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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 27, 1890.

Manitoba.

F. D. Stewart is opening a furniture store at Carman.

Mallet, jeweler, Brandon, will open a branch at Souris.

J. E. Smith, horse dealer, Brandon, has sold out to J. Elliot.

The rate of taxation for the year 1890 for Portage la Prairie is 25 mills.

Next week or the week after the Brandon Times will appear in a new dress.

The town of St. Boniface was lighted by electricity for the first time last week.

J. W. Langman, has commenced business at Portage la Prairie as general merchant.

A. E. Sinclair, fruit dealer, Morden, has assigned to the official assignee, Winnipeg.

T. A. Blackwell, of Melita, Man., has added boots and shoes to his harness business.

The sheriff is in possession of the stock of R. Cochrane & Co., implement dealers, Winnipeg.

Sinclair & Co., grain and flour merchants, Brandon, have added coal and wood to their business.

J. Young, hardware dealer, of Souris, has opened a branch store at Hartney, with W. Hopkins in charge.

The article on Manitoba salt deposits in the Winnipeg papers, credited to the Montreal Herald, was first published a couple of weeks ago in THE COMMERCIAL.

J. K. McCutcheon, inspector of agencies for the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, Toronto, is at present on a trip through the west, in company with Wm. Scott, of Winnipeg, western manager for this company.

J. R. Miller, who has heretofore represented other houses in the west, has been appointed western representative of the well known dry goods house of Wyld, Grasett & Darling, of Toronto, with headquarters at Winnipeg.

It is estimated, says the Times, that the population of Brandon will now run considerably over five thousand souls. A large number of dwellings were constructed this year, and there is still a scarcity of room and rents do not come down.

Wm. Johnston, president of the Brandon board of trade, says he is receiving a large number of letters from the people in Dakota, asking if they could get some assistance to leave that country, saying that they want to settle around Brandon.

The amount of wheat offered at Souris, writes a correspondent, so far has been small, as the farmers have been busy ploughing and threshing. There are five buyers on the market. With so much competition the farmer is certain of a good price. The quantity of wheat to be marketed will be large.

A company with headquarters at Winnipeg, and a capital stock of \$50,000, is being formed to manufacture a steam plow, invented by C. P. Brown. The applicants for incorporation of this company are: Honorable J. C. Schultz, James H. Ashdown, C. P. Brown, W. W. Watson, Archibald Wright, John L. McInnis, D. E. Sprague, E. F. Hutchings, E. Benson, John Hargrave, and James O'Connor, Winnipeg, and Hon. W. E. Sanford, of Hamilton, Ontario.

Alberta.

A movement is on foot for the incorporation of Macleod.

Miss Clendinning has opened a fancy goods store at Lethbridge.

Lethbridge is to have a custom house, according to a telegram from Ottawa.

The Lethbridge Waterworks and Electric Light Company gives notice of application for incorporation.

Application will be made for the incorporation of Lethbridge. The charter will provide for the exemption of the property of the Alberta Railway and Coal Company for twenty years.

"The waterworks," says the Calgary Tribune, "are now about completed and when water is turned on Calgary will be able to boast of having one of the best systems of fire protection and water supply to be found in any town in the Dominion. The tender for the work of laying the pipe was obtained by W. H. Cushing, who has carried on the undertaking most satisfactorily."

The "Calgary Woollen Manufacturing Company" is applying for incorporation. Capital, \$25,000. The object is to take over and enlarge the woollen mill near that place, and the grinding and crushing of grain is also mentioned in the application. John L. Bowen, Daniel W. Marsh, Andrew Young, John Lincham, James Walker, James Stewart Moore, George K. Leeson, Thomas N. Christie, Loughheed & McCarthy, J. G. Fitzgerald, Patrick J. Nolan, Albert John Ellis, James Bannerman, W. H. Ford, Wm. Maloney, Leo. Slattery, W. Carroll, Rankin & Allan, G. C. Macdonald & Co., A. J. Ross, John Livingston, E. R. Walker, John A. Walker, T. A. Maclean, Y. C. Kitloy, James D. Lafferty, R. H. M. Rawlinson, Geo. C. King, S. W. Shaw, are the applicants.

Edmonton people want a bridge built across the Saskatchewan river at that place. The town is situated on the north side of the river, while the railway now building between Calgary and Edmonton will reach a point opposite the town. The railway people do not intend to bridge the river for the present, but will be content with remaining on the opposite side of the river, until such time as an extension of the road into the country north of Edmonton is decided upon, when it will be necessary to cross the river. The people of Edmonton have decided that they must have a bridge across the river to the railway, and they will ask the Dominion Government for assistance to carry out this work. Such a bridge would be of more than local usefulness. Edmonton will be the gateway to the vast country north of the Saskatchewan, and the traffic for this vast region will pass over the bridge, hence there is justice in the request that the Dominion should assist the undertaking liberally. This bridge is certainly an enterprise which the Dominion might reasonably be requested to assist, as it may be several years before the railway is extended north of the Saskatchewan.

Assiniboia.

S. J. Holbrook has opened a butcher shop at Moose Jaw.

B. B. Gilbert, general merchant, Fleming, is enlarging his store.

A movement is on foot to establish a public library at Fort Qu'Appelle.

Thirty German families have moved from Dunsmore to Wolsley, bringing their stock with them.

The Regina Leader says: "As indicated would be the case the barristers' ordinance has been disallowed. This places the profession here in a very unfair position. Not one of them will be allowed to appear in a Manitoba court, and yet the members of the Manitoba bar can come here and make this a free hunting ground."

A serious fire took place last week on the Bell farm at Indian Head. It originated from hot ashes falling on the straw near the engine, the men being at dinner at the time. Before they could reach the spot two large stacks were enveloped in flames, which spread to the granary in which the result of two day's threshing was stored. It is estimated that about 3,000 bushels of wheat were consumed.

The Medicine Hat Times says: "We were in error last week regarding the origin of the fire at the Stair farm. No cause whatever can be assigned for the origin of the fire. The loss is covered by insurance. The whole of one block comprising stabling for forty horses, hay loft, wagon shed, grain bins and implement loft was totally destroyed. In addition to this one mare was lost and a considerable quantity of implements, harness, etc."

Northwestern Ontario.

The first fifty miles of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway will be completed in a few weeks.

The new steamer Monarch of the Beatty line arrived at Port Arthur on her first trip last week. She is a sister to the United Empire, but a little finer and handsomer.