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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 7, 1895.

Manitoba.

E. Saunders, jeweller, Winnipeg, is moving to Toronto.

The Manitoba legislature will convene on January 24.

P. Burrows, blacksmith, has started business at Swan Lake.

Jas. Martin, general store, Rounthwaite, is advertising his business for sale.

The Martin, Bole & Wynne Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, has been incorporated.

Harrison & McDermott, livery, Winnipeg, are succeeded by W. J. Hinman.

The estate of T. G. Anderson, general store, Arden, has been sold to James Cameron.

Peter Wielie, merchant, Rosenfeld, is admitting his brother William from Gretna, as partner.

A neat calendar for 1895 has been received from Stephen Nairn, of the Winnipeg oatmeal mills.

The estate of J. E. Saunders, general store, Deloraine, has been sold at 61 cents on the dollar to Andrew Holliday.

Voloshin & Cohen, general store, Carman, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand. A meeting of creditors will be held on January 11.

Mr. McKim, of Souris, shipped a car of live hogs to Winnipeg on January 3. He is paying 3 cents per pound, live weight, to farmers.

A party named Boorman has opened a harness shop at Reston, and one Dempsey has opened a flour and feed store at the same place.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Board of Fire Underwriters was held on Thursday at Winnipeg, when the following officers were elected: Robert Strang, president; G. F. Carruthers, vice-president; R. H. Hayward, secretary.

The board of Broadway school district, Deloraine, will receive tenders up to the 21st January, 1895, for purchase of 19 Debentures of the district, 15, for \$200.00 each and 4 for \$250.00 each, payable in 19 years at 6 per cent. per annum.

A recount of votes in the Winnipeg mayoralty contest shows Mr. Gilroy to have been elected by a majority of eight votes. This reverses the first count, which gave Alex. McMicken a majority of two. Mr. Gilroy has been sworn in as mayor for 1895.

Mr. Fraser, inspector for the Western Canada company says it is the intention of the

company to rebuild their handsome Winnipeg block, destroyed in the interior by fire recently. S. Frank Peters has been instructed to get out the plans and as soon as they are ready tenders will be called for and the contract let. The company is also considering the advisability of adding to the block.

On December 29 a blaze was discovered in the Portage la Prairie branch store of G. H. Rodgers & Co., general merchants, Winnipeg. The fire was quickly got under control. The blaze is said to have originated from the stub of a cigar, or a spark from the stove, and had eaten through the floor, just getting a good start when discovered. Piles of clothes were scorched and other goods damaged by fire and chemicals. Loss covered by insurance.

The Melita Enterprise says: As the facts are learned we find that of late some of those who have been sending east have not had the best results. One party sent for a \$15 cap and got an article which he can buy here for \$1. Another gentleman sent his order accompanied by \$25 to a grocery firm and has never heard from the firm since. In course of time people will learn. How would it do to try our own merchants with a \$15 or \$25 cash order?

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, entered for consumption, and duty collected thereon during the month of December, at Winnipeg compared with the same month in 1893:

	Value '93.	Value '94.
Exported	375,005	53,876
Entered for consumption, dutiable	109,806	100,628
Entered for consumption, free	39,188	44,916

Total for consumption 148,989 145,544
Duty collected 89,872.88 84,612.46

The transactions for the month ending December 31, 1894, at the Dominion government savings bank in Winnipeg, were: Deposits, \$17,664.00, withdrawals, \$18,612.27, withdrawals exceed deposits by \$948.27.

The Inland Revenue collections at Winnipeg, for December, 1894, were:

Spirits	\$19,811 95
Tobacco	9,486 51
Malt	2,283 24
Cigars	674 70
Petroleum	95 50
Total	\$32,251 90

A further dividend of ten per cent. has been declared and will be paid to the creditors of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, which, added to the first dividend of 17 per cent., makes a total of 27 per cent. of creditor's claims refunded. The liabilities of the bank so far paid by the liquidators, including both dividends, are as follows:

Circulation redeemed	\$109,670
Interest paid on circulation	5,622
Preferred and secured claims	286,877
Dividends	145,455
Total	\$817,654

Saskatchewan.

The establishment of a creamery at Saskatoon seems now assured, the requisite number of cows having been guaranteed. An endeavor is being made to obtain a free site for the building from the Temperance Colonization society or town site trustees, and as the creamery will increase the value of their property they will probably see it to their interest to give the site asked for.

The bank of Montreal has decided to establish a branch in St. John's Newfoundland.

Alberta.

Cowie, drugs, contemplates starting business at Edmonton.

Sharples & Co., general store, Red Deer, are reported to have sold out.

Thos. G. McClelland has purchased the Western Soap Works at Calgary.

Al. Traunweiser, barber, Calgary, has sold out to J. A. Didden. Traunweiser has leased the Dowdney hotel.

Mr. Lucas, of Calgary, has gone east to endeavor to finance a scheme known as the Springbank Irrigation Company.

Hall, Flynn & Co., brewers, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership; F. K. Gibson retires and the business will be continued by Hall & Flynn.

Assiniboia

Wm. Young contemplates starting a carriage shop at Maple Creek.

Fire destroyed the residence of Dixon Bros., merchants, of Maple Creek, recently, and the little four-year-old daughter of one of the brothers was burned to death. Her father had just left home by train for a trip east.

A public meeting was held at Regina recently for the purpose of discussing the territorial exhibition to be held next fall. D. Mowat, M.L.A. was the first speaker. He said if it was to be made a success one and all would have to put their shoulders to the wheel. After speaking to some length he moved the following resolution, seconded by George W. Brown: "That the following be an executive committee to confer with the Lieutenant-Governor in connection with the site, erect buildings and generally to represent the interest of the Regina district at the approaching territorial exhibition, and that they have power to add to their number." Twenty-seven representative citizens were named. The motion was carried unanimously. G. W. Brown, and J. W. Smith also spoke endorsing the appointment of a committee and emphasizing the fact that this was not a Regina, but a territorial exhibition.

Grain and Milling Matters.

The farmers of Olds district, Alberta, are willing to sow a grand acreage of wheat as an inducement to parties wishing to locate there with a grist mill.

W. W. Ogilvie said recently: "I intend to have my Winnipeg mill enlarged. Specifications have already been sent out and tenders will be opened on the 15th of next month."

The Northern Elevator Co., Winnipeg, purpose building eight or ten elevators at country points in Manitoba next summer. The company also purpose building a large storage and cleaning elevator at Winnipeg.

A broker said this morning that of the 650,000 odd bushels of wheat in store in Montreal, a large percentage is Duluth and Chicago wheat. "The amount of Manitoba wheat held here," he said, "is very small." It is generally conceded among grain dealers that Montreal is not the only place where stocks of Manitoba wheat are small. This in fact is evident by the actions of millers, who are absorbing all the wheat they can lay hands on.—Montreal Herald.

English Grain Markets.

The Mark Lane Express of December 31, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: "The market has been fairly active and prices have ruled the same as before the holidays. To-day English and foreign wheats are firm, though sales are limited. Corn, oats and feeding barley are 8d cheaper.