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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 31, 1894.

Manitoba.

C. J. Watson, harness, Nesbitt, is giving up business.

Daniel McDonald, proprietor of the Albion hotel, Winnipeg, is dead.

Evans & Bonest, commission agents and auctioneers, Brandon; starting.

Doyle & Co., butchers, Winnipeg, have been closed out by their creditors.

The bailiff is in possession of the business of A. Bowerman, florist, Winnipeg.

C. M. Farney, stationery and fancy goods, Carberry, has sold out to Boyd & Co.

Wm. M. Boyd, drugs, Carberry, has admitted W. H. Simpson into partnership.

Frank J. Grundy, musical instruments, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out to J. S. Patterson.

The Gurney-Tilden Co., wholesale stoves, Winnipeg, have sold retail business to G. E. Toms.

Paulin & Co., Winnipeg, sent a box of their choice confectionery to The Commercial staff on Xmas eve.

McCharles & Co., druggists, Cypress River, have dissolved partnership. N. Little will continue the business.

The stock of Geo. Agnew & Co., general dealer, of Dominion City, is advertised for sale by the sheriff.

Frank Fairchild, Winnipeg, has been offered and accepted the J. I. Case agricultural implement agency.

Equitable Savings, Loan and Building Association of Toronto has opened a branch at Portage la Prairie.

The most useful office calendar received this year comes from J. H. Ashdown, wholesale hardware merchant, Winnipeg.

The stock in trade of J. E. Sanders, general merchant, Doloraine, will be sold at a rate on the dollar at Winnipeg on Wednesday, January 2.

The Winnipeg police force do not feel justified in taking the responsibility of enforcing the early closing by-law, in view of the city solicitor's letter.

The Saturday Night printing office, Winnipeg, was badly damaged by fire on Dec. 27, but the manager announces the paper will appear as usual without interruption.

J. S. Marshall, proprietor of the Scotch bakery, Winnipeg, died on Christmas morning. He was 74 years old, and up to a week or so ago was in fair health and quite active.

The Winnipeg Business College Journal just issued is a very handsome number, illustrated with some beautiful pen and ink sketches. Those who wish a business education, should send for a copy of the College Journal.

Four hundred and twenty tons of McNeill's Canadian Anthracite coal have arrived in Brandon during November. Mr. Hanbury, the local agent, has been kept very busy delivering it to his customers. This coal has become very popular and is giving splendid satisfaction.

The Western Real Estate and Investment Company, Limited, with a capital stock of \$10,000, has been granted letters patent of incorporation, Geo. A. Simpson, C. H. Ender-ton, D. L. McLaughlin, H. J. Dexter, all of Winnipeg, and F. George of St. Paul, represent the company.

The Northwest Almanac for 1895 has been issued. This year it is published by Martin, Bole & Wynne Co., which company is formed by the amalgamation of the two Winnipeg wholesale drug houses, the amalgamation taking effect on the first day of January. The almanac is now printed in four languages and the circulation is said to be fifteen times greater than the first issue, published nine years ago.

A correspondent writes from Hilton as follows: "Hilton is wanting a good store. There is not a better point in Manitoba for a good general store than at this place. A good country well settled with thrifty farmers; a good healthy, nicely situated village on the N. P. railway, with a good hardware store, two blacksmith shops, a good lumber yard, and an elevator where about 100,000 bushels of No. 1 wheat have been marketed. A good store would do a first-class business."

Manitoba, says the Toronto Grocer, has inherent in her the properties that promise to make her one of the richest and best provinces of the Dominion, but like all young communities she has had lessons to learn, and she has had to pay for their learning. Now, long terms of credit have been abolished, and business in general is being done along better and more modern lines, and the different pitfalls that have caught merchants and farmers will not be fallen into with the same regularity as they have been. Manitoba has now entered upon an area of steady development.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association was held on December 21. Some were in favor of holding the annual fair next year in the fall, instead of the summer, but the matter was left to the new board of directors. The following directors were elected: W. B. Scarth, H. S. Wesbrook, L. A. Hamilton, A. Strang, T. W. Taylor, W. D. Douglas, H. S. Crotty, F. A. Fairchild, D. E. Sprague, Wm. Martin, Wm. Brydon, R. H. Nunn, Dr. E. Benson, I. M. Ross, Dr. Smith, G. J. Maulson, A. J. Andrews, Joseph Wolf, C. V. Alloway.

Legal Points.

The Solkirk Record says: "An important case was tried at the recent sitting of the court here, in which Brown & Erb, of Berlin, sued Jas. G. Dagg for a carload of furniture. The furniture was ordered in July, 1893, for the Canada Pacific and Lisgar hotels. The agent agreed to have the furniture here by a certain time, but it did not arrive until a month after. The hotelkeepers could not wait for it and so refused to take it. A suit was entered against Mr Dagg by the Berlin Co., and in the meantime the furniture lay with the C. P. R. Judgment was given in Mr. Dagg's favor.

Alberta.

Mr. Cowles contemplates opening a drug store at South Edmonton.

F. De Journal, flour and feed, Red Deer has sold out his business there.

Ole Bredson, of Little Beaver lake, who came from Nebraska last spring, brought a hive of bees with him. He has now three hives and they have a good store of honey for the winter.

At the annual meeting of the Calgary Board of trade, held recently, the attendance was good. The following officers were elected for 1895: President, Jas. Bannerman; vice-president, A. McBride; treasurer, A. Allan; secretary, I. S. G. Van Wart.

W. J. G. Dickson, commission merchant, South Edmonton, who has been shipping oats to Brackman & Ker of British Columbia for milling purposes, has received word that his shipments have been very satisfactory and that an unlimited quantity is wanted. Mr. Dickson has also made a shipment of malting barley and is making arrangements to ship dressed beef, pork, mutton, game and butter to British Columbia.

Assiniboia.

Thos. H. Collacott, Blacksmith, Yorkton Assa. is Starting in hardware business.

The Patrons of Industry of Moose Jaw called for tenders from the local dealers for flour etc., which were higher than outside quotations. As a result three cars of flour have been shipped in.

Saskatchewan.

Mr. Flanigan, of Brandon, who purchased the Prince Albert House, Prince Albert, has taken possession of the hotel.

Gentlemen are rejoicing, says the Battleford Herald, at the condition of their cattle, all of which are keeping up and many growing fat on what they rustle. It has only been necessary to feed hay on a few days this winter.

Northwest Ontario.

The Fort William Journal published a special Xmas number in book form.

G. & A. Haquoil, General Store, Fort William has assigned to Chas. W. Jarvis.

W. Newsome, Sr. butcher has started business at Port Arthur.

R. G. Spofford' butcher, Port Arthur, has sold out to Haddock & Walsh.

W. H. Arthurs, stationery and fancy goods, Port Arthur, bailiff reported in possession.

W. H. Hesson, Grocer, Port Arthur, has given up business.

It is generally agreed, says the Fort William paper, that the Canadian Pacific railway and Beatty lines of boats might as well have continued running until January 1, which would have been a most agreeable change, and shortened the winter at the forward end most amazingly.

Lumber Trade Notes.

J. A. Christie, of the Brandon lumber mill, says prices of lumber will be greatly reduced at his mill next year.

Mr. McArthur has about 60 men at work in the Riding Mountain district getting out logs for his mill at Birtle, Man.

J. A. Christie, of the Brandon mill, has two camps numbering forty men and twenty teams at work in the Riding Mountains, Manitoba, and expects to get out about one and a half million feet of logs this winter,