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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 7, 1891.

Manitoba.

Adam D. Watson, livery, of Virden, is dead.
P. Fortier, hotel, Winnipeg, baliff in possession.
J. G. Hoey, is opening a general store at Chater.
J. H. Shanding is opening a general store at Belmont.
Henry Mutton will open a flour and feed store at Neepawa.
McKenzie & McLarin, grain merchants, of Alexander, have dissolved partnership.
G. F. Stephens, wholesale paints, etc., has returned from an extended eastern trip.
W. J. Boyd, confectioner, Winnipeg, has sold his branch store on Portage Avenue to M. Litzer.
D. F. Dickson, agent, Douglass, has formed partnership with H. F. Sharp under style of Sharp & Dickson.
The general stock of the estate of J. Kuhn & Son, Balmoral, will be sold by auction, at Winnipeg on September 8.
Geo. Craig, dry goods, Winnipeg, has returned from his visit to the mercantile centres of the east where he found a great interest in Manitoba.
Young & Hopkins, general merchants, Hartney, have dissolved. The business will be continued by Jas. Hopkins & Son. C. H. Young, of the firm, will open a general store at Lauder.
The Inland revenue collections for Winnipeg during August were as follows: Spirits, \$10,649.73; malt, \$2,352; tobacco, \$13,059.38; cigars, \$346.80; petroleum, imported, \$69.70. Total, \$26,477.61.

The Dominion Government Savings Bank transactions at Winnipeg for the month ending 31st August were: Deposits, \$21,248.00; withdrawals, \$29,206.64. Withdrawals exceed deposits by \$8,958.64.

The Alliance Trust Co., Ltd., have assumed the business and assets of the Dundee Mortgage and Trust Investment Company, L., at Winnipeg, have appointed James Haggart to be their agent for this province.

Considerable binder twine is coming in from the States. The Manitoba demand is largely in excess of all expectations, owing to heavy crops, which are taking on an average three to four pounds of twine per acre.

J. Y. Griffin & Co. are using the second floor of their building for a sample room for the goods of the McCormick confectionery, biscuit and jam works, of London, Ont., for which they are wholesale agents in the west.

James O'Brien, head of the wholesale firm of James O'Brien & Co., of Montreal, arrived at Winnipeg last week. He has come up to inspect the firm's establishment here, and to investigate the prospects of business in the country.

W. J. Hemenway and H. J. Burton, of Carman, says the *Standard*, are now shipping car loads of cattle and hogs to Winnipeg every week. On Monday last they shipped a car load of each, and it is likely they will find it a remunerative business.

Brandon is likely to have another bank, says the *Times*. This time it is the Bank of Commerce. Mr. Walker, one of the magnates of that institution was in the city spying out land, and before leaving expressed himself as well satisfied with the prospect.

A train load of cattle, comprising twenty-six cars, arrived at Winnipeg last Thursday from southern Manitoba en route to England. The shippers are Gordon and Ironside, of Manitou. This is the fifth train of Manitoba cattle this firm has shipped this season.

R. Ironside, of Manitou, says the *Mercury*, has been giving a good deal of his attention this summer to the cattle trade, and some idea of his transactions in this branch of business may be formed when it is known that the number of fat cattle shipped to the English market during the present month will be about nine hundred head.

Mr. McBroom has arrived at Winnipeg from London, Ont., and is now in charge of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, as superintendent. It is apparent that the exhibition is to be a great success, as the list of exhibitors has already grown surprisingly. The large buildings will be taxed to contain exhibits, and a number of tents will have to be provided for some lines.

The Imperial Bank people are making extensive improvements in their Winnipeg offices, corner of Main and Bannatyne streets. They have leased the store adjoining the bank, formerly occupied by Nunn & Co., and are cutting two archways connecting the two apartments. This will double their space and when the improvements are all completed the bank will be one of the most commodious west of Toronto.

A meeting was held for the purpose of working up more interest in the Portage board of trade. The meeting was representative, and judging from the interest manifested, the institution will be a live one this coming year.

Jas. McLennaghan occupied the chair, and A. P. Campbell acted as secretary. A meeting was called for September 3rd for re-organization. The following grain examiners were appointed.—Messrs. Geo. Hall, Geo. Armstrong, H. S. Patterson, W. H. Brown, and A. P. Campbell.

The council of the Winnipeg board of trade met Tuesday afternoon in its regular monthly session. The business was chiefly of a routine character. The committee appointed to interview the Government on the spending of money to put in drains in the Brokenhead district reported that they had interviewed the officials of the Public Works department, and had been informed that some steps were to be taken in that direction; but that, owing to the absence of the Minister from the city the committee were not able to report in full.

Alberta.

A. J. Murphy, boots and shoes, Calgary, was sold out by the sheriff.

Calgary is the largest town, except Winnipeg, between Lake Superior and Vancouver. The population is 3,876.

G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, accountant in the Imperial Bank at Calgary, has been appointed manager of the new branch to be established at Edmonton.

Dr. Oliver, medical superintendent of the Medicine Hat general hospital, and for five years a resident of that town, died Sunday evening of typhoid fever, after an illness of three weeks.

A car load of coal from D. Ross's mine near Edmonton, has been shipped to Calgary, consigned to the Calgary Cartage Company. This is a trial trip. If the coal takes a large trade will be done in it this winter.

R. Wilson Smith, Montreal, has purchased the Calgary school debentures at five-eighths per cent. premium. The amount is eight thousand dollar, payable in ten annual installments. Smith also holds the Calgary sewer debentures.

Saskatchewan.

A letter has been received at Winnipeg from Wm. Plaxton, Prince Albert, stating that the wheat harvest commenced there on August 12; that there had been no frost there so far, and that the grain still outstanding was past the danger of being injured should frost occur. The letter was dated the 23rd inst.

North West Ontario.

Fire was discovered Wednesday morning in Vivian & Alford's store, Fort William. Nearly the entire stock was destroyed. The building was owned by A. Snelgrove. Building and stock were insured.

Assiniboia.

F. T. Carman, drugs and stationery, Moosomin, is dead.

Cattle Freights Lower.

The regular steamship lines, says the *Montreal Gazette*, of August 29, have made another reduction in cattle freights to Liverpool, the rate being now 60 shillings.

Capt. Armstrong's lumber mill near Golden, B. C., has received a large new planer,