, lately of Toronto, has located in Winnipeg, and has secured premises above Carruthers & Brock, on Main street, which he proposes using for the manufacture of pianos and organs. He is an experienced hand in this line, having held important positions in eastern factories. He has been kept busy since coming here repairing instruments but intends shortly to start on new work. This is a new industry for Winnipeg and indicates the growing importance of our manufactures.

A. C. McRae, carriage top manufacturer, Winnipeg, has formed a partnership with J. G. Harvey, a well known citizen, with the object of extending the business and adding new lines. The carriage top business will be continued, and in addition the new firm will handle other goods as manufacturers' agents, etc. The firm will handle Campbell's carriages and Patterson's wagons, and other lines are being negotiated for. Mr. McRae handled a number of these carriages the past season. The livery stable on the corner of King and James street will be overhauled and made into a warehouse for carriage stock, etc.

A meeting of the directors of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association was held last week. The election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows: Alex. Macdonald, president, (re-elected); D. E. Sprague, vice-president. A committee of five was appointed to name standing committees, the members thereof being W. Martin (convener), A. Strang, Bartlett, Burrows and Drewry, the president to be an ex officio member of all committees. It was decided that all committees should consist of at least three members of the board of directors and that every committee should have a majority of directors as members. It was also decided on motion that the exhibition this year should be held in July, from the 25th to the 30th inclusive. The president and Messrs. Ashdown, Martin, Strang, Nairn, Drewry, Scarth, Sprague and Risk were ap-

pointed a committee to wait on the government with reference to a monetary grant for the exhibition.

## Alberta.

Cattlemen in this district, says the McLeod Gazette of Jan. 21, are feeling jubilant over the very mild weather we have had up to the present. Cattle were never in better fix, and with a continuation of the present weather for a week or so longer, the loss among range cattle this year will be practically nil. Before the last fall of snow came, however, the cattle on the plains suffered somewhat from the want of water, as the rivers and creeks were all frozen over, but there is now plenty of snow piled up in drifts, and the cattle will no longer suffer from that source. In amongst the hills, however, no such trouble was experienced, as there are numerous springs, and consequently plenty of open water to be got at.

## Assiniboia.

J. W. Langman, formerly of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, has opened a general store at Moosomin.

N. A. Adsit and C. Calkins are completing arrangements for opening a butcher shop at Medicine Hat.

Hill & Rowe, drugs, etc., Whitewood, are in the hands of the sheriff.

## Northwest Ontario.

The annual meeting of the Port Arthur board of trade was held on Jan. 26. George T. Marks, A. Aron Squier and J. J. O'Connor were re-elected respectively president, vice-president and secretary. Council: J. A. Fraser, James Meek, W. J. Clark, Col. Roy, D. F. Burk, W. C. Dobie, W. J. Bawlf, T. E. Gibbs, G. W. Brown, Herbert Shear, F. S. Wiley, Fred Jones. The president's report amongst other things strongly condemns the Ontario government's late minority legislation.

## Grain and Milling.

The farmers' elevator at Regina, Assa., opened for business last week and there is every indication of lively times in the wheat market, writes a correspondent, three eastern buyers having come in to compete with the local men, namely, McMillan & Co., Lake of Woods Co., and S. P. Clark & Co.

S. Nairn, of the Winnipeg oatmeal mill, has completed some additions and improvements to his oatmeal mill. Amongst other things he has adopted machinery for making rolled oats by a new process.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange held last week the matter of getting the railway companies to carry seed grain free between points in the province was discussed. Correspondence with this object in view will be opened up with the railway officials.

Tracey D. Hull, a Chicago man, is reported to have sued W. W. Ogilvie, the Canadian flour mill owner, for \$200,000. This sum covers \$132,000 commissions alleged to be due for work in arranging a sale of the defendants' plant and for damages for breach of the contract. Last year Mr. Ogilvie is said to have wished to sell the business and commissioned Hull to arrange a deal with an English syndicate. Mr. Hull says he secured an option on the mills and responsible English capitalists who were willing to pay \$1,750,000 for the business. But he claims defendant refused to sell after the deal was planned. "He gave no good reason for his action," said Attorney David Campbell, representing plaintiff. "He simply refused to sell, and this suit is for commissions secured to Mr. Hull by his contract." Mr. Ogilvie was in Chicago Monday, and the opportunity was taken for suing him there.