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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 2, 1891.

Manitoba.

Charles Skelding has opened out a stock of hardware at Virden.

W. C. Kennedy, Brandon, is succeeded by McKelvie & Anderson.

W. H. Harland, livery and feed stable, Winnipeg, has sold out by auction.

H. Crowe & Co., lumber and grain, Winnipeg, are selling out lumber business.

The rails on the C. P. R. Souris branch have been laid about fifty miles west of Melita.

J. Allaire, lumber and tannery, St. Boniface, has sold out his lumber business to Edward R. Lloyd.

J. J. Schragg, miscellaneous trader, Winnipeg, who was burned out recently, has assigned.

Verner & Hanscombe, customs brokers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. S. T. Hanscombe continues under old style.

G. S. Hill has opened a drug store at Regina. Mr. Hill was formerly with Kenneth Campbell, drugs, of Montreal, and is well posted in this branch of trade.

The extension of the Canadian Pacific Souris branch railway to the Souris coal region, is progressing fast, and grading is expected to be completed in two weeks.

The Manitoba Government deaf and dumb institute at Winnipeg, was seriously damaged by fire last week. The upper story was destroyed. The brick walls are sound, and the work of repairing will be begun at once. The damage was covered by insurance. The institute will find temporary quarters in the meantime.

The Dominion government has at last taken action to grant some much needed improvements in the postal service in Manitoba. The Northern Pacific branches in Manitoba, which have never had a postal service, are to be given mails over; the Brandon branch twice a week each way, and the main line from Winnipeg to West Lynne, will have a daily service. Authorization has also been received from Ottawa to increase the postal car service on the Canadian Pacific Glenboro branch, from semi-weekly to tri-weekly, and also to establish a tri-weekly baggage car service on the Souris branch between Brandon and Melita.

The Manitou Mercury says: "The last shipment of fat stock to Liverpool for the season, was sent off a short time ago, and Mr. Ironside has rounded up the balance of his cattle and is herding them on his ranch near Manitou. He has about four hundred head, mostly two and three year old steers, which will be herded as long as the weather will permit, and which will then be distributed amongst some of the farmers of the district for stall feeding. Mr. Ironside's operations in the cattle export trade have been conducted on such a large scale this season as to place him at the top as the most extensive exporter of live stock in the province. Not only have the stock districts of southern Manitoba been gone over, but northwestern Manitoba, various sections along the main line, and the Battleford, Prince Albert and Edmonton settlements and the ranches of the Northwest have been visited in search of cattle. As a result something like two thousand head of fat stock have been shipped to the old country, representing a cash outlay of nearly \$90,000. Mr. Ironside, while perhaps not making a fortune, has secured satisfactory returns as a result of his enterprise."

Virden received a scorching last week, from a fire which originated in the Ottawa hotel stables. Twenty horses and some cattle were burned in the stables. The fire started at 2.30 Wednesday morning. The fire spread, burning the buildings and stocks of Ramsay & Clingan, general store; Frame & Miller, hardware; Ottawa hotel and stables; Huston's stables and McLelland's dwelling, all of which are a total loss. The fire crossed to the east side of Nelson street, setting fire to all the buildings on that side, namely: Wilcox & Co., general store; Higginbotham's, drugs; Jones, butcher-shop; Schoneau's, hardware; Fraser, flour and feed; McIntosh, butcher; Woolhouse, stationer; Foster, harness. By the exertions of the citizens all these buildings were saved from total destruction, although the stocks and buildings are much damaged. Particulars of the losses and insurance, as far as can be ascertained, are as follows: Ramsay & Clingan, stock \$2,000, insured in the Eastern for \$2,000. The Western has the risk on the building. Ottawa hotel and stable, \$1,500 in the City of London; contents, \$500 in the Western. Frame & Miller, on building and contents, \$2,000 in the Commercial Union, \$2,000 in the Glasgow and London, \$2,000 in the Queen's, \$2,000 in the Lancashire and \$2,000 not known. Hunton's stable, \$300. McLellan's dwelling house, \$3,000 in the Glasgow and London. Wilcox & Co., on building and stock, \$14,000 in the Glasgow and London, Commercial Union and other companies not known, J. Higginbotham, on stock, \$1,000 in the City of London; on building, \$1,000 not known. Schoneau & Co., \$2,000 in the West-

ern of Toronto. T. & J. Jones, on building, \$1,000 in the Lancashire. David Fraser, on stock, \$500 in the City of London, \$500 in the Imperial. Mrs. Woolhouse, on stock, \$500 in the City of London. B. Foster on contents, \$1,000 in the Queen's.

Assiniboia.

S. H. Caswell has made in his creamery this year, at Qu'Appelle, 16,484 pounds of butter. This is about 7,000 larger than last year's make. The butter was all shipped to British Columbia, with the exception of a small quantity consumed locally. The creamery was in operation from April 27 to October 6.

Boright & Parsons, cattle, Maple creek, have dissolved partnership, L. C. Parsons continuing the business.

Tenders for supplies of hardware, for the mounted police, are asked by the department at Regina.

R. F. Greer, from Toronto, has opened a drug store at Alameda, a point which will be on the Canadian Pacific Souris extension.

Saskatchewan.

Prince Albert now has an electric light system in operation.

Alberta.

On the Calgary & Macleod railway, graders are still at work and will be carried this fall to within eight miles of Macleod. Work is still in progress on the bridges over Fish creek, Sheep creek and High river. It is learned from another source that there is nothing absolutely settled in regard to the line going into Macleod. The company wish to stop at the north bank of the Old Man's river, but it is said the government are urging them to go into Macleod.

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of October 26, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: "English wheats of good quality and in dry condition all advanced 1s 2d. A quantity coming to market in a wreathed, unfit state owing to the continual rains, remains unsold. Foreign wheats were held for 6d advance. California cargoes sold at 44s and American red winters at 39s 9d. Maize was firm; mixed American, new corn, was quoted at 23s 5d. Oats were strong under the prospects of the Russian exports ceasing; American was 2s dearer, 21s being asked for December shipment, with 20s 9d offered. The advance in rye was checked by a liberal American supply. Barley, beans and peas were held for a slight rise. At Monday's market all staples were dearer. Dry English wheats were scarce and advanced 6d. Foreign wheats and flour also advanced 6d. Maize, oats, barley and beans were firm."

The Dominion board of examiners for the inspection of flour and meal and the fixing of standards held their annual meeting at Montreal on October 22. Among the members present were D. H. McMillan, Chas. N. Bell and Stephen Nairn, of Winnipeg. The members got through with their work, and report that the standards are practically the same as last year.