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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 7TH, 1891.

Manitoba.

Waldie & Scott, blacksmiths, Manitou, will dissolve partnership at the end of the year.

A. E. McPhillips, lawyer, Winnipeg, contemplates locating permanently in British Columbia.

Jas. Melvin and Wm. Lang have bought the blacksmith shop of Jas. Stuart, of Pilot Mound.

F. H. Martin is opening a hotel at Melita, Manitoba.

Jas. Penrose, butcher, Winnipeg has sold out to C. L. Charist.

Miss M. Andrews, millinery and fancy goods, Winnipeg, advertises selling out.

The Manitoba & North-western station building at Strathclair was destroyed by fire last week.

The Taylor & Van Learde company is the name of a new commission house which has been established in Winnipeg.

Arrangements are being made to operate the Canadian Pacific railway Souris extension west of Melita to Oxbow for freight traffic.

The Inland Revenue receipts for the Winnipeg division for the past month were \$34,242, and for November a year ago were \$24,359.

Real estate brokers state that there has been an increased demand for farm properties in the neighborhood of Winnipeg lately from incoming settlers.

Thos. Spence, formerly in general business at Brandon, but lately at Wawanesa, has sold out his business at the latter place and intends opening out again at Brandon.

The stock of A. S. Christie, boot and shoe manufacturer, Winnipeg, assigned, will be sold by auction on December 11. The stock of leather and plant amounts to \$1,089.

Custom collections at Winnipeg for November were \$66,491, as compared with \$47,909 for the same month last year. Exports were \$226,762, and the same month last year were \$35,818.

The Canadian Pacific railway, it is said, is well supplied with cars, owing to an arrangement with some lumbering roads. The latter are having a dull time just now and the former has borrowed all the idle cars.

A new firm of implement dealers, known as Ross & Co., will start business in Winnipeg shortly. J. M. Ross, who comes from Hamilton, Ont., will be manager. J. D. Balfour the partner, was lately with the Massey company in Winnipeg.

There was an unusually active demand for railway lands in Southern Manitoba during October and November, and the sales of that period show an increase of fourteen hundred per cent in comparison with the sales for the corresponding months of last year.

The *Methodist Gleaner* is the title of a monthly periodical, the publication of which has just been begun at Killarney. Its editors are Rev. G. A. Long, of Boissevain, and Rev. Henry Lewis, of Killarney. The price is 50c a year. The journal will be of special interest to Methodists.

A party of nearly one hundred German immigrants arrived on November 28th at Winnipeg. The German immigration to this country this year exceeds that of all other non-English speaking nationalities. It is stated that hundreds of German farmers in southern Russia are preparing to leave for the Dominion.

M. J. A. Prendergast, manager of Banque du Hochelaga, Quebec, and Chas. Chaput, a director of the same bank, were in Winnipeg last week looking over the ground with a view to opening a branch of their institution here. It is understood they will report favorably on their return for the opening of the Winnipeg branch.

L. A. Hamilton, Canadian Pacific railway land commissioner, left last week for Europe, where he will spend two months posting himself with regard to emigration matters and studying the emigration situation generally, with a view of improving the means and methods of promoting emigration to the Canadian west. He will first go to Great Britain, and will then visit the continent.

The Patrons, the new organization which is rapidly spreading among Manitoba farmers, are arranging with retail dealers in various provincial towns, for special prices. The stores so arranged with, will be known as the Patrons' store. Hopper Bros of Rapid City, T. A. Garland of Portage la Prairie, J. A. Montgomery, J. T. Somerville and Zink Bros., of Brandon, are among the stores which have come to terms with the Patrons.

The Neepawa Register says: "There is a feeling among the farmers that wheat will make a decided advance towards spring, and this is inducing many of them to hold it over, having raised money on it to meet present liabilities. The local banker informs us that he is loaning money in this way at the rate of one thousand

dollars per day. About two thirds of the present estimated value of the grain is the proportion advanced. If the wheat be in a good granary it is not necessary to draw it out in order to raise money on it, but if the granary be bad the wheat is placed in the Farmer's Elevator, and the money advanced on the security of the warehouse receipt.

Statistics kept by Mr. Bennett, Dominion immigration agent at Winnipeg, show that from the 1st of January last to the end of October, 13,039 immigrants arrived in the country, as against 11,918 for the corresponding period 1890, an increase of 1,121. The arrivals for the respective months were as follows: January, 323; February, 436; March, 2,607; April, 2,462; May, 1,916; June, 1,209; July, 1,069; August, 1,099; September, 1,101; October, 916. Mr. Bennett states that the immigration this year has been of a very satisfactory kind, the most of the new comers being practical agriculturalists and possessed of more or less means, and they went directly to farms. Those who were without sufficient capital or experience secured employment with farmers with a view of taking up land when they were in a position to do so.

Alberta.

The new hotel at Edmonton, built by the Calgary & Edmonton Railway company, is now open for business, adjoining the railway station. It is called Hotel Edmonton and is under the management of W. J. Sharples, who was for some years a conductor on the dining car service on the C. P. R.

Calgary Tribune: On Wednesday night Hugh D. Lumsden, C. E., supervising engineer, and E. H. Drury, engineer in charge of the Calgary & Edmonton railway, returned from the final inspection of the southern division of the line from Calgary to Sheep Creek. As the work has been discontinued for this season, it might be as well to give a few facts in connection with the railway. Work on this southern division was begun on the first of August of this year and continued until the last of October. During this time 709 men and 300 teams of horses were in steady employment. In this time the grade and track has been laid from Calgary to Mosquito Creek, a distance of 54 miles; the line is surfaced and completed for 50 miles, and is graded to within eight miles of Fort Macleod. The width of the grade after surfacing is 14 feet, and ditches are made continuous from culvert to culvert, which is an innovation in prairie railroading.

Northwest Ontario.

John Hacquoil has procured a license for a hotel at Fort William, to be known as the Pacific hotel.

Dohm Bros, grocers, Rat Portage, have purchased the grocery stock of the estate of P. A. Baribeau, at 68c on the dollar.

J. E. Abbott has been appointed manager of the new branch of the Bank of Montreal at Fort William, which is about to be opened.

At a meeting last week of the Port Arthur board of trade, the question of the establishment of blast furnaces here was considered, also the establishment of a grain market and better telegraph facilities than have been lately enjoyed, by getting in the Western Union.