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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 13, 1890.

Manitoba.

W. J. Young & Co. will open a grocery store at Brandon.

I. Broadley has opened out in the hardware and stoves trade at Elkhorn.

E. H. Taaffe's, dry goods and clothing, Winnipeg, advertise selling out.

Lewis Godbolt, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Morton Morse of Miller, Morse & Co., Winnipeg, has returned from a trip east.

A Loycock, general merchant, Fox-Warren is erecting an addition to his store.

Geo. Dunbar has sold his blacksmith shop and house at McGregor to A. Egle, of High Bluff.

It is reported that Thos. Adair & Co., general storekeepers, Rathwell, have sold out to Adam Forbes & Co.

Geo. Manson, drugs, Shoal Lake, has moved into his new store and added dry goods and clothing to his stock.

The sheriff is in possession of the stocks of E. W. Barret, grocer, and J. E. T. Powers, stationer, Brandon.

L. Arnett, the Winnipeg clothier, has so far recovered from his recent gun accident as to be able to drive out.

Logan & Co., bankers, Carberry, will open a branch at McGregor. John Logan of Carberry will be in charge.

J. A. McDonald, a traveller for N. H. Cole, tailor, Winnipeg, was fined at Emerson recently for breach of the by-law regarding transient traders.

McMillan, Manitoba emigration agent, will

leave shortly for England to open an emigration office for the government. This is a commendable move. An active emigration policy is what Manitoba needs above all else.

A fire broke out recently in a waste paper barrel which stood 12 feet from the back of E. Nicol & Son's store at Boissevain. Cause, supposed to be a spark from some adjoining stove pipe. The fire was discovered before any damage had been done, and a serious conflagration prevented.

Chief Justice Taylor gave judgement Monday last in the case of the Hudson Bay Railway Company against Mann & Holt. This bill was filed by the plaintiffs against Mann & Holt, James Ross and the Imperial Bank to restrain them from dealing with \$374,000 of bonds of the plaintiff company.

An unusual amount of celery has been planted around Winnipeg this year. A drive out Portage Avenue will show acres and acres of that succulent herb in the vegetable gardens along that highway. Winnipeg market gardeners could no doubt spare a number of car loads for shipment, over local requirements.

McPhillips Bros., of Winnipeg have recently issued a new and very useful outline map of the city of Winnipeg and surrounding territory. The map shows routes of railways coming into the city, and any points of interest within or adjacent to the corporation limits; also the parish lots; distances from the post office, etc. It is probably the most useful reference map yet issued.

Reports of the destruction of stocks of grain from prairie fires are coming in from different parts of the country. It is really strange that with all the warnings farmers have had in the past, they will persist in neglecting to take the simplest precautions against the destruction of their stocks, and sometimes buildings, from prairie fires.

The Neepawa Register says:—"Every few days a small party passes through up to Dauphin. They are mostly from the United States. We have heard it stated that these are all Canadians returning to their allegiance. Such is not the case, fully one third of the number were born and bred in the United States and in coming north are not at all actuated by sentiment.

The Manitou Mercury says: "A shipment of August cheese amounting to about 6500 lbs., was made to-day from the Manitou Cheese Factory to Winnipeg. The consignment was sold at 10 cents per lb., giving the patrons a trifle over 70 cents per 100 lbs for their milk. Several small lots of cheese have been disposed of at different times during the summer, the highest price received being 12 cents for May cheese, and the lowest 9¢ for July make. The product for September and October, amounting to 10,000 or 12,000 lbs. will remain in the factory for future disposal, and as the prospects are good it is expected that an advanced price will be realized on this lot."

The Emerson Times says: "The express charges between Winnipeg and here, are something awful to contemplate. We last week had a small box, about four inches square, and 24 long, weighing with contents perhaps 20 pounds, shipped to us from Winnipeg, by Northern Pacific express. The charges for carriage of so small an article, one would imagine, would not exceed 40 or 50 cents, but they did by a large majority, the bill being only one dollar and

eighty-five cent. The value of the entire contents of the box was only \$1.25. This is little short of pure, unadulterated robbery of the public."

The following is from the Manitou Mercury: "The shipment of cattle to the old country recently made by our local grain and cattle exporter, Mr. Robt Ironside, has not turned out very successfully in a financial point of view, although the speculation will no doubt benefit the shipper in the matter of experience. The fat steers comprising 150 head, which were sent to Liverpool realized a small profit, but the stockers forwarded to Glasgow were sold at a loss. The fact of the matter is that cattle can be fed just as cheaply in Manitoba as they can at Glasgow, and Mr Ironside intends to work on this idea in future. He has two car loads of stock still left which he intends to fit up in prime condition and ship to Liverpool this fall."

Assiniboia.

W. Adams, barber, Medicine Hat, has been sold out by the sheriff.

T. J. Smith, drugs and groceries, Wapella, has sold out to Joseph Pritchard.

The directors of the Medicine Hat general hospital acknowledge the donation of a chest of tea from Thompson, Codville & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg.

Mr. Ellis of the C. A. C. & C. Co.'s Stair farm says that he expects to reap a second crop of oats from some of his early fields. These fields were cut early in August and the rains and have caused the roots to send out new shoots, and now a very fair crop of grain is the result.—Medicine Hat Times.

Alberta.

L. C. Fulmer, general merchant, Banff, in difficulties, has made a satisfactory arrangement with his creditors, and will continue the business.

MacLeod Gazette: "The town had the narrowest escape from fire on Sunday that it has ever had. A lot of straw and other litter was scattered about in the backyards of Cottingham & McDonell and the Medical Hall. Some one carelessly threw a lighted cigar end or a burning match among the rubbish, and the result was a blaze. It was seen just in time, and a serious and extensive fire averted only by hard fighting. A patch on the side of Cottingham & McDonell's building was burned almost to a cinder. The moral is plain, and should not be thrown away. People cannot be too careful not to leave inflammable rubbish of any kind where it can cause the least danger."

Saskatchewan.

Wm. Stobart & Co., general dealers and traders, Prince Albert have sold out to John E. Sinclair, who was previously in charge of the business for the firm.

R. C. Wigmore & Co., general dealers, Prince Albert, have sold out to Sproat & McLeod, two residents of that place, who have formed a partnership to carry on the business.

Hon. Laurence Clark, chief factor for the Hudson's Bay company at Prince Albert, is dead. The deceased gentlemen has been a prominent person in the territories for years.