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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 21, 1891.

Manitoba.

F. Stiver, has opened a grocery at Rapid City.

John Taylor, furniture, Melita, is moving to Carduff.

Walter Blanchard, hotel, Carman, is applying for a license.

J. H. McConnell will open out in the lumber business at Hamiota.

Mrs. W. Perrett, jeweler, Winnipeg, contemplates moving westward.

Henry Roberts, groceries and lumber, Strathclair, is adding a general store stock.

Alexander Macdonald, wholesale grocer, has been elected mayor of Winnipeg for 1892.

The estate of A. H. Christie, boot and shoe manufactory, Winnipeg, has been sold to T. Lyons at 43 1/2 cents.

Langley & Campbell, tailors, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership; Alex. Campbell will continue the business.

Jos. Johnson, general store, Carberry, has formed a partnership with Ross, under the style of Thompson & Ross, at Nesbitt.

A. C. Flummerfelt, of the Ames Holden Co., Victoria, B. C., was in the city last week renewing many old acquaintances here.

C. P. Brown, civil engineer, and who held a portfolio in the late Norquay government of Manitoba, died at Winnipeg last week of pneumonia.

Carvoth & Co., Winnipeg, have been ap-

pointed agents for S. Oppenheimer, of Chicago, dealer in butchers' supplies, packing house machinery, etc.

The Hamilton Loan and Savings Society has commenced business in Manitoba, with head quarters at Brandon, where J. L. Sutherland, late of Hamilton, has been appointed to take charge.

A. McLean, hardware, Brandon, has sold out to P. C. Mitchell and Jas. M. Brown, two young men who have been for a number of years in the employ of S. F. Johnston & Co., hardware merchants, Brandon.

The by-law to raise \$20,000 to further improve the grounds and buildings of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association, has been defeated. This will not interfere with the holding of the annual exhibition in July next

Carscaden, Peck & Co., wholesale clothing, Winnipeg, have purchased 100 feet on the corner opposite their present location, Princess and McDermott streets, and will erect a fine block thereon next summer, for their own business.

A fire occurred in the smoke house of J. Y. Griffin & Co, packers, etc., of Winnipeg, early last week. Fortunately, the contents of the smoke house had been largely removed the day previous, but a couple of thousand pounds of clear pork remained, and was destroyed.

The Great Northwest Central railway was opened for business on Tuesday last. A mixed passenger and freight train left Chater for Hamiota at 11.30 a. m. President Arthur Codd, of Ottawa, Superintendent P. A. Bogue and other officials went over the road on an inspection tour. P. A. Bogue, formerly agent at Brandon, has been appointed traffic manager of the new road.

The Winnipeg Exhibition association has issued a circular, asking farmers who have fine samples of grain, etc., to hold some for the exhibition, which will take place in July next. Large prizes will be offered for grain, etc., from the crop of 1891. Exhibits will be carried free by the railways, and passenger tickets will be issued at the low rate of one cent per mile, from points where the single fare is over \$4. From points where the single fare to Winnipeg is \$4 or under, return trip tickets will be issued for one fare.

THE COMMERCIAL stated last week that a company to manufacture binder twine, was being formed in Winnipeg. Progress has since been made in the matter. The company is to be known as "The Manitoba Binder Twine and Cordage Company," with a capital of \$150,000, in 15,000 shares of \$10 each. The provincial directors of the company are Duncan McArthur, president; James Haggart, vice-president and managing director; Oliver Gourlay Miller, of Dugald, Man., consulting director; Daniel Smith, Thomas Smith, Springfield; secretary, Albert Vass; offices, Dundas block, 393 Main street, Winnipeg.

The case of Williams, Greene & Rowe, mens' furnishings, Toronto, vs. Robert Magee, and L. R. Arnett, of Winnipeg, was in court last week. Arnett, a Winnipeg clothier, was sold out by his father-in-law, some time ago, the facts of the case having been reported in THE COMMERCIAL at the time, and commented upon as rather a shady transaction. The plaintiffs in the case endeavor to make out a fraudulent

transfer of the business from Arnett to Magee, in order to hold the stock for Arnett, and defraud the creditors of the estate. Magee alleges that his claim against the estate was a just one. He says that Arnett collected rents for him for some years, on account of which the sum of \$11,000 was owing him, which he was obliged to take legal steps to secure. If Arnett collected Magee's money, and appropriated it in other ways, would this be termed embezzlement?

Assiniboia.

Smithers & Jupp, of Moomin, intend to open a branch harness and saddlery establishment at Fleming.

James Paul has purchased the Watson Manufacturing Co.'s stock and property in Moomin and will continue the business on his own account.

W. H. Maulson has purchased the stock of the old firm of W. H. Maulson & Co., general merchants, Moomin, and will continue the business.

J. D. Sibbald & Co., Regina, have sold out their flour and feed business to the Western Milling Co. Ltd. Mr. Sibbald is the manager of the company. Sibbald & Co. will still carry on their machine business as usual.

The Regina Leader says: It has been decided to hold the next Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition in July. Large prizes will be offered for grain of the 1891 crops. Farmers should select and preserve good samples. Regina should not bungle this affair as she did this fall, when our farmers just missed \$300 in prizes which they could have taken almost as easily as falling off a log.

Moose Jaw suffered severely from fire on Saturday, Dec. 12. The fire originated in the hotel occupied by Jackman & McVannett, and spread so rapidly that Jackman and child and a young lady were unable to escape and were burned to death. The following were the sufferers: Estate of Felix Plante, general stock; McBride, boots and shoes; Jas. McCauley, jeweler; F. A. Meller, fruit and confectionery; Mrs. J. G. Chalmers, dry goods and boots and shoes; Mrs. John Tilden, bakery; W. W. Dole, drugs; Herbert Carter, barber; R. J. Hood & Co., boots and shoes; and O. Field, billiards.

Alberta.

The Calgary and Edmonton railway storehouse at Calgary with contents, were destroyed by fire last week. There was nothing saved. The loss will be about \$5,000; partially insured.

At a recent meeting of the Calgary board of trade, Mr. Allen brought up the matter of a daily mail service. He pointed out that there was no reason why Calgary should not have a mail from Winnipeg on Friday as the train which passed through that day had a closed mail for Vancouver and Victoria. Mr. Allen then moved, seconded by Mr. Ingram, that the secretary of the board communicate with the boards of trade of other towns between Winnipeg and Vancouver, inviting their co-operation towards securing a daily mail service for towns between Winnipeg and the coast, and also that they communicate with the postal department in regard to the matter. Carried.