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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 22, 1890.

Manitoba.

Capt. Helgasson has opened a general store at Selkirk.

Portage's population is estimated at between 4,000 and 5,000.

Messrs. Shaw contemplate opening a store at Lake Dauphin.

John Hamilton, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, contemplates selling out.

The track-layers on the C. P. R. Souris branch, have reached Hartney.

J. Smith & Co., general merchants, Crystal City, contemplate moving to Balder.

Francis, of Headingly, has bought out J. W. Sparling, general dealer of High Bluff.

Mrs. Geo. Easton has opened out in the stationery and fancy goods line at Morden.

Peebles & Braden, butchers, Winnipeg, have sold out their market business to Braden Bros.

Dr. J. Y. McLachlan, of Toronto, has decided to locate at Carberry for the practice of his profession.

Andrew Malcolm, cheesemaker, Lake Dauphin, has assigned in trust to P. J. McDermott, of Minnedosa.

The Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Company have opened the extension of the road to Yorkton for traffic.

J. F. Jardine, formerly in the livery and feed business at Carberry, has rented the Commercial hotel, at Neepawa.

The Portage fire brigade is to reorganize, with paid men. This is decidedly a wise move on the part of the civic authorities.

Tenders are being called for the supplies next year for the Deaf and Dumb Institute at

Winnipeg, including groceries, flour, meats, bread, etc.

The secretary treasurer of the Winnipeg General Hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$25 donation from the Northwest Commercial Travellers Association.

A. Pearson, clothing merchant, Winnipeg, for the past fifteen years, who has just been elected to fill the mayoralty chair for a second term, is going out of business on February 1st.

The Portage Liberal says that Mr. Noble, one of the creditors of the town who was hanging back from a settlement, has at last come into the arrangement and thus completes the circle.

Johnson & Barclay, millers and flour and feed dealers, Portage, have dissolved partnership. D. Johnston will carry on the work of building the new oatmeal mill to replace the one burned recently.

A large quantity of fire wood is being delivered along the line of the Northern Pacific Brandon branch, north of Swan Lake. The wood is being shipped to Brandon principally, and is proving a great advantage to the wheat city.

The Manitoba Dairy Association will meet at Portage la Prairie on January 15. Manitoba has much to expect from a better development of her resources in this line, and the efforts of the dairy association are worthy of every encouragement.

H. H. Stovel, superintendent at Winnipeg of the London Life Insurance Company, died suddenly in the railway depot at West Lynne last week. A few minutes before he was apparently in good health. Mr. Stovel was well known and a respected citizen of Winnipeg.

The exhibition by-law was voted upon and carried in Winnipeg on Tuesday last. This inures to Winnipeg and to Manitoba an exhibition worthy of the province. The sum granted by the city in aid of the exhibition is \$30,000, to be invested in grounds and buildings. There were 917 votes for and 30 against the by-law.

A writ has been issued by Charlebois against the Great Northwest Central railway to obtain payment of \$5,123. Charlebois says that legal action has been taken, as a matter of form, to decide the question as to whom the money shall be paid. The amount involved is part of the cost of construction of fifty miles of the road for which Charlebois was contractor. It has been agreed, he says, to settle the dispute by arbitration.

The report of the last season's operations at the Manitou cheese factory furnishes a pretty good exhibit. It is as follows: Total amount of milk furnished by patrons, 296,691 pounds; total amount of cheese made, 29,536½ pounds; average price of milk for season per 100 pound, 70 cents; total gross receipts, \$2,909 80; total expenses, \$851.74; net proceeds, \$2,058 06; number of cheese made, 469; average weight per cheese, 63 pounds.

THE COMMERCIAL has repeatedly referred to the injustice of the mail service supplied the important town of Emerson. The Emerson Times has the following to say on the same matter: "We most humbly submit that this district is being wantonly neglected and retarded in progress in many ways by the treatment we receive from the Dominion Govern-

ment. We desire just now to draw attention to the fact that, although a regular express train leaves Winnipeg every morning and passes through the town of Emerson about 1 p.m., our mails are sent away over to Greta by another road and arrive here by stage at about 4.30 or 5 o'clock."

Although the improvements made at Pilot Mound this season, says the Sentinel, have not been as great as was expected, yet some progress has been made. The large new roller flour mill and oatmeal mill have been great additions to the business establishments of the town and bid fair to be of immense value to the district. The large new store erected and occupied by McLean Bros. adds much to the appearance of the important corner on which the building stands. The new structure added to the Queen's Hotel, by Mr. Crothers, largely increases the accommodation required for the travelling public. The new curling rink in course of construction will be useful as well as ornamental and when the curling season is over will make an excellent hall in which to hold the agricultural exhibitions. The building will be erected in the corner of the ground belonging to the society and will be planned in order that it may be suitable for the annual shows. Some new dwellings and additions have been erected during the year.

The Chicago Commercial Advertiser, now the Industrial World, published the first write-up of Manitoba, which appeared in 1877. It was a very full one, and was afterwards re-published on a large scale, in pamphlet form, on the order of the Dominion Government. In recalling this fact The Industrial World said, recently: "Until that time, the province had been a sort of terra incognita—a wilderness region without attractions for the outside world; but the pen-pictures of its multiform advantages, scattered broadcast, created an interest which led to inquiry, and then to an influx of industrious and enterprising people seeking cheap homes. Since that vigorous start, Manitoba has grown rapidly in population, and in the elements of wealth and prosperity. Now that railway extension and its attendant lines of telegraph have brought the province into industrial and commercial touch with distant communities, a still higher grade of development is rendered practicable. This journal may well feel proud of the influential part which it took in helping to set on foot the beginnings of so much progress."

Saskatchewan.

A. S. Stewart, of Prince Albert, has been appointed agent for the Massey Co.

Lee, harness maker of Indian Head, contemplates opening business at Prince Albert.

Chester Thompson has re-opened his blacksmith shop in the east end, Prince Albert.

An electric light company has secured a ten-years' franchise for Prince Albert, and the plant is arriving.

Some new machinery is being added to the H. Co.'s flour mill at Prince Albert. Considerable wheat has been taken in at the mill.

The appointment of Stephen Brewster to the vacant office of registrar of East Saskatchewan gives satisfaction. Mr. Brewster is the senior partner in the law firm of Brewster & McKay.

P. Daly & Co., drugs and bankers, Edmonton, advertise their business for sale.