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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 9, 1889

MRS PRENTICE, fruit, Winnipeg, has sold out to J. Panaro.

F. E. BIRD, books and stationery, Winnipeg, is disposing of his business.

E. PENNER & Co., general store, Rhineland, Man., have been burnt out.

THE Calgary Street Car Railway Company (Limited) is applying for incorporation.

STROME & WHITLAW, general store, Brandon, will dissolve partnership, first of February.

THE Crown Brewing Company, Brandon, has leased its brewery to J. H. Woodley for a number of years, who will carry on the business as usual.

S. HARTFORD, general merchant, who has a store at Neepawa station, about a mile from the main town, has opened a branch store in Neepawa.

D. MOORE has sold out his store business at Neepawa, Man., to J. Patterson, and will move to Arden, where he contemplates erecting a roller flour mill.

THE Manitoba and Northwestern Railway company will apply for the passage of an act to amend its charter in respect of the limit to the issue of debenture stock.

S. A. HAMILTON, hardware dealer, Emerson, Man., who recently opened a branch at Morden, has sold out his stock at the latter place to Geo. L. Ashdown, also in the hardware trade at Morden.

ABOUT \$45,000 was taken in by Brandon city treasurer McMillan last week for taxes. One deposit by him in the Imperial bank was upwards of \$20,000. Most of the business men in the city paid up their taxes last week, says the Sun, saving the ten per cent. discount.

ABRAHAMS & ESAU, general store, Rhineland, are reported to have sold out to E. Penner & Co.

GARRETT & MENNIE, of Morden, Man., have received from the east a foundry outfit which they will erect at Morden in time for the spring trade.

R. SCOTT, general merchant, Shoal Lake, Man., and owner of the creamery at that place, will go to Vancouver to arrange a market for next year's butter. Creamery butter will be put up in tins for foreign shipment.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway steamer Alberta left Port Arthur on Monday last for Owen Sound on the last trip of the season. This practically closes navigation at Port Arthur, though the harbor was still free of ice.

McGIFPIN & CAMPBELL have opened a full stock of hardware, paints, oils, etc., in the new town of Miami, Man. The gentlemen were recently connected with the hardware trade in Winnipeg, and are well posted in the business.

WM. MURDOCH, C. E., of Port Arthur, is preparing plans for the new dam which is to be built on the Winnipeg river near Rat Portage, to replace the one partly washed away some time ago. The old dam was at the mouth of the river, but the new one is to be placed, according to Mr. Murdoch's recommendations, about half a mile up the stream.

THE stock-in-trade of the estate of the late John Spring, consisting of ready-made clothing and gent's furnishings, was disposed of by auction last Tuesday. Ripstein purchased the stock at 570 Main street, valued at \$7,231.45, at 60 1/2 cents on the dollar. Thos. Brownlow, dry goods and clothing dealer, Winnipeg, purchased the stock at 434 Main Street, valued at \$18,726.89, at 62 1/2 cents.

THE Great Northwest Central railway company is asking a bonus from the city of Brandon to assist in the erection of a bridge across the Assiniboine river, amounting to \$30,000. The council has been advised by the city solicitor that the city has no power to grant bonuses according to law at present existing. The Northwest Central railway has received a valuable land grant, and this should be sufficient, without endeavoring to extract bonuses from municipalities.

THE Saskatchewan Colonization Railway company will apply at Ottawa for a charter to construct a railway from Portage la Prairie or Westbourne, or a point on the proposed line of the Lake Manitoba railway and canal company, as direct a route as may be found convenient to a point near the junction of Carrot and Saskatchewan rivers; also for power to construct and operate a branch line to Lake Winnipeg near the mouth of the Saskatchewan.

A CABLE from London, England, last week says:—"The Hudson Bay Company's report states that the total quantities of furs returned from the current outfit are somewhat smaller than last year, owing chiefly to mortality and distress among the Indians. The land sales for the seven months, ending October, show a marked improvement on last year. The latter statement fully agrees with the general tone of advices received here favorably influencing Northwest stocks generally."

THE municipality of Cornwallis, Brandon county, Man., has decided to force the hand of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the suit against Cornwallis which is a suit instituted

sometime ago to compel the municipality to refund the taxes paid to prevent the Canadian Pacific Railway lands being sold for taxes. The vital question of paramount importance to all the municipal corporations throughout the province is involved, viz: as to whether Canadian Pacific Railway lands are taxable. H. E. Henderson for the municipality has served the company's solicitors with a notice that he intends to bring the matter speedily before the courts for a decision.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE Review, Dec. 4: The wheat market has taken quite an upward bound and the buyers quoted the price yesterday as 65 to 70c. We heard of one load that was sold for 73c. and we know of quite a large quantity that was sold in store for 72c. Oats remain at last weeks figures. Potatoes 75c. and scarce. Beef is very slow on the market and brings 5c. dressed; pork 5 to 5 1/2c.; chickens 8 to 10c; turkeys 14c.; hules 2c. Hay \$6 to \$7 per ton.

NEARLY fourteen miles of the track of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway have been laid, says the Port Arthur Sentinel, and only a short distance remains to bring it to the government bridge and within five miles of the Beaver mine. The contractors are now ballasting the portion laid. A sleigh road will be opened from the bridge to the falls. Storehouses, stables, etc., are being built at the bridge, which will be working headquarters for the winter.

THE Manitou Mercury says: Chalmers Bros. & Bethune are now engaged in moving their hardware stock into their fine new premises adjoining the old stand. The firm has gone to considerable expense, and it is safe to say that the new structure when completed will be one of the neatest and most convenient stores in Southern Manitoba. The plate glass front presents a decidedly attractive appearance, and the building throughout is being fitted and finished in a style which will reflect credit on the enterprise of the proprietors.

A COMPARISON of the customs returns at Port Arthur for the months of November 1888 and 1889 show very favorably for the present year. The returns are as follows:

	1888.	1889.
Value of Goods Imported	\$26,793 00	\$38,992 00
Value of Goods Imported for consumption	27,289 00	38,992 00
Duty Collected	7,040 39	6,892 67
Goods Exported	42,537 00	1,332 00

The produce of the mines exported amounted to \$41,561.

CONSIDERABLE excitement was caused at Port Arthur one day last week, when a bailiff, at the instance of the tax collector, seized a locomotive and seventeen cars, the property of the Canadian Pacific Railway, for taxes due the town by the company. The question of taxes between the town and the company has been in dispute for years, and the taxes have not been paid, and now amount to \$15,000. Early this year the council made a proposition to the company to remit half the taxes due and exempt all improvements of the company for the future, taxing only land in consideration of the company agreeing to continue running passenger steamers and doing a package freight business there. As the company didn't comply with the proposition the council permitted the tax collector to seize the property.

THE amount of wheat marketed at Neepawa to date is about 100,000 bushels.