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WINNIPEG, MARCH 2, 1891.

Manitoba.

Chambers & Craike, livery, Winnipeg, have sold out.

Minnie Zrakrick, general merchant, Nings, has assigned.

Chas. Affleck, restaurant, Winnipeg, has been closed out.

Z. LaPorte, proprietor of the Hotel du Canada, Winnipeg, is dead.

Wm. Cleverly, hotel, Winnipeg, contemplates moving to Moosomin.

Ald. Wilson has purchased the grocery stock of Mrs. Chalmers, of Winnipeg.

Wm. Johnson, hardware, Carman, advertises selling out at cost and giving up business.

The estate of the Manitoba Dry Goods Syndicate will be offered for sale by auction on March 10.

Livingstone, general merchant, Glenboro, who was burned out recently, has opened out in a new store.

The February issue of the *Western World* contains an excellent portrait of President Van Horne, of the C.P.R.

Frank Walsh, of Winnipeg, was out at Lethbridge recently completing arrangements for a telephone exchange.

S. DeSimeoncourt and J. Pelletier have sold out their meat business in Winnipeg, known as the "Lisbyville," to Fred. Sagrott.

J. W. Whitman, grocer, etc., Emerson, has purchased the bankrupt boot and shoe stock of W. A. Douglass, of the same place.

J. W. Williams is giving up the Russell house at Emerson, the hotel having recently been purchased by an eastern man.

The twelfth annual report of the Winnipeg board of trade has been published in pamphlet form and sent to the members by Secretary Bell.

The firm of Pieper & Ritz, dealers in agricultural implements, Greta, have dissolved partnership. The business is taken over by C. Pieper. Ritz has purchased the Anglo-American hotel at Greta.

The Winnipeg commercial travellers have undertaken to solicit subscriptions for the sufferers of the Spring Hill, N.S., disaster, and a considerable sum has been raised. Donations may be sent to J. Jago, Leland House, or to J. M. O'Loughlin.

T. H. White, C.E., is making a new survey of the proposed Southwestern & Souris railway extension from Melita to the coal fields. The line will likely be located between townships 3 and 4, some six miles further north than the last survey. The work is being done now, so that construction can be pushed in the spring.

In the case of Attorney General Martin against the *Winnipeg Free Press*, for alleged libel the defendants pleaded that the matter was part of an editorial which was a fair comment on matters of public interest. The referee struck out this plea as being embarrassing, and defendants appealed to a judge in chambers. In the appeal His Lordship allowed the appeal and considers that the plea should be restored, the order of the referee to be reversed; the costs of the appeal and original motion to be costs in the cause to the defendant in any event of the cause.

Assiniboia.

George McCuaig, recently one of Medicine Hat's business men, was banquetted prior to his departure for the coast.

H. DeSoras, of Whitewood, has been negotiating for the establishment of a woolen factory on his estate, near Whitewood.

Robert Martin, drugs, Regina, has been awarded the contract of supplying the territorial government with gopher poison.

The directors of the Saltcoats Dairy Association decided on Saturday to accept C. B. Cory's offer to lease the Saltcoats creamery for one year.

Bannett, of Berkman & Bancett, dry goods, Regina, has gone to Lethbridge, Alberta, with the intention of opening a branch there for the firm.

A. F. Tero, of the firm of Brotherton & Tero, jewelers, Regina, who was reported last week to have opened in this line in Lethbridge, is starting on his own account.

Sherwood & Son, of Peterborough, Ont., have returned to Maple Creek to complete their work on Dixon Bros' store. It is said they will erect a similar building for Jean Claustre, general merchant, during the coming summer. This would give Maple Creek two of the finest stores in the territory.

The Qu'Appelle *Progress* says: J. A. Cowan and S. R. Edwards, formerly general agents for A. Harris, Son & Co., and the Patterson & Bro. Co., respectively, Qu'Appelle Station, have formed a partnership and have secured the agency for Assiniboia for Harris' Brantford implements and the J. I. Case Thresher. They will also handle wheelbarrows, etc.

Alberta.

At the Lethbridge coal mines there are 588 employees and 398 on the railway. Over \$50,000 was paid out in wages last month.

THE COMMERCIAL has received a copy of *Prairie Illustrated*, a journal started at Calgary, Alberta, a short time ago. This is the first copy of the paper we have had an opportunity of examining, and it is certainly a surprise to find such a large and attractive journal of the kind coming from one of our western towns. Heretofore only large cities have supported such a paper. The copy before us contains a number of good illustrations, including cuts of D. W. Davis and James Reilly, the two candidates for parliamentary honors in Alberta. We hope *Prairie Illustrated* may prove profitable to its owners, and we are certain it is a valuable acquisition to the press of the territories.

Lumber Cuttings.

V. Winkler has disposed of his lumber business at Morden, Man., to P. Atkin.

George Kerr's saw mill in the Riding Mountains, Man., was destroyed by fire recently.

A manufactory for manufacturing band, circular and other saws will shortly be started at Ottawa, Ontario, all the preliminary matters, it is said, having been completed.

The MacLaren Lumber Company, of British Columbia, have begun the erection of another large saw mill at Barnett. It will be as large as the one already in operation there.

Fort William has voted in favor of a bonus of \$8,000 to Graham, Horne & Co., on Feb. 23. The object is to induce them to move their saw mill from Vermillion Bay to Fort William.

The machinery in H. Ward's sash and door factory, Victoria, B.C., has been sold to Etheridge & Bodler, who have also rented the building. Bodler is recently from Toronto while his partner is a Victorian.

McLaren's lumber mills, at Ottawa, Ont., were burned recently, destroying \$150,000 worth of property. It is understood the mills will not be rebuilt. The owner will sell 700 square miles of timber limits.

It is reported that Clarence DeBeck, lately of the Brunette mills, New Westminster, B.C., has completed arrangements for starting a large saw mill concern on the northwestern coast of the mainland. The mill will have a cutting capacity of 100,000 feet per day, and will be a modern concern in every respect.

Mississippi Valley Lumberman: "New band mills are being continually brought out. There is scarcely a manufacturer of saw mill machinery of any pretension who does not offer to the mill men something in the line of a band mill. Improvements are constantly being made in the mills longest on the markets and best known to the saw mill men and the article now being offered to the manufacturer is a decidedly different piece of machinery from what was made a year or two ago."

Lequime & Goehling are erecting a saw mill at Okanagan Mission, B. C. The mill, the machinery for which is now on its way from Ontario, will have a twenty-five horse-power engine, a thirty horse-power boiler and a planer, butting saw and shingle mill attached. The mill will be in full working order by March 10th, and it is the intention of the proprietors to build a scow on which the lumber will be freighted to the arm of Okanagan Lake, near Vernon, where they will have a lumber yard.