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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 25, 1892.

Manitoba.

William C. Hunter, solicitor, of Deloraine, is dead.

W. P. Huff, fruit and confectionery, Winnipeg, has assigned.

Wm. Cairns, general store, McGregor, has sold out to J. C. Lowie.

Walter Blanchard, of Carman will open a banking business at Wawanesa.

Richard Hodgins, cigar maker, Winnipeg, is in the tender mercies of the sheriff.

J. & J. Struthers & Co, general dealers, of Pilot Mound, advertise dissolving partnership.

J. X. Turner, lumber, Melita, has sold out to Campbell & Ferguson, and is moving to Carn-duff.

R. P. Redmond, implement agent, Deloraine, has been succeeded by J. J. Cochran & Company.

Martin & Young, lumber and builders, Cypress River, are succeeded by Fred Young in furniture business.

Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Rublee, of Rublee, Riddle & Co, fruit, Winnipeg, left last week for California, where they will spend a couple of months.

James Flanagan, provision dealer and jobber, is in the hands of the sheriff, and his effects are advertised for sale on Jan. 28. The Union Bank is prosecutor in the case. Stock and other effects amount to \$2,570.

E. A. Blakely has purchased the store and fixtures on Main street, Winnipeg, lately occupied by N. H. Jackson as a drug store. He has put in a new stock of drugs and sundries, and is now ready for business in this branch.

D. Henderson, who is this season representing Wyll, Gracette & Darling, wholesale dry goods Toronto, in the west, returned to Winnipeg

last week from British Columbia. He reports business rather quiet at present on the coast, this being their dull season out there.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade will be held on Feb. 2 in the evening of the same day, the first of what is intended to be the annual dinner of the board, will be held at the Manitoba hotel. The price of tickets for the dinner is \$4 which can be secured only through a member of the board.

The stock of drugs, patent medicines, lately owned by John A. Prichard & Co., has been purchased by E. S. Prichard, who will continue the business at the store lately occupied by Arthur Roberts & Co. The stock of general merchandise, lately owned by J. A. Prichard & Co., was purchased by Mr. Roberts who has moved to the store lately occupied by Prichard & Co.

The Neepawa Register says: "During the past year merchants have been bidding for cash custom by offering liberal discounts. Had they began doing this some years ago, a larger proportion of the trade of the country would have been conducted on the cash basis to-day. Just now farmers and business men profess to be alike, anxious to buy and sell for cash. This is a good indication, and we look for good results."

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairy association will be held at Winnipeg on January 27th. The business meeting will commence at 2 p. m., in the city hall, when the officers and directors for the year will be elected. A public meeting will be held in the same place in the evening, when several papers will be read Messrs. Bedford, of Brandon; Struthers, of Russell; Glenae, Portage la Prairie; Professor Barre, Thompson and other gentlemen, will contribute papers.

Jackson Bros., of Galt, Ont., biscuit manufacturers, are conferring with the Brandon council, relative to moving their factory to that place. They expect some inducements to be offered them. A new biscuit and confectionery establishment is also to be started in Winnipeg, or rather, a factory established some years ago, but which has been closed since 1885, is to be reopened. At present there is but one such factory in operation in Manitoba, and there is undoubtedly a good opening at least for one more establishment of this kind.

A new life insurance company has been organized in Winnipeg, to be called the Great West Life Assurance Company. It has been decided to place \$300,000 of stock on the market. The new company hopes to retain for investment in this country a considerable portion of the large sum annually sent east or abroad in payment of life insurance premiums. Among those interested in the new company are: J. A. M. Atkins, J. H. Ashdown, W. B. Scarth, Geo. F. Galt, R. P. Riley, P. C. McIntyre, G. R. Crowe, J. H. Brock, Hon. D. H. McMullan.

A deputation of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange had an interview with Premier Greenway last week and urged upon him the advisability of giving greater attention to the crop bulletin department. It was also urged by the deputation that measures should be taken to advise the farmers to sow none but the best grades of wheat. The deputation pointed out that the defects of last year's crops, particularly the presence of smut, was doubtless the outcome of poor seed. The premier said he quite agreed with the views of the deputation and promised to give the matter favorable consideration.

At a meeting of the farmers' association at Brandon, Mr. Bedford, manager of the Manitoba experimental farm, contributed a paper containing an amount of interesting facts and the result of experiments made on the experimental farm. He did not believe in rushing in the seed in a superficial manner. The best results were of tests from sowing with a common drill; next the press drill and lastly the broadcast. He had not used the Gatling. Following are the figures for the tests which compare

closely with the same tests of 1890: Wheat, common drill gave 33 bushels, 20 lbs; press drill, 28 bushels, 50 lbs; broadcast machine, 22 bushels, 10 lbs. Common drill gave 4 1/2 bushels more than press drill and 11 bushels, 10 lbs more than broadcasting to the acre. With barley the results were, press drill, 55 bushels, 10 lbs; common drill 50 bushels, 30 lbs; broadcast, 42 bushels, 14 lbs. The press drill took the lead by 4 bushels, 28 lbs, over common drill, and 12 bushels, 44 lbs over broadcasting.

The Home Journal, a neat little illustrated paper published at Victoria, British Columbia, comes to hand this week with a fine illustration on the title page, which is stated to be a harvesting scene in the Fraser river valley of that province. The landscape is certainly a delightful one, for rural beauty. The beautiful grove of trees, the neat farm buildings, the fields of grain, etc., all go to make up a pleasant picture, indicative of peace, prosperity and plenty. The beholder could hardly fail to think of what a delightful country the Fraser river valley must be, and if of a rural turn of mind, he would long for a farm home amid such happy surroundings. There is just a little mistake, however, about the picture. It does not belong to the romantic Fraser river valley at all, but is just a scene from the generally considered flat and un picturesque valley of the Red river of Manitoba. The scene is really from the well known Macbeth homestead which is situated within a short walk of the northern corporation limit of the city of Winnipeg.

Assiniboia.

The Moosomin board of trade has decided to issue a pamphlet descriptive of that district.

Northwest Ontario.

J. A. Smith, furniture and undertaker, Port Arthur, has sold out to his wife, Jennie E. Smith.

Walsh, Murphy & Whaley, general store, Fort William, have dissolved partnership; Whaley retiring.

Alberta.

Worden & Manuel, bakers and confectioners, Calgary, are succeeded by Ross & Co.

A number of Calgary capitalists are applying for incorporation as a joint stock company, to be known as The Western Stap Company. They propose establishing such an industry at Calgary.

The firm of McCaul & Clark, barristers, Lethbridge, has been dissolved, the senior member retiring, and the business will hereafter be carried on by Clark & Wrigley. Mr. Wrigley goes to Lethbridge from Calgary.

At a recent meeting of the Calgary board of trade, Major Walker suggested that the board should take action as regards the establishment of an experimental farm, and after some discussion a committee consisting of Orr, Bannerman and Walker, was chosen to draw up a petition to the Minister of Agriculture asking that the government establish such a farm in Alberta.

British Grain Trade.

Mark Lane Express of January 18, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "English wheats are dull and the demand is inert. The heavy English reserves and the colossal stocks in the various ports have resulted in a fall in prices. Foreign wheats have also suffered a reduction. The total decline since the first of December is 4s on California and 2s on American red winter."

Hood, Mann & Co., importers of china, glass, etc., Montreal, have assigned, with liabilities of \$96,000.