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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 28, 1899.

A Mr. GOLD has opened a store at McGregor, Manitoba.

J. PORTER is erecting a blacksmith shop at Medicine Hat, Assa.

CHAS. HARLEY, of the Palmer house, Regina, who has been very ill, is recovering.

GIRARD & Co., wholesale fancy goods, Montreal, have assigned. Liabilities, \$50,000.

THE Birtle cheese factory has cleared out the season's make at an average of 9 1/2 cents per pound.

THE Massey Manufacturing Company is building an implem.ent warehouse at McGregor, Manitoba.

BOYD & ELLIOTT have entered into partnership in the manufacture of bobsleighs at Carberry, Manitoba.

WARKEY has rented Wilson's blacksmith shop at Newdale, Man., and has commenced business in his line.

THREE hundred gallons of fish oil have been shipped from Lake Winnipeg this fall. The oil was taken from the refuse of the fisheries.

PORTER & SPARLING will erect a building at Portage la Prairie which they will use as a machinery depot. The new firm will carry a full stock of all kinds of farm implements, buggies, sleighs, etc.

N. D. McDONALD has been given the contract for plumbing and steam-fitting in the Northern Pacific hotel and buildings in Winnipeg. The Vulcan Iron Works has the contract for furnishing four 80-horse power boilers.

ON Tuesday, at Portage la Prairie, says the *Review*, the price of wheat dropped two cents, making 63c the highest paid for No. 1 hard. Oats bring 40c and barley 30c. Very few oats are coming in and the barley is badly discolored.

THE Canadian Pacific railway will run two excursions to the Pacific coast. They will leave Winnipeg Wednesday, October 30th, and Wednesday, November 6th. The tickets will be good for sixty days and will be sold for \$50.

THE bankrupt stock of Howard Barnes, furniture and undertaker, Rat Portage, is offered for sale by tender, addressed to J. K. Wright, assignee, Rat Portage, up to Nov. 1. The stock and tools amount to about \$1,700; also \$390 book debts.

THE Brandon *Sun* of Thursday last says: The market yesterday for wheat was 65 cents. There is a considerable quantity being marketed, averaging between six and seven thousand bushels a day. Oa's bring 42 cents, barley 40 cents. Potatoes are scarce at 45 cents per bushel.

NOTICE is given that E. M. Garliffe, general storekeeper, of Letellier, Man., has assigned "for the benefit of his creditors." G. A. Merrick, of Winnipeg, is the assignee. As Garliffe was burned out recently, without insurance, the "benefit of his creditors" clause is one of grim amusement.

Le *Manitoba*, of St. Boniface, the only French journal now published in Manitoba, has commenced its nineteenth year. *Le Manitoba* succeeded *Le Metise*, and the volumes of the latter publication are included in the reckoning.

THE first general meeting of shareholders of the new Montmorency Cotton Manufacturing Company, held at Montreal recently, D. Morrice, C. R. Whitehead, A. F. Gault, H. M. Price and D. Pringle were elected directors. China it is said is to be made the principal market for their manufacture.

BRANDON *Times*: The Souris branch is now being laid with rails and a mile a day is being put down. The construction engine runs into Brandon every evening and takes out a load of material on the following morning. It is only a question of a few days till Souris citizens will be able to come in by train.

THE new pork packing establishment at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, has commenced operations. Sausage will also be manufactured, and goods will be sold only 'o the trade. Jas. Reid, an English packer, is the practical man of the concern, and Mr. Johnson, of the Portage oatmeal mill, is also interested in the business.

NEEPAWA, Man., according to the local paper, will have a record of twenty-eight new buildings this season. This does not include stables and the like, but business stands and dwellings only. Some of these buildings are very good. Ten of them are brick, and two have plate-glass fronts.

"It puts one in mind of the boom to talk with some of our real estate men these days about the business they are doing," says the *Portage Review*. "One man says he has handled and

closed no less than a dozen real estate transactions during the past two weeks, eight of which were changes of town property."

NOTICE is given that that an application will be made to Parliament for an act to incorporate "The Alberta Colonization Railway Company" with power to construct a railway from Cassilsel on the Canadian Pacific westerly to the Bow River near Grassey Island, then to the mouth of the Crows Nest Pass, and to the Pacific Ocean, and also to construct telegraph lines.

THE death was announced early last week of Senator Turner, of Hamilton, well known as connected with the wholesale grocery trade of that place. Senator Turner was father of Jas. Turner, of the wholesale grocery house of Turner, McKeand, of Winnipeg, the Winnipeg firm being an outgrowth of the Hamilton house. The late Senator was well known throughout the West, having frequently visited the country during his long business connections here.

THE Port Arthur *Sentinel* says: Richard Winder, who went to England to place the Murillo mine on the market, is on his way home. His mission has been very successful. He has a brother in England who is a mining manager, and with his aid Mr. Winder has succeeded in floating the scheme. Sixty-six thousand dollars of the capital stock of the new company has been paid in, and this money will be used in the development of the mine. A competent mining manager is coming with Mr. Winder, and work on the mine will commence almost immediately. The vein in this mine is exceedingly well defined and looks splendid. The shaft is down about fifty feet, and some fine ore has been taken out.

S. A. McGaw, manager of the grain purchasing department of the Keewatin Milling Company, has opened a temporary office in Winnipeg, and in a few days expects to have permanent quarters located on the market square here. He will remain permanently in Winnipeg and direct the grain purchasing business of the company. Grain buyers for the company are now located at all principal points in Manitoba, and Mr. McGaw is also prepared to purchase grain in car lots at any point. Five new elevators have been erected, one each at the following points in Manitoba: Gretna, Plum Coulee, and Thornhill, on the Pembina Mountain branch, and Carman and Holland on the Southwestern branch of the Canadian Pacific railway. Several flat warehouses may yet be erected this season, but no more elevators will be built this year. The storage capacity of the company at the mill at Keewatin is 500,000 bushels. Mr. McGaw has been east during the fall working up the flour trade of the company. A warehouse has been opened at Montreal for the eastern trade. Winnipeg, Keewatin and Montreal will be the three divisional headquarters of the company. The mill is running steadily and turning out an average of 1,300 barrels per day. Shipments of flour are being made regularly to eastern points and also for export across the Atlantic. The barrel factory in connection with the mill at Keewatin is proving a great convenience to the eastern Canadian business, where the trade is accustomed to handling flour in barrels.