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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 1, 1890.

## Manitoba.

W. R. Ross has opened a general store at Holland.

M. Banks has opened a drug and book store at Carman.

T. W. Gilbert, physician and drugs, Carberry, is dead.

Chas. McQueen has opened a coal yard at Rapid City.

The Merchants' Bank building at Brandon is almost completed.

W. H. Benner, Neepawa, is about to open up in dry goods there.

A new post office has been opened at Nettley Lake, north of Selkirk.

The Bank of Montreal are opening a savings bank branch in Winnipeg.

Martin McDonald lost his threshing machine by fire at Rapid City recently.

A book and music store has been opened at Carman by Mrs. E. L. Moir.

Dick, Banning & Co., are building a large storeroom at Portage la Prairie.

Hemenway & Co., general store, Carman, are advertising their business for sale.

Potatoes were shipped from Southern Manitoba to Washington, D. C., last week.

South Cypress municipality is about to submit a bonus in aid of a grist mill at Glenboro.

W. R. Thomas, physician and druggist, Shoal Lake, is advertising his drug business for sale.

Geo. C. Hall has opened up business in Portage la Prairie as a wholesale dealer in flour and feed.

Messrs. Burchell & Howey, of Brandon, re-

ceived a car load of hogs from Toronto last week.

S. Livingstone, general merchant, Glenboro, will open a hardware store at that place in a short time.

Kayll & Edmundson, general commission merchants, Virden, have dissolved. H. E. Kayll will take charge of the business.

F. D. Stewart, formerly agent for the Massey Manufacturing Company, at Carman, has opened in the furniture business, at Carman.

L. Godbolt, of Winnipeg, has been appointed western representative of J. & T. Bell, wholesale boot and shoe dealers, Montreal.

J. Young, of Souris, hardware merchant, has opened a general store at Hartney, with Mr. W. Hopkins, late of Souris, as manager.

James W. Sparling, general merchant, of High Bluff, has assigned. A meeting of creditors will be held at Winnipeg on Dec. 8th.

Denton & Garrow, hotelkeepers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. James Denton continues the business of the New Douglass House.

R. S. Champion has rented the hotel formerly run by Litton & Rikjaer, at Treherne. He has secured a liquor license and opened a bar in connection.

The Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Company are constructing a telegraph line from Minnedosa to Rapid City, thus connecting that town with their main line system.

The tax sale of the Springfield municipality took place last week with a good attendance, and bidding brisk. There were sixty pieces of land put up for taxes. The taxes against them amounted to \$1,030, but over \$7,000 were realized from the sale of the lands.

The directors of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association met on Thursday last in the board of trade room. The chairman explained that the object of calling the meeting was to take steps towards getting the voters' lists in shape for submitting the by-law.

The Western Woolen Mills, at St. Boniface, have a large staff at work and running night and day to enable them to meet the demands of their growing trade. The raw material is being drawn from the surrounding district, and shows the development of the woolen business during the last couple of years.

The Shaftesbury Hotel Company have purchased the Whelan Hotel and purpose to open it as a temperance club house and hotel. This company is organized to carry on a first-class hotel on the temperance plan in every large city in Canada, on lines similar to those in England, and have good financial backing.

The Rapid City Reporter gives the following industries wanted in that town: A barber, a soap factory, a shoe factory, a broom factory, a trunk factory, a cornice works, a match factory, a bottling works, a cooperage works, a furniture factory, a cracker and candy factory, a sash, door and blind factory, a wire fence and screen factory. In fact a good location for any sort of business. And it might have added a few more thousand people to stimulate the industries locating.

Interest is again being renewed in the Winnipeg and North Pacific Railway. A. J. Belcher, the engineer of the road, is now making a survey of the first fifty miles. The road is to run from Winnipeg to Port Simpson at the

mouth of the Skeena. The general course of the road is northwesterly, crossing the Saskatchewan river near the forks of the north and south branches, thence to Lac la Biche and Lesser Slave Lake to Dunvegan, in the Peace River district. From Dunvegan the line runs westerly along the Peace River valley to the valley of the Finlay River, thence on a westerly course to the Pacific Ocean.

## Northwestern Ontario.

An electric railway between Port Arthur and Fort William is being agitated.

The Fort William Journal has been sold to Rutledge & McLaren, and its office is being moved from West Fort William to Fort William.

Upon the receipt of an offer from a bona fide company for the erection of a blast furnace, the council of Port Arthur will submit a by-law granting a substantial bonus in aid of same.

As yet Lake Superior shows no signs of freezing up, and it would take over a week of hard frost to seriously impede navigation. A number of steamships have decided to make extra trips this season, owing to the lake remaining so long open. Unfortunately the weather has been anything but favorable for navigation, there having been a succession of gales.

## Alberta.

Tracklaying on the C. & E. Ry. is now completed to Red Deer.

The Mormons are importing 2000 head of sheep to Lees Creek.

E. Quail, furniture dealer, Macleod, has sold out his business to Bright, Farquhar & Co.

Calgary has now railway connection as far on the new line as Red Deer, which will probably be the terminal point this winter.

Barker & Donovan, ranchmen of Lees Creek, Alberta, have dissolved partnership. H. A. Donovan continues the business.

The town of Calgary has sent out posters offering sites and exemption from taxation for ten years for flouring mills, oatmeal mills, tanneries and factories.

## Assiniboia.

G. M. Annable has purchased the butcher business of H. Ferguson at Moosejaw.

There is a good opening for a general store, hotel and blacksmith shop at Lumsden.

The building being erected for Le Jeune, Smith & Co., bankers at Regina, is nearly completed.

George McCuaig & Co., dry goods merchants, Medicine Hat, have assigned. It is expected the estate will be able to meet liabilities. A meeting of creditors is called for Dec. 9th.

A very large seizure of whiskey and gin was made on the Lower St. Lawrence last week. The schooner Waterly was captured with the entire cargo, valued at \$25,000. Other cargoes are expected and the authorities have the key to the combination. A system of smuggling has been carried on there for years, and this heavy seizure will probably be the means of breaking the illicit traffic.