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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 21, 1896.

Manitoba.

E. Kelly is opening in barbans' supplies at Winnipeg.

The stock of D. C. Lamont, Dauphin, has been sold under chattel mortgage to W. A. Bigham.

J. G. Flatt & Co., Greenway, general store, have sold out to H. C. Hamelin.

Hogarth & Martin, Minnedosa, general store, have dissolved partnership. Martin continues.

M. McLean, marchand, Pipestone, is selling out by auction.

J. M. Taylor, Portage la Prairie is making additions to the size of his planing mill and adding new machinery thereto, for the manufacture of sash and doors, etc.

Geo. H. Campbell, manager of the Winnipeg street railway system, has resigned and will interest himself in Kootenay mines.

C. N. Ball, secretary of the Winnipeg board of trade, has received an official communication stating that he has been appointed to serve on a committee of the British Association for the advancement of Science, the object of which is to organize an ethnological survey of Canada.

A by-law has been carried at Portage la Prairie to construct works on the river there for water-power purposes, etc., involving a large expenditure.

A rumor comes from Ottawa that the government has decided to go ahead with the Red river improvements—that is, the St. Andrew's rapids canal.

Theophilus Tessier, proprietor of the Grand Central hotel, Winnipeg, died on Wednesday evening last, after a short but severe illness.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly, late Minister of the Interior, who is a resident of Brandon, contemplates moving to Rossland, British Columbia, where he will open a law office.

Application has been made for letters patent incorporating "The Western Publishing Company," with headquarters at Brandon. The capital stock is \$10,000 in 100 shares of \$100 each. The applicants are G. D. Wilson, J. W. Fleming, W. F. Wilson, R. Hall, J. McDirmid, all of Brandon. This is the company which has bought out the Brandon Sun newspaper. This company will also publish an educational monthly, to be the official organ of the Provincial Teachers' association.

Monday morning at the court house, Winnipeg, before Judge Walker, an applica-

tion was made to quash the early closing by-law regulating clothing shops and gents' furnishing shops. The application was made by J. C. Currie, auctioneer, who was summoned for keeping his store open after seven o'clock on November 11th, and was fined \$10 and costs. It is contended that the by-law does not cover the case of an auctioneer.

Alberta.

About \$50,000 worth of gold dust taken from the Saskatchewan was purchased by the banks in Edmonton during the past season.

Assinibota

J. T. Broan, late of Aikins, Calver & McLennan's law office, Winnipeg, has opened an office at M^ontreal.

A correspondent at Whitehead sends the following items:—Wm. Upton, butcher, has opened out in the old "Herald" office. Wm. Stoddart & Co. have bought out Frank Malonck, in the livery and feed business.—The Herald printing plant has been moved into its new block on LaLonde St.—Miss Smith, fruit, confectionery, &c., has given up business and returned to Wapella.—The Misses Blackwood have opened up as milliners, furriers, &c., in the building owned by Mr. Street, opposite the Woodbine hotel.—Fred W. Campbell has taken out an auctioneer's license.—James R. Bird & Co. have opened an extensive Christmas stock in the rooms above their store.—Business has kept up well this winter.

Burke & Lockerby have opened a general store at Gainsboro.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade.

Grade.	Nov. 11	Nov. 21	Nov. 23	Dec. 5	Dec. 12
Extra Man. H'd	29	20	6	6	27
No. 1 hard.....	199	199	79	58	107
No. 2 hard	79	79	41	31	47
No. 3 hard.....	53	15	19	3	21
No. 1 North'n ..	12	12	7	5	11
No. 2 North'n ..	9	9	1	3	2
No. 3 North'n ..	0	0	0	1	0
No. 1 white type	4	4	0	0	0
No. 2 white type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring ...	1	1	2	2	1
No. 2 Spring ...	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted ..	17	17	12	17	12
No. 2 frosted ..	33	33	7	16	16
No. 3 Frosted ..	7	7	3	2	2
No. 1 Rejected ..	7	7	8	5	9
No. 2 Rejected ..	9	9	3	0	4
No. Grade	1	1	4	2	2
Feed	0	0	0	1	0
Total	451	451	192	167	263
Same week last year.....	404	306	227	233	251

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

The Stock Trade Notes.

Mr. Springett, manager of the New Oxley Ranch Co., was in town on Wednesday, Dec. 9, says the Macleod Gazette. Mr. Springett informed us that the chinook had pretty well cleared off the snow in his part of the country, and that cattle were in first rate shape.

W. J. Hyde, manager of the Trefoil rancho, located in the Porcupine Hills, was in town on December 11, says the Macleod Gazette.

Mr. Hyde says that cattle on the east side of the Hills never suffered during the recent severe weather. The north and east side of the Hills were always bare and there was plenty of grass. The greatest depth of snow was 18 inches. Thoroughbred nares were out in the storm and it apparently had no effect on them. Mr. Hyde has ridden the whole range in his vicinity, and with the exception of two or three thoroughbred bulls, brought in late and in poor condition, he has seen no dead cattle. The chinook has cleared off all the snow, and has left no ice on the prairie, while all the lakes are full of water.

Hardware and Paint Trade.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: United States manufacturers of cut nails have made such a sweeping reduction in prices that makers here will have to reduce their prices soon, unless they are prepared to see our market flooded with United States goods. Some dealers are looking for lower prices at any moment, while others say the change will not be made before January 1st. Some say the reduction will be 40c.

A Toronto report mentions a small advance in tinplate.

The nail manufacturers of Canada have been feeling the effect of competition from the manufacturers of the United States, and the breaking of the combine over there, and the consequent cut in prices. They met at Toronto on December 12 and agreed to reduce prices in Canada by 45 cents a keg to meet the cut in the States.

Grain and Milling.

There is an increase of about 5 per cent. in the area of winter wheat sown in the United States last fall, and the condition on December 1 was very high, according to the recent report of the department of agriculture.

Oats have been coming in very freely during the past week, says the Edmonton Bulletin. Up to 25c and 27c has been paid at the oatmeal mill, South Edmonton, for milling quality. The price quoted in Edmonton for feed oats is 20 to 23c.

W. W. Ogilvie, the well known miller, has contributed \$1,000 to the Winnipeg general hospital and \$500 to the St. Boniface hospital.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange last week, S. Scott, of Lauder, and D. Pritchard, of Carman, were elected associate members.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Currants are reported to have advanced in Greece.

Advices from California report a quieter but still very firm market for dried fruits.

Efforts are being made to organize the Columbia River salmon packers on the same basis as the Alaska Packers' Association.

New dates were received at Toronto last week the best Hallowes offering at 7c and less desirable goods at 1 to 1 1/2c lower.

The department of the interior has prepared an official statement of immigrants arriving in Canada for the past season. There were in all, 21,311, compared with 21,338 for the year previous. The number of those who settled in the Dominion or announced their intention of remaining was 4,127, and last year 16,019. Those en route to the United States numbered 7,124 and last year 5,319. The number of those who announced their destination to be Manitoba and the Territories or British Columbia was 5,120 against 4,603 last season.