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WINNIPEG, JULY 27, 1891

Manitoba.

Johnson, baker, Deloraine, has sold out to McConnell.

R. Douglas, harness, boots and shoes, Deloraine, is selling out.

P. Collinge, general store, Melita, has admitted Jackson, under style of Jackson and Collinge.

P. Gallagher & Sons have bought all of Curry's cattle at Swift Current, some 280 head, and will ship them to Winnipeg.

The Northern Pacific railroad have contributed \$200 for special prizes at the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition for products raised in the territory tributary to their lines in Manitoba.

A recent report of the Winnipeg telephone exchange shows that there are now 750 subscribers. This is one instrument to every 36 of the population, figuring the population at 27,000.

The stock-in-trade of Jas. W. Langman, general merchant, of Portage la Prairie, will be sold at a rate on the dollar by public auction, at Winnipeg, on the 31st of July. Stock amounts to \$4,710.

The extension of the Canadian Pacific railway's Souris branch, southwest from Hartney, will be opened for passenger and freight traffic about August 1st, with the following stations: Lauder, Napinka and Melita.

At Napinka, the new Souris branch railway town, three elevators will be built this fall. Mr. Chaloner, of Rat Portage, will open a lumber yard. E. A. Slater and George Anderson are also about to engage in the lumber business.

A. Cates has his store well under way and will open out with a general stock. Thomas Graham will build a blacksmith shop.

Henry B. Hyde, of New York, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and director of the Union Pacific railway with a party of gentlemen, arrived in Winnipeg recently. Mr. Ballard, the superintendent of agencies for the Equitable, accompanied the party. Later they went west stopping at Calgary, Banff, Vancouver and Victoria.

At the last meeting of the directors of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Society communications were received from H. Swinford, enclosing the Northern Pacific railway's subscription of \$200 for prizes and announcing the arrangement the road would make for carrying exhibits and passengers, which were similar to those offered by the Canadian Pacific and the Manitoba Northwestern. Also from W. R. Baker, of the Northwestern, sending a check for \$250 as a contribution towards the prize fund.

At a recent council meeting of the Brandon board of trade a communication was read from Mr. Kerr, traffic manager C. P. R., in answer to the board's request a few days ago for reduced rates to enable members of Farmers' Institutes and municipal councils to visit the Experimental Farm, offering to convey such persons in parties of ten or more at a fare and a third. Mr. Kerr requests that notice be given to him stating the date when organized parties wish to visit the Experimental Farm, when he will authorize the agent accordingly. Word has since been received from the Northern Pacific people that they will carry parties as above at a fare and a quarter for the round trip.

As noted in THE COMMERCIAL recently, grass hoppers have been more than usually plentiful in some districts. It having been feared that these hoppers were the destructive variety known as the Rocky Mountain locust, a Winnipeg party sent some to the United States entomologist at Washington, and received the following reply: "The grasshopper, which you send, is not the Rocky Mountain locust. It belongs to the same genus, but is radically different in structure and other respects. The comparative shortness of its wings indicates plainly that it is not a species which can migrate to any great extent, and it is probably a local species unduly multiplied. Curiously enough, the species is entirely new to the national collection and possibly new to science."

Alberta.

Thos. Ford, general store, Lethbridge; sheriff reported in possession and Ford absent.

Edmonton Bulletin.—The northern terminus of the Calgary and Edmonton railway is settled at last. The grade is completed to the jumping off place, the terminal station grounds are being prepared for the buildings and the "Y," necessary for the turning of the engines is nearly finished. The terminus is on the very brink of the valley of the Saskatchewan river on its south side, about 300 feet above and as many yards back from the water's edge. It is almost exactly in line with Second street of the H. B. Co. property on the north side and it is in full view of the town, which also shows up magnificently from the terminus. The grade runs almost due north about the centre of river lot 13, south side, passing near the west end of the

building at one time used as a crown timber office. The water tank will be erected close to the river bank, and the water will be drawn from a never failing spring which flows out there. The coal shed will probably be near the tank. The station will be about half a mile south of the terminus, and the "Y" about a quarter of a mile south of the station, extending to the eastward of the main track.

North West Ontario.

The first issue of a new paper, the *Weekly Record*, published by James Wiedman, Rat Portage, formerly of Qu'Appelle, is to hand. The initial number is well printed all at home, and devoted almost exclusively to local matter, which is the best class of reading for a local paper.

John Livingstone, customs officer at Fort William, gives the following statement of the marine and custom trade of the outport of Fort William during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891:

Vessels reported and cleared		362
Registered tonnage		596,558
Tons freight landed		152,092
Crew		7,260
Tons exported		73,575

Duty collected for quarter:

Ending Sept. 30, 1890		\$31,571 05
" Dec. 31, 1890		12,495 58
" March 31, 1891		19 98
" June 30, 1891		14,921 21

Total for year.....\$69,008 90

Assiniboia.

Brand Bros., sporting goods, Regina have moved to McGregor, Manitoba.

J. A. Bracken, hotel, Whitewood. Reported in difficulties.

MacCauley, Higginbotham & Co., general store, Whitewood, have up for sale and moving to Victoria, B.C.

Hail Insurance.

A correspondent, (R. L. A.) writes enquiring about hail insurance. The promoters of the Manitoba Hail Insurance Company are: Robert Strang, Samuel J. Jackson, John Hettlo, Alexander Lawrence, Robert G. O'Malley, John Crawford, John Fleming, Kenneth McKenzie, F. W. Colclough, S. J. Thompson. Robert Strang is manager and his address is Winnipeg.

Contracts for beef for the mounted police for the current fiscal year have been awarded as follows: Regina, W. M. Child; Maple Creek, L. C. Parsons; Medicine Hat, J. & R. Mitchell; Calgary, Hull Bros. & Co; Fort McLeod, McHugh Bros.; Lethbridge, W. G. Conrdd; Saskatchewan, Moret & Lamoureux; Edmonton, Boag & Edmiston; Battleford, W. H. Sinclair; Prince Albert, T. McKay.

Victoria, B. C., *Times*: W. H. Phillips, who left last evening for Australia, has been in the province for several weeks in connection with lumber matters. He is a member of the firm of Geo. Willis & Co., Adelaide, Australia, large lumber dealers. The firm have chartered the steamers Remus and Etta to carry lumber between this province and Australia and it is probable that before long they will have a regular line of their own steamers carrying British Columbia lumber to Australia.