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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 10, 1890.

E. S. RUTLEDGE, grocer, Fort William, has assigned.

FRED SMITH has opened a tinsmith shop at Medicine Hat, Assa.

BARRET & Co., grocers, Brandon, are dissolving partnership.

T. A. MARRITT & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

MRS. ARMSTRONG has opened in the fancy goods line at Medicine Hat, Assa.

A. SIMPSON, baker and confectioner, Portage la Prairie, has sold out to T. Bailey.

MEIKLE & COPPINGER, general store, Morden, Man., are opening a branch at Miami.

W. H. DAUBNEY, printer and publisher, Deloraine, Man., contemplates selling out.

J. McCAULEY, from Calgary, has opened in the watchmaking line at Moose Jaw, Assa.

The lumber-yard of Moore & Macdowall, Battleford, has been sold to Prince Brothers.

BELL & MYER, brewers and sodawater manufacturers, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership.

STRACHAN & CAMPBELL, dry goods, Morden, Man., are adding boots and shoes and millinery to their business.

CROSTHWAITE & ROSS, auctioneers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership; W. J. Crosthwaite will continue the business.

BUCKE & PARES, general agents, Brandon, Man., have dissolved partnership. E. Fitz-Bucke continues the business.

MR. PATERSON, who has purchased the paper mill at Portage la Prairie, Man., has returned from Toronto and will reside. The mill is being moved to a new site near the river.

GEO. ROGERS will continue the flour and feed business at McGregor, Man., the sale previously reported having been declared off.

J. G. WALDOCK, of the cheese factory at Shoal Lake, Man., has gone to Medicine Hat to take a position in the employ of the Canadian Pacific railway.

R. B. WISCH, lumber dealer, McGregor, Manitoba, has bought out George Rogers' lumber yard at that place and combined the business with his own.

JAMES STEWART, carriage builder, of Pilot Mound, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand. A meeting of the creditors will be held at Winnipeg, on Wednesday, the 12th inst.

J. W. HETHERINGTON, of Virden, dealer in boots and shoes, has made an assignment to Duncan McDonald. A meeting of the creditors will be held at Winnipeg, the fifteenth day of February.

F. C. VANBESKIRK, late manager of McLaren's drug store at Manitou, is branching out for himself at that place, with a stock of stationery, tobacconists supplies, school books, patent medicines.

J. McLAREN, late inspector for the London and Ontario Investment company, has opened an office over Alloway and Champion's bank, 362 Main street, Winnipeg, where he intends carrying on a general real estate and loan business.

The Battleford Herald says: The number of muskrat skins coming into market is greater than during either of the previous five winters. Those versed in such matters say the increase in the numbers of these animals is always coincident with the filling up of the swamps and lakes upon the plains.

PARSONS, BELL & Co., wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, have moved to the large warehouse on the corner of Princess and Bannatyne streets, recently occupied by Hodgson, Sumner & Co., as a wholesale dry goods warehouse. In this large building they will have more accommodation for their growing trade.

The stock and book debts of the estate of E. H. Irish, harness, Birtle, Man., have been sold, the former for thirty and the accounts for five cents of the dollar. Beirnes, who recently opened out in the harness business at Birtle, secured the best portion of the stock. The accounts were bought by a Winnipeg party.

ALBERT CARMAN, of Winnipeg, has been appointed to assume the management of Dick, Banning & Co.'s lumber yard at Portage la Prairie. G. Housser, formerly connected with the firm in the Winnipeg office has also gone to Portage, and will enter into the lumber business with S. R. Marlatt, formerly manager for Dick, Banning & Co. at the Portage.

The Special number of the Vancouver News-Advertiser has just been received, and it is certainly an excellent production, reflecting the highest credit on the publishers of the paper. Views of Vancouver, New Westminster and other coast towns are given, besides a number of splendidly engraved portraits of local and Dominion celebrities. It is simply wonderful that such a costly and generally excellent number can be prepared in a young city like Vancouver, without great loss. It denotes great enterprise on the part of the publishers, and also shows that the people of Vancouver must accord their support freely to the undertaking.

WESTMINSTER Columbian: A number of seals were seen in the Fraser river opposite the city. This is taken as an indication by the fishermen that the spring salmon are now to hand. Fishing will be commenced as soon as licenses are granted.

D. D. ROSK, representing Newlands & Co., of Galt, Ontario, arrived in Winnipeg last week on a western business trip. This firm holds the patent for, and manufactures the celebrated Saskatchewan buffalo robes, coats, cloaks, rugs, etc., from a material designed to imitate the buffalo fur, but claimed to be better and more servicable than the genuine article.

A. A. MACKENZIE, of Mackenzie & Mills, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, returned from a visit east last week. He reports business dull in the east, and everybody grumbling. Winnipeg, he now thinks, is not such a bad place after all, and its future prospects have improved in his eyes since his visit east, which included a stop at several cities in the Great Republic, en route.

THE transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Bank at Winnipeg during January were:

Deposits.....	\$17,242 00
Withdrawals.....	21,252 64

Withdrawals exceed deposits by.. \$ 4,010 64

G. C. KING & Co., general merchants, Calgary, have made an assignment for the benefit of their credit to James Fleming, the firm's book-keeper. The principal creditors are the Bank of Montreal and Montreal and Toronto wholesale houses. This is one of the oldest Calgary houses, carrying a large stock, but the firm has been financially hard up for years. A compromise was made some years ago, owing to unfortunate complications with a wholesale house at Montreal which failed. More recently an extension of time was granted. An attempt to do too much business on insufficient capital is given as one of the causes leading to failure.

The subjoined statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption with duty collected thereon at Winnipeg, during the month of January, 1890, also a comparative statement for the corresponding period of last year:

Description	Value.	
	Jan. 1889.	Jan. 1890
Exported.....	\$ 60,895	\$ 51,437
Imported, dutiable.....	108,100	115,351
" free.....	18,257	41,638
Total Imported.....	\$126,257	\$157,009
Entered for consumption, dutiable.....	\$107,958	\$113,007
Entered for consumption, free.....	18,297	41,568

Total for consumption	\$126,245	\$154,660
Duty collected.....	\$33,542.85	\$36,521.16

THE inland revenue collections at Winnipeg for January were:

Spirits.....	\$ 8,574 28
Malt.....	1,105 62
Tobacco.....	4,437 40
Cigars.....	480 00
Petroleum.....	304 40
License fees.....	60 00

Total..... \$14,961 30