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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 10, 1894.

## Manitoba.

J. T. Regeh, general store, Hochstadt, has assigned.

The Globe Tea Co. is opening business in Winnipeg.

J. E. Sanders & Co., general store, Deloraine, have assigned.

Mrs. S. C. Ran on is opening a grocery store at Minnedosa.

L. G. Gagnon, general store and grist mill, St. Ann's, has assigned.

C. V. Anderson & Co., general store, Virden, advertise going out of business.

J. J. Munn has opened in the tailoring and dyeing business at Portage la Prairie.

W. J. Watts & Co., cigars and tobacco, Winnipeg, are in financial difficulties.

E. C. Lynn (Mrs. W. T.), fancy goods, Winnipeg; stock advertised for sale by ballot.

The estate of S. A. Ripstein, dry goods and clothing, Winnipeg, is advertised for sale by auction.

William Keyes, merchant, of Midway, is sending a neat little memoranda book to his customers.

The general stock of E. Topham, of Deleau, will be offered for sale in Winnipeg on December 8.

The stock of W. B. Smithett, of Saltcoats, will be offered for sale in Winnipeg on December 8.

The general stock of B. Hollonquist, Oak Lake, has been sold to Arthur Thompson at 70c on the dollar.

Stephen Lawson, grocer, Winnipeg, is retiring from business and advertises stock and premises for sale.

The merchant tailoring stock of M. B. Lee & Co., of Winnipeg, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Dec. 8.

The store of Christie Bai'ey & Co. of Millwood, was broken into and dry goods and cash taken to the value of \$500.

A gang of about forty men left Winnipeg recently for the bush near Telford station, to work on the contracts.

Several new business enterprises have been established at Lake Dauphin. Robt. McLean has opened a hardware and tinware store, McInnis & Perrin have started a butcher shop, and J. A. Whitehead has opened a furniture store.

The Souris Plaindealer says: The public of Souris and district will be pleased to learn that J. Y. Bambridge has purchased the hardware business of A. E. Lewis and enters into possession of the stock and premises immediately. Mr. Bambridge has long been a resident of Souris, and has for some years filled the position of head agent for the Massey-Harris company here. The business will be conducted under the name of Bambridge & Co.

Changes are announced in the regulations governing domestic fishing in Lakes Winnipeg, Manitoba and Winnipegosis. In future domestic fishing will be allowed from the date of license to the end of the year, save and except the close season, which will be from September 1 to November 30. This takes off six weeks fishing in September and October and allows two weeks more in December. The amount of net to be fished in each of the three lakes is fixed at 500 yards. The effect of this change will be to reduce slightly the quantity of net fished under a domestic license in Lake Winnipeg, and to increase the quantity so fished in the other lakes. The change has been made with a view of having a uniform regulation for winter fishing in all these lakes. The number of licenses, both for pound and gill nets, has been increased in the Lakes of the Woods.

## Assiniboia

A carload of flour has arrived at Saltcoats for the Patrons.

Parrott & Magrath, of Saltcoats, shipped a carload of butter last week.

Thos. Paton, meats, Saltcoats, has added flour and feed to his business.

## Alberta

Nelson Furniture Co., Ltd., Calgary, has been incorporated.

Hutchings & Riley, saddlers, Calgary, have added shoe findings and shoemakers' supplies to their business.

James Tough, of Long Lake, had a yield of 105 bushels of oats per acre from a field of twenty acres.

Mr. Ker, of Brackman & Ker, flour and oatmeal millers, Victoria, British Columbia, has been visiting the Edmonton district, where he has purchased oats for his mill.

Following are prices for grain at Edmonton, as reported by the Bulletin: 20 cents is the standard price of oats; 23 to 25c for feed, and up to 30c for malting barley; and 45 to 48c for wheat. As low as 18c has been paid for oats; and as high as 26c on the track for a sample car of milling oats.

The Medicine Hat Times says: Advantage is being taken to a considerable extent of the irrigation act passed at the last session of parliament. The latest application is from the Springbank district, near Calgary, where it is proposed to construct a main canal 36 miles long, 23 feet deep, and 15 feet wide at the bottom.

## British Columbia.

Mrs. Henderson, hotel, South Saanich, is dead.

W. G. Warren, iron works, Vancouver, is selling out.

Ross & Co., have opened a drug store in Vancouver.

William Geary has opened a drug store in Vancouver.

C. L. Morency has opened a store in notions at Vancouver.

B. Vanhorne, baker, Vancouver, sheriff's sale advertised.

Herbert Ryal, has opened a drug store at New Westminster.

Forlong & Sexsmith, general store, Steveston, have dissolved.

R. G. McPherson, drug, New Westminster, is out of business.

S. H. Brown & Son, grocers, Vancouver, have succeeded Brown Bros.

McKay Bros., wallpaper, etc., Vancouver, advertise giving up business.

Kirschberg, S., clothing, curios, etc., has started business in Victoria.

Stewart & Lynch, hotel, Tail Creek; J. M. Stewart of this firm is dead.

Leahy & Bennett, brewers, Victoria, have dissolved; John Leahy continues.

Frank Berth, fruit, confectionery, etc., Victoria, has sold out to Frank Gaspardone.

Thomas McNeely, general store, Ladner's Landing, advertises his business for sale.

Matthews, Richards & Tye, hardware, etc., Vancouver; style now T. H. Tye & Co.

Two cold storage plants will be put up in Vancouver. They get exemption and cheap water.

Coltart & Jenns, insurance agents, Victoria, have dissolved partnership; John Coltart continues.

W. J. Davis, grocer, Vancouver, has admitted J. H. Geddis as partner. Style now Davis & Geddis.

Lowenburg, Harris & Co., real estate and financial agents, Victoria, have dissolved; D. R. Harris continues under above style.

The Kaslo gold excitement and a splendid washup of Cariboo Horsefly mine, on which \$200,000 was spent, has greatly stimulated mining. City money is flowing to interior.

The town of Chilliwack was badly scorched by fire on Dec. 3. The Oddfellows' hall, drug store, and harness shop and some neighboring houses were all consumed. The loss will be over \$10,000 and insurance \$5,000.

In the provincial legislature on Dec. 3 it was decided on motion of R. P. Rithet to memorialize the Dominion government for the appointment of a joint commission, provincial and Dominion, to enquire into all matters affecting the fisheries interests in this province.

A telegram from Vancouver on Dec. 4 says: No settlement has yet been reached in the strike at the Royal City Planing mills here. The men are determined to hold out, while the company declare they will not return to the old scale of wages. Labor Commissioner Gray is now here endeavoring to arrive at a settlement. The employees of the Royal city mills struck work owing to a cut in wages. The cut ranges from 10 to 30 per cent., and about 50 men are out. These mills are about the only ones running in British Columbia at present, and the company claim they cannot pay higher wages owing to keen competition with Puget Sound mills.

## Silver

The course of quotations this week has been steadily downward, bars falling in London from 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 23 $\frac{3}{4}$  per ounce. In the latter part of the week the advices characterized the silver market as in a demoralized state, the principal depressing influence being ascribed to the offerings of bills on the East by the Japanese government in payment for war material. The perspective war indemnity which doubtless will be paid by China also excites interest, but suggestions have been heard that the Japanese may exact its payment in gold, and make the amount received the basis of a change of the country's currency to a gold standard. Silver prices on November 30 were: London, 23 9-16d; New York, 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.