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WINNIPEG, MARCH 9, 1891.

Manitoba.

Scallow, shoemaker, has opened a shop at Carberry.

W. Waddell has succeeded Sandison in the livery business at Minnedosa.

The examination in medicine will begin on the 24th of March in Winnipeg.

A. E. Rutledge has purchased the Commercial hotel stable at Neepawa.

A savings bank department has been opened in connection with the Neepawa post office.

A young man named Jermyn, from Ontario, has opened business at Neepawa as tailor.

Manly has opened a harness shop at Douglas. Douglas now wants a tinsmith and a shoemaker.

A. F. Reykdale & Co., boot and shoe merchants, Winnipeg; sheriff has advertised stock for sale.

Prospects for a brisk building trade this coming season in Boissevain are bright, says the *Globe*.

The Boissevain *Globe* is six months old, and its appearance indicates that it is a lusty youngster.

C. E. Wisch, hardware merchant, McGregor; stock was sold on March 3rd for 47½ cents on the dollar.

There is a good opening for a doctor at Austin, as there is none nearer than Carberry or Portage la Prairie.

Geo. H. Rogers & Co., extensive dealers in dry goods, boots and shoes, etc., Winnipeg, advertise giving up business.

Burton & Hill, dry goods and grocery merchants, Carberry, advertise a dissolution of partnership to take effect June 1st.

Wm Montgomery, of Neepawa, says the *Register*, has received the agency for A. Harris Son & Co., implements, at Wawanesa.

W. E. Flummerfelt, of Brandon, has sold out his stock of boots and shoes to Kilgour & Rimer, of Winnipeg. The stock has been moved to Winnipeg.

The Farmers' Insurance company of Portage la Prairie, have elected a new manager in the person of Snider, E. Brown, who was appointed a few weeks ago, having resigned.

Tenders will be received up to March 13th for the plant of the St. Boniface brick and pottery business. The stock of pottery, of the value of about \$2000 00, and 600,000 bricks, are also offered.

Good butter, says the *Portage Liberal*, is a thing which is not to be had in sufficient quantities to supply the town. A few days ago a lady tried every store on the avenue and only got a couple of pounds in one of them.

The C. P. R. station at LaRiviere was burned down last week. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective stovepipe. The telegraphic instruments, books, office furniture, agent's wardrobe and personal effects were totally destroyed.

The stock of Minnie Zickrick, general merchant of Ninga, will be sold at a rate on the dollar by public auction on March 10th, at Winnipeg. The stock consisting of the following:—Stock, \$12,101.37; Fixtures, etc \$221.40; Book accounts, \$527 91.

Cultivated farms are in great demand in this locality at present, says the *Carberry News*, and many have changed hands. R. F. Lyons sold his 320 acre farm adjoining the town to F. Bloomfield, for \$7,000, and has rented his lower farm, 320 acres, to Willson, late of Ontario.

The transactions at the Dominion government savings bank, Winnipeg, during February were as follows:

Deposits	\$15,124 00
Withdrawals	18,730 04
Withdrawals exceeded deposits by	\$ 3,602

The Inland Revenue collections at Winnipeg for February were as under:

Spirits	\$10,119 76
Malt	597 87
Tobacco	5,135 86
Cigars	252 20
Licenses	37 60
Petroleum inspec.	45 00
Total	\$15,404 03

A fire started on Tuesday night at Brandon in the old Lampton House stables, lately purchased by McIlvoide & Lane's Cartage company. There was thirteen horses in the stable when the fire started, only one of which was saved. Seven owned by McIlvoide & Lane and five by Hughes & Robinson were burned. A carload of baled hay had just been put in the building a few days ago. The fire was confined to the one building.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon at Winnipeg during the month of February, compared with the same month of 1890:—

Description.	Value. 1890.	Value. 1891.
Exported	\$ 84 050 00	\$241,851 00
Imported—dutiable	153,935 00	147,055 00
Imported—free	32,641 00	33,239 00
Total imported	\$101,026 00	\$130,504 00
Entered for consumption— dutiable	\$167,543 00	\$145,661 00
Entered for consumption— free	32,641 00	33,561 00
Total for consumption	\$194,184 00	\$179,222 00
Duty collected	\$ 51,419 43	\$ 46,330 9

A correspondent writes: "Jones, alias R. B. Wisch, who has been carrying on a hardware business in the village of McGregor for about three years, left last Sunday and is supposed to have absconded to the States, whence he came. This same Wisch was butchering in Dakota five years ago under the name of Jones. Previous to settling in McGregor he had a saloon in Victoria, B. C. About one year ago he became insolvent and settled with his creditors for fifty cents on the dollar. Since then the business has been carried on in his sister's name, C. E. Wisch. After the insolvency last spring Wisch made his boast that he cleared between three and four thousand dollars, consequently there is little sympathy with those who supplied goods since and are now left in the lurch.

Alberta.

The Hudson's Bay Company took over the general store business and premises of I. G. Baker & Co., at Calgary, on March 5th.

The past week, says the *McLeod Gazette* of March 2, has been steadily cold. About eight inches of snow fell, the heaviest this winter.

Tenders for the construction of a bridge over the Old Man's River, at Macleod, have been called for by the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

The majority of merchants of Calgary have come to an arrangement to close their places of business every day, except Saturdays, at 6.30 o'clock. Another step in the right direction.

D. D. Mann, contractor, states that work will be resumed on the Calgary & Edmonton railway as soon as the frost is out of the ground, and that the line will be completed to Edmonton early in July. When that line is completed work will be commenced on the Calgary & Fort McLeod section, which will be ready for operation, according to present calculations, next fall.

Assiniboia.

Brotherton & Tero, jewelers, Regina, have dissolved partnership, Brotherton continuing. Tero has opened in the same line at Lethbridge.

The fine, new, solid brick hotel recently completed at Moosomin, has been leased and will be opened by Wm. Cleverly, hotelkeeper, of Winnipeg, who will conduct it as a first class house.

British Grain Trade

The *Mark Lane Express* of March 2, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: "There is a good enquiry for English wheats at an average rise of 6d. Foreign wheats are held for 1s. advance on Whites and 6d. on Reds. A strong Continental demand assisted the rise here. Flours are firm. Beans and peas are steady. At to day's market increased offerings of inferior wheats kept the average of prices down, but the best sorts of English advanced another 6d. In foreign wheats California is 1s. dearer, and the others 6d. dearer.

The sum of \$100 was subscribed among commercial travellers in Winnipeg, and forwarded to assist the sufferers from the Spring Hill disaster. The amount was raised mostly among eastern travellers who happened to be in the city at the time