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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 22, 1894.

Manitoba.

H. T. Hatch, general store, Pipestone, has assigned.

J. C. Sproule is opening a grocery store in Winnipeg.

John Crawford, hotel, Brandon, is applying for a license.

O. K. James, hotel, Elkhorn, is applying for a license.

Frank W. East is starting a tannery at Portage la Prairie.

A. W. Brain, gunsmith, is opening business at Lake Dauphin.

Elizabeth Hulcoop, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out to Albert Bayley.

H. Main, hotel, Brandon, is applying for a transfer from P. J. Flanagan.

The sale of the stock of Munro & Co., liquors, Brandon, has been postponed until Oct. 25.

James White, hardware, Rapid City, is adding furniture and undertaking to his business.

E. Scariatt, drugs and stationery, Manitou and Pilot Mound, has sold out to R. W. McClung & Co.

Mrs. Aitkins has bought out the dress-making and millinery store of Miss Sheppard, at Pilot Mound.

Fox & Hubbs, general storekeepers of Methven, have assigned in trust to James H. Smart, of Brandon.

K. J. Elkjar & Co., wholesale butchers, Winnipeg, have dissolved; C. Bossuyt retires, and Elkjar continues alone.

Louis Hodges, traveller for the firm of Rublee, Riddell & Co., after a long struggle with fever succumbed on Tuesday morning.

Nesbit & Lalonde, sashes and doors, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Milford, Lalonde & Co.

It is said that the Wawanesa express robbery has been ferreted out and the cash recovered, but no prosecution has been ordered yet.

The Neepawa news is the name of a new paper hailing from the lively Manitoba Northwestern town, and which takes the place of the defunct Herald.

The last addition to the press of Manitoba is the Holland Observer, published for the first

time at the town of Holland, Man., last week, and hereafter will appear weekly. We hope the publisher will realize expectations in the success of the venture.

The Canada Pacific Railway car shops at Winnipeg are to be enlarged, the amount of work now called for being greater than the capacity. The car-repairing sheds will be enlarged by an addition 145 feet long by 45 feet wide, covering two tracks.

It is said that about thirty cars of potatoes have been shipped to the States from the vicinity of Portage la Prairie, for which the farmers were paid 25 cents per bushel. In the Winnipeg district prices have been too high for local purposes to admit of exporting.

A. C. Foster writes The Commercial to the effect that R. E. Heaman, hotel proprietor, Winnipeg, who is reported to have deamped, was not connected with the Winnipeg Electro Plating & Novelty Co., of which latter company Mr. Foster is manager. Parties in the country, he says, have erroneously supposed that Heaman was connected with his company.

Frank Lightcap, an experienced fur, hide and wool man, lately connected with the Toronto Hide and Wool Co. in Winnipeg, went to Minneapolis last week to confer with Jas. McMillan & Co., about opening a regular branch of their business in Winnipeg. It is understood the Minneapolis firm will open a branch here for handling furs, hides, wool, seneca root, etc., with probably Mr. Lightcap as manager.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating W. E. Baldwin, John Crane, George Motheral, Alexander Forest and J. S. Miller farmers, and Robert Needham and E. E. Best, of Manitou, painter and school inspector respectively, as the "Manitou Farmers' Store Company, Limited." The purpose of the company is to do a general store business and to deal in farmers' produce in the town of Manitou. The capital stock is placed at \$10,000, divided in 400 shares of \$25 each.

Selkirk suffered again from fire on Sunday night. The report says: The origin of the fire was undoubtedly incendiary. This was the second fire within a week and both were attended with suspicious circumstances. At the time of the first fire there was a high wind blowing from the south-west and the fire was kindled in the extreme south-west end of the town. This time the gale was from the south-east and the fire was started in that end, the evident idea being to make a clean sweep of the town. The most serious feature of the fire was the destruction of the Robinson Co's big fish warehouse. It contained the entire season's catch of fish. The warehouse cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000. The total loss to the Robinson company is placed at \$50,000, insured for \$39,000. Pearson's residence and butcher shop and stables adjoining the warehouse were burned, and also Stovel's shoe shop, little or nothing being saved from these buildings. Pearson's loss is full \$3,000 while Stovel's is \$600. Pearson carried only a small amount of insurance. The stores across the street were considerably damaged. Dagg's store directly across the street caught fire several times and the goods were damaged by hasty removal. Gilhuly's drug store and post office was considerably burned and everything the building contained was removed. The losses of Mr. Dagg and Mr. Gilhuly are covered by insurance. Eaton's dry good store, Popham's drug store and Bullock's general store were somewhat damaged by heat and removal of goods, but their loss will not be heavy.

Alberta.

H. Wilson, general store, South Edmonton, is succeeded by McLaren & Co.

F. T. Federick has opened a clothes dyeing and cleaning business at Lethbridge.

The Jacques Furniture Co., of Calgary, advertise giving up business on Oct. 31.

W. H. Sheppard, formerly of the Calgary and Edmonton hotel at Macleod, has rented the Raymond hotel, Edmonton, for two years.

Mr. Johnson, a new settler from Nebraska, has purchased some lots at Olds on which he proposes erecting a store and putting in a large stock of general merchandise.

Edmonton Bulletin: The flow of natural gas that was struck in the well which is being bored near the electric light station, ceased for a time, but has commenced again. The well is now down about 127 feet.

Edmonton Bulletin: It is estimated that \$85,000 worth of fur was purchased for cash or trade by Edmonton firms and fur buyers during the past year. This does not include the fur traded by the Hudson's Bay company in the Mackenzie basin, which passes through Edmonton.

Assiniboia.

N. & D. Livingstone, general merchants of Yorkton, have made an assignment for the benefit of all their creditors to S. A. D. Bertrand, of Winnipeg.

Northwest Ontario.

Morton & Co., of Fort William, have decided to give up the dry goods business and confine themselves exclusively to groceries and boots and shoes.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin of October 12 says: The east-bound rates are unsettled this week and are said to be cut 2 to 5c. The tariff to New York is 2c for flour and grain and 30c per 100 lbs for provisions. Through rates to Liverpool were in better demand, and a steady feeling prevailed. Rates on flour to Liverpool 20 to 22c per 100 lbs; grain, 9c per bushel for wheat, 8½c for corn, and 36¼ to 41½c for provisions. Glasgow and Antwerp were about 1c over Liverpool rates. Through rates to New York were steady at 7c for wheat, 6½c for corn, and 5½c for oats. Flour rates via lake and rail were steady at 15c per 100 lbs. New England rates were steady at 9c per bushel for corn and 5½c for oats. Lake business was dull, loads being hard to obtain and rates were easy at 1½c for wheat, 1½c corn and 1 to 1½c for oats to Buffalo, 2½c for wheat to Kingston, and 1½c for corn, and 1½c for oats to Port Huron, and ¾c for wheat to Milwaukee.

The Duluth Herald says the placing of the Duluth and Winnipeg road in the hands of a receiver is no serious calamity. "The mortgage will be foreclosed and the road will be purchased by the Canadian Pacific people. That they are making this move at the present time may be taken as an indication that the extension of the road northwesterly will be resumed next year.

The great demand for freight carrying facilities on the Canadian Pacific railway at the present time causes great activity in the car works at Winnipeg, more especially in the locomotive shops, and freight repair yards.

The Duluth Market Report of October 12, says: Estimating to-day's shipments of wheat at 100,000 bushels, 1,850,000 bushels of wheat were shipped from here during the week, most of it at 2½c per bushel Duluth to Buffalo. One charter was reported at 2c and another at 2½c with no demand for tonnage at that. The Kingston rate is nominally at 4½c per bushel, vessel paying tolls.