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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 8, 1890.

Manitoba.

Chisholm & McKenzie are opening a general store at Morris.

A. L. Johnson, general store, Cartwright, is giving up business.

Wright & Wright, grocers, Winnipeg, are offering to sell out.

Guilmette & Co., flour and feed, Winnipeg, are giving up business.

Alexander & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, have assigned to John Ferguson.

Rodmond & Co., cigars, etc., Carbery, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

H. A. Bussiere, millinery and fancy goods, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

G. L. Firestino, barber, cigars, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out to John Lang.

D. & A. Kerr, are starting a pump manufacturing establishment at Carberry.

A. H. McIntyre, jeweller, Portage la Prairie, has closed out his Treherno branch.

J. P. Sheppard, a Pilot Mound jeweller, was arrested for larceny recently, but made his escape.

The estate of Stewart & Van Ostrand, general store, Elkhorn, has been sold to Coombs & Stewart.

Mrs. Burke has opened a bakery, confectionery and fruit store and lunch room at Wawanesa.

The prize list of the seventh annual exhibition of the Portage and Lakeside Agricultural Society has been issued in pamphlet form. The exhibition will be held at Portage la Prairie on October 8 and 9. The prize list is quite an extensive one.

Two hundred binders have been sold by the various implement agents at Portage la Prairie this season.

The price of bread has been raised at Winnipeg, owing to the high price of flour. Only 12 loaves are now given for \$1, instead of 14 as formerly.

Despars & Blean have opened a hardware store in Winnipeg. Despars continues the hardware and grocery business at St. Boniface as formerly.

The inland revenue collections at Winnipeg for August were:—Spirits, \$7,168.59; malt, \$1,329.32; tobacco, \$7,882.20; cigars, \$321.60; sundries, \$172.18. Total, \$16,573.99.

A carload of furs for the Hudson Bay Company was sent east last week. The value of the car was placed at \$100,000. The furs came from the country north of Edmonton.

Manitoba is not likely to suffer from prairie fires this year. The wet weather has been bad for harvest, but it will leave the ground in good condition for fall ploughing, and as the grass is still as green as it is in June, there is no danger of destruction from prairie fires.

Lou. Arnett, proprietor of the Boston clothing house, Winnipeg, met with a very serious accident last week while on a shooting excursion, by the accidental discharge of a gun. The shot penetrated the lung and shoulder, and for a time it was considered his case was hopeless, but he has rallied considerably, and there are now good hopes of his recovery. His many friends in the city will devoutly wish that these hopes may prove true.

In view of the shortage in the hay crop last year, and the heavy crop this year, it has been proposed that farmers should put up hay enough to last them two years, to prevent a possible scarcity next year. There is abundance of hay this year, and there would be no trouble in securing enough to last two years, so far as the quantity is concerned, though the continued wet weather has made this season a very unfavorable one for securing hay. On account of the wet weather it is said that some farmers have left their haying until after harvest, while no doubt a good deal of hay has been destroyed by rain.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption with duty collected thereon at Winnipeg during the month of August, compared with the corresponding month in 1889:—

Description.	Value. 1889.	Value. 1890.
Exported	\$105,515 00	\$202,962 00
Imported—dutiable ..	217,655 00	237,682 00
Imported—free	34,239 00	43,384 00
Total imported	\$215,894 00	\$281,066 00
Entered for consumption—dutiable ..	\$210,792 00	\$241,302 00
Entered for consumption—free	34,239 00	43,384 00
Total for consumption	\$245,031 00	\$284,686 00
Duty collected	\$62,545 58	\$74,576 34
The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Bank, Winnipeg, during August were as follows:—		
Deposits	\$18,339 00	
Withdrawals	27,728 67	
Withdrawals in excess of deposits by \$9,389 67		

R. S. Norton, of Winnipeg, has been appointed western representative for the well known dry goods and manufacturing house of Gordon, Mackay & Co., of Toronto, lately represented here by D. K. Mollison. Mr. Norton has opened sample rooms in the Clements block, and will have charge of the entire western business of the firm, from Winnipeg to the coast. The firm of Gordon, Mackay & Co., stands high among the leading houses of Canada, and in addition to their wholesale dry goods trade, they own and operate the Lybster cotton mills.

Last week, just before going to press with the last form of this journal, a notice was handed in to the effect that John Kuhn, of J. Kuhn & Son, produce and commission merchants, Winnipeg, was recovering from an attack of typhoid fever. The improvement, however, was but brief, and a little later the painful announcement was made that Mr. Kuhn had passed away. The deceased gentleman also carried on a general store at Balmotal, Manitoba, in addition to the produce and commission business in the city, and his pleasant manner made him popular among those whom he met in either a business or social way.

Saskatchewan.

McArthur & Knowles, bankers, Prince Albert, have dissolved.

Col. Sproat, for years a prominent resident of Prince Albert, is dead.

Grundy Bros., Winnipeg, are establishing an agency at Prince Albert.

The graders on the railway have finished their work to Prince Albert, and have gone to Calgary to work on the Calgary and Edmonton railway.

Assiniboia.

Patrons of the Saltcoats creamery received 12c per lb. net for the first month's butter which has been sold. The butter was sold at 18½c.

The Stair Coal Mine and Manufacturing Company, which last year operated the coal mine at Stair, near Medicine Hat, is in liquidation.

We have received a handsome colored poster from the Medicine Hat Times' office announcing that the Medicine Hat Agricultural Society will hold its fourth annual exhibition October 8 and 9. About \$1,000 in prizes will be offered.

Alberta.

Pile driving has commenced on the Calgary & Edmonton railway bridge across the Bow river at Calgary.

Tracklaying on the railway from Great Falls to Lethbridge has passed the boundary. It is expected that the line will be completed through by September 20.

Hutchinson, saddler, Lethbridge, has formed a partnership with a party named Horner, who for a number of years has been a saddler in the mounted police force. The style of the firm will be Horner & Hutchinson.

A Calgary despatch says: A meeting of the creditors of Frederick Gillespie, tea importer, was held this week. It was found that his debts were \$7,000 with assets of \$4,800. The meeting adjourned to the 15th inst., to enable the assignee to communicate with the creditors at a distance.