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WINNIPEG, MARCH 4, 1895.

## Manitoba.

Eli Shilson, storekeeper, La Riviere, has given up business.

J. A. Moor, dealer in sash and doors, Brandon, has assigned.

Mr. Gocher is making arrangements for the establishing of a private bank at Souris.

T. J. Cooper, saddler, Ninga, has given up business and taken a position with E. F. Hutchings, of Winnipeg.

J. J. Wood, late with G. Murton, of Portage la Prairie, is locating in Carberry in the gent's furnishings business.

E. J. Dermody has retired as publisher of the Northwest Review, the Catholic church organ, published at Winnipeg.

It is reported that A. W. Ross has been made postmaster at Winnipeg and that Mr. Hargrave will be superannuated.

D. H. Urquhart will give up the practice of law at Pilot Mound. He contemplates going to California to restore his health.

The stock and store buildings of Gould & Elliott, general merchants, of Pierson, are offered for sale by tender up to March 15.

Reid & Gerhardt, general store, Neepawa: stock sold to W. T. Reid for 57c on the dollar, book debts sold for 15½ cents on the dollar.

N. Livingstone, of Portage la Prairie, has been making shipments of pork east and west, having dispatched several car lots recently.

Tenders will be received to March 4, for the purchase of the stock, book debts and fixtures of the hardware business of W. P. Landon, of Ninga.

The Portage Liberal newspaper comes out this week resplendent in a new dress which adds greatly to the appearance of this enterprising journal.

Gordon & Ironsides are purchasing 200 head of cattle at Portage la Prairie to be shipped to England. They are paying three cents per pound live weight.

An interesting article on the Menonites of Manitoba, occupying five pages handsomely illustrated, appears in the March number of the Northwest Magazine.

Manitoba has now a paper devoted to the poultry industry. It is called the Manitoba Poultry Monthly, and is issued at Hartney with J. H. Callander and R. T. Sibbald as editors and F. Woodhull as business manager.

The Winnipeg City Council is asking for an amendment to the act so that taxes may be paid in quarterly instalments, instead of in one lump sum, as at present.

S. A. Ripstein, men's furnishings, Winnipeg, has sold out Big Boston stock to T. Finklestein and the latter party has transferred the stock to M. Finklestein.

John Giles, of Portage la Prairie, who has been doing some pork packing to a limited extent this season, contemplates going into the business more extensively at a later date.

The grocery stock, fixtures and book debts of the estate of the late Septimus Pope, of Melita, is offered for sale by two executrix, by tender, up to March 25th, at a rate on the dollar.

English sparrows are now firmly established in Manitoba. A few of the birds were noticed here a couple of years ago and they have increased fast. They remain throughout the winter.

Letters patent of incorporation have been granted to "The Union Shoe and Leather Company, Limited," whose chief place of business will be in Winnipeg. The capital stock of the company is \$15,000.

Hunter and Moore have closed their Crystal city branch store and will continue to carry on business at Clearwater, Cartwright and Boissevain in Southern Manitoba, making Boissevain their head office.

The Central Dry Goods Company Limited, has been incorporated according to the laws of the province. The capital stock of the company has been placed at \$25,000. Winnipeg will be the chief place of business.

The stock of M. A. Amblard, liquors, Winnipeg, is in the hands of the sheriff and is advertised for sale on March 11. The book debts and bills receivable according to advertisement have been assigned by M. A. Amblard to another party.

The second of the annual exhibitions of the Manitoba poultry and pet stock association was opened in Winnipeg on Tuesday evening at Wesley Hall. The exhibition is considered a great success. The number of poultry, dogs, etc., on exhibition is larger than last year.

A Winnipeg firm last week received an order for the entire plant of a new creamery in course of erection at Newdale. The promoters of the enterprise have secured the services of R. H. Herbieson as butter-maker who acted as assistant on the provincial travelling dairy last summer.

The Winnipeg Music Company, Limited, is applying for letters patent of incorporation. The capital stock is placed at \$50,000, divided into 500 shares of \$100 each. The applicants are J. S. Patterson, S. L. Barrowclough, Wm. Kirkland, Robt. C. Irving and F. B. Edmond.

Quite a change in the drug business of this town will take place within a few days, says a Portage la Prairie correspondent. John Hill will in all probability take over the east end business of B. M. Canniff by purchase. Joseph Taylor is also negotiating to sell one of his branch drug stores.

What might have been another disastrous fire occurred at Glenboro, on Monday. A lamp exploded in a room over Fumerton & Co's store, occupied by Thomas Brown. The building was badly damaged. The fire was put out with a chemical engine. The stock of Fumerton & Co. was badly damaged, principally by water. The loss is about \$3,000; insurance \$1,000, in the Western, Queen and another company. The insurance on the building, \$500 will cover the loss.

Wilson & Co., wholesale dealers in paints, oils, glass, tinware, etc., Winnipeg, advertise that they are retiring from business and selling off the stock in lots to suit purchasers. The agency of Clare Bros. & Co., stoves fur-

naces holloware, etc., will be continued by H. Wilson and a line of these goods will be kept on hand. Mr. Wilson is also arranging with several eastern firms and manufacturers to represent them here and supply their goods to the western trade direct from the east.

Thomas McMahon arrived the other day in Winnipeg, from Clifton, Washington county, state of Kansas, on his way to locate in the Edmonton district. He is being followed in the course of a week or so by a large party comprising forty to fifty persons who intend settling near him. They are under the guidance of Edward Flynn and are bringing at least six carloads of horses and effects. This is probably the commencement of a large movement of persons from that state to Western Canada.

## Circular re Vacant Lands.

Following is the circular sent out by the committee which is working in the matter of the settlement of vacant lands, and which has been forwarded to the Reeves of the different municipalities:

DEAR SIR.—As you are no doubt aware, a movement is now on foot for the settlement of our vacant lands, and a Committee of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, aided by other leading men and citizens generally, is now at work to devise some means for carrying out this very necessary project. Already this committee have numerous applications for lands from intending settlers, and there is every prospect of the movement being a decided success.

Some of the municipalities around Winnipeg have, through their Reeves, expressed a desire to place the lands in their possession at the disposal of the committee, either to be given us free grants, or at nominal prices to actual settlers. The committee are anxious to place all surrounding municipalities on the same footing, showing no favor, and they wish to know if your municipality has any lands available for such purpose. If you have any, be kind enough to get an expression of opinion from your municipal council on the subject, and let the committee know what you are prepared to do, what lands you have, whether as free grants, or at what figures you will place them at the disposal of the committee to be used for actual settlers.

The committee are busy at work on all the details of this subject, and an early reply is necessary so as to enable them to get at the work of locating settlers in time for the opening of spring.

The committee would respectfully ask for a reply on the following points:

What quantity of lands are controlled by your municipality?

Would your council be disposed to offer lands owned by the municipality as free grants to actual settlers?

Would they be disposed to offer any assistance to such settlers by reversion of taxes or otherwise?

In the event of your owning lands which you are not disposed to offer as free grants, at about what price, and on what terms, would you offer them for actual settlement?

The committee would be glad to receive any suggestions bearing on the subject of settlement of these lands.

## Fur Trade News.

Roland Secord, trader, arrived last week in Winnipeg on his way to Montreal with a stock of wood buffalo skins, having come all the way from the Great Slave Lake, a thousand miles north of Edmonton.

Private post-cards are being adopted by many business houses. Some of the cards are very attractive in design and shape.