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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 11, 1895.

Manitoba.

F. Trudeau, butcher, St. Boniface, is dead.
J. H. Rose, druggist, Winnipeg, has resigned.

J. T. Cooper, general store, Ninga, has sold out.

Shillington & Co. announce that they will retire from the hardware business at Stockton and open a store in the same line in Roland.

The Winnipeg retailers' association proposes to nominate a candidate for alderman, and the name of C. H. Wilson has been mentioned.

The Minnedosa Tribune figures up the building improvements for the year in that town at \$22,215. In addition the M. & N. W. railway company is making improvements to its buildings and grounds to the value of at least \$10,000.

At Rapid City on Nov. 7th, a lamp exploded in E. Gardiner's hardware store, and in a few moments the building was aflame. None of the contents were saved. The building was owned by J. M. Hall; insurance \$800 in the Lancashire company. The building was worth \$2,000. E. Gardiner's stock was valued at \$3,000; insured for \$2,200 in the Guardian, Phoenix and Royal. The county records kept in the upper portion of the building are a total loss.

Mr. Carruthers, dealer in hides and wool, etc., Winnipeg, returned last week from a trip east. He found the hide markets generally weak and lower. At Chicago country buff hides were selling at 7 cents, which is 3 cents off from the top price reached a short time ago. The tendency of prices he thinks will be easier, as is usual at this season of the year, as the hides are increased in weight by the heavier growth of hair and stable matter adhering to them. He does not think, however, that prices will go as low for some time again as they were a year ago, before the "boom" in prices set in.

Body & Noakes' linseed oil mill in Winnipeg is now running full time and the manager expects to secure a sufficient quantity of seed to keep them going throughout the year. The oil manufactured is shipped as far west as the Pacific coast and also to Eastern Canada, besides supplying the local demand. The local demand only consumes a limited quantity of the linseed meal,

owing to the plentiful supply of other cheap feedstuffs here, and the bulk of the product is shipped east and west.

Alberta.

Four hundred and fifty tons is now the daily output of the Lethbridge mines, says the Lethbridge News. No. 3 shaft is running and a steam pump has been put to work in No. 2 to clean it out.

With its last issue the Edmonton Bulletin enters upon its sixteenth year, having commenced publication at Edmonton in the fall of 1880. At that time it was expected that the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, then just starting west from Winnipeg, would pass through Edmonton.

The town of South Edmonton, writes a correspondent, has made excellent progress, a careful estimate showing it has more than doubled itself during the four years of its existence. The population in '92 was exactly 70, in '93 150, in '94 300, and the population now is 650 to 700. Over \$75,000 worth of good substantial buildings have gone up during the last twelve months, and there are at least a dozen more commenced within the past two weeks. Real estate has been steadily selling at good prices, and in every case at an advance. The most important improvement this year is the new oatmeal mill, built by Brackman & Ker.

Assiniboia.

The business heretofore carried on by Cowan & Edwards, at Indian Head, as implement dealers, and that of Jas. Conn, as lumber merchant, have been amalgamated, and the new concern will be known as Cowan, Edwards & Conn. The new firm has added a stock of hardware, etc., to the lines formerly carried.

The experimental shipment of fat sheep sent to the British markets several weeks ago, by ranchers in this district, says the Medicine Hat Times, has "panned out" in a manner which has exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The sheep were landed in Glasgow in splendid condition, and were offered for sale by Speedie Bros. as "1000 Canadian Weeders; fat or in full condition for early feeding." The lot were knocked down at 8s 6d, or about \$8.40 per head, and will net our ranchers about \$1.75 a head, after freight and all the other expenses have been paid. The shipment of sheep was as fine a lot as ever left the west, and it is exceedingly gratifying to know that the figures realized are such as to encourage further shipments of this class. The outfit was owned by the Little Plume Ranch Company, and Rutherford & Son, of Medicine Hat, and Hope-Johnston, of Gleichen. W. Rutherford, accompanied it to Glasgow.

Northwest Ontario.

The combined production of thirty stamps, ten at the Sultana, ten at the Regina, and ten at the Gold Hill mines, during the last twenty-five days, has been \$10,000 in gold, says the Rat Portage Record.

The two gold mining properties known as Chion D'or and Queen Bee, on Lake of the Woods islands, were purchased recently from Capt. J. H. Hennessy, of Rat Portage, and Wm. Lyon, of Keewatin, Joseph Brinley Smith, of Buckingham, Que., being the purchaser. These claims comprise about fifty-six acres situated on two islands about half a mile west of the Sultana mine.

The Ottawa House, at Port Arthur, owned by Capt. Servais, was burned on November 7. Practically the house and furniture are a total loss. Value \$10,000.

Another New Lignite Burner.

Another new lignite stove will shortly be on the market. The Gurney-Tilden Co., of Hamilton and Winnipeg, are now manufacturing a new grate, which has been designed specially for burning our native lignite coal. A stove fitted with this grate is now in use in the premises of the company here, and samples of the new grates are also on view. Mr. Burridge, manager of the company here, gave a representative of The Commercial an opportunity of examining the new invention, the other day, and explained the working of the grate.

The stove in which the Souris lignite coal is now being used was first inspected. The fire was low at the time, but in a very brief time after the drafts had been turned on, a splendid fire was burning in the stove. The stove appears to have plenty of draft, can be easily regulated, and the coal burns with a bright flame and throws out a good heat.

The grate, which is the special feature for burning this coal, is built on an entirely different principle from the ordinary stove grates, but at the same time, it can be fitted into an ordinary Gurney stove, and can be removed quickly and replaced by the ordinary grate, so that any one using these stoves can use the lignite or the ordinary grates at pleasure, just as they choose. The new lignite grate is so arranged that the draft reaches the fire from the sides, instead of from the bottom, and is carried directly to the centre of the mass of coal. With the old style of grates there is a waste of about half the fuel in burning lignite coal, as the coal slacks and falls through into the ash pan before it is burned. The consequence is that fully half the fuel is thrown out with the ashes. With this new grate the waste is entirely avoided, and the coal is completely consumed. The new grate has been examined by experts, who are highly pleased with it, and the Canadian Pacific Railway has already ordered a supply of the grates for their depots where the lignite coal can be procured conveniently.

It is the intention of the Gurney-Tilden Co. to fit these grates to several of their leading stoves at once, both in heating and cook stoves, and they expect to have a supply ready for the market in a short time. Eventually they will have the grate fitted to all their stoves, so that their customers can have either the common grate or the lignite, or both grates if they choose with every stove. The new grate is not expensive and will not add much to the cost of a stove.

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William afloat, 56 to 57c and 39 to 42c to farmers, Manitoba country points.
Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.45; Bakers, \$1.35.
Bran.—Per ton, \$10.
Shorts.—Per ton, \$12.
Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, 23½ to 24c.
Barley.—Per bushel, feed 28c to 30; malting 35.
Flax Seed.—\$1.00.
Butter.—Round lots country dairy 10 to 15c.
Cheese.—Small lots 11 to 11½c.
Eggs.—Fresh, 14c, round lots.
Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 4 to 5c.
Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 5½ to 6c.
Hogs.—Dressed, 5 to 5½c.
Cattle.—Butchers, 2 to 2½c.
Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4 to 4½c.
Sheep.—\$2.25 to \$2.40 per 100 pounds.
Seneca Root.—19 to 20c.
Chickens.—7 to 8c; spring chickens 8 to 10c.
Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.
Potatoes.—45 to 50c per bushel.
Hay.—\$1.50 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.
Wool.—8 to 9c, unwashed fleeco.