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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 30, 1889.

McGREGOR, livery stable, Brandon, has sold out.

W. M. WRIGHT, boots & shoes, Winnipeg; sheriff in possession.

A. BIGGINS will open a grocery store at Whitewood, Assa.

TAX collections for the past two months amounted to \$309,907.14

J. BRATT & Co., meats, Lethbridge, Alberta, have gone out of business.

Dr. Kennedy, druggist, Macleod, Alberta, has sold out to R. B. Barnes.

The Northern Pacific have appointed A. M. Herron agent at Deloraine, Man.

R. S. THOMPSON, furniture dealer, Glenboro, is opening a branch store at Wawanesa, Manitoba.

WHITE & McAdo, hotel keepers, Winnipeg, are giving up the hotel and going into the livery stable business.

TENDERS are asked for a stock of jewelry and watches now in the town of Maniton, in the store of J. Burr.

EDMONTON Bulletin: "The fishing at Lac la Biche has been very poor this year and the catch of fur so far this season, small.

H. W. HERCHMER and J. H. Black have purchased the law business of Mr. Lemon, of Morden, who has been appointed registrar.

THE Macleod Gazette reports a discovery of coal on the middle fork of the Old Man river, Northwestern Alberta, which is claimed to be adapted for coking purposes.

THE farmers of the Manitou district are objecting to the adoption of the coupon system by

the merchants of that place. This system has been explained in this journal.

W. F. DOLL, wholesale jeweler, Winnipeg, is sending around a portrait of the late Hon. John Bright, the widely known quaker statesman of England. It is large size and well executed.

THE Northwest Central Railway company stopped work on Thursday. The fifty miles are now about completed. Contracts, it is said, will be let and construction continued in the spring.

THE firm of Vanblaricom Renwick & Co., general merchants, Arden, Man., has been changed in style to Vanblaricom & Clarke. Wm. Renwick is erecting a building at Arden and will open shortly in hardware.

A GENTLEMAN named Fletcher, from Brantford, Ont., has bought a property at Deloraine, Man., upon which he is erecting a store, and purposes embarking in the tin and stove business, and ultimately in general hardware.

THE Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association gave a great banquet at Montreal last week, at which there were over four hundred present. The association has over a thousand members and a capital of eighty thousand dollars.

A SYNDICATE is applying for the right to establish a street railway at Calgary. They ask for a monopoly for twenty years, and agree to put up \$3,000 that a section of the proposed road will be ready to operate by the end of next year.

ABOUT one thousand beef animals and a large number of sheep and hogs have been shipped from Pilot Mound, Man., this season, says the Sentinel. Pilot Mound is apparently the centre of a good mixed farming country. The amount realized by the sales has been upwards of \$50,000

THE Commercial Bank of Manitoba has decided to open a branch in Minnedosa. The branch will be under the management of Henry Fish, now of Regina. This branch has been contemplated for some time, and early last summer it was announced that it would be opened.

THE report that the Dominion Government had resolved to abolish the duty on mining machinery has been denied, but it is understood that the matter is still under consideration, and it is likely that instructions will be given to allow certain articles of mining machinery to be admitted free.

THE Winnipeg Free Press has issued a very creditable Christmas number, consisting of twenty-four full size pages, all prepared at home. The number contains a record of the railway work done during the year, and many other important features. It was sent to all regular subscribers without extra cost.

It is reported that surveyors of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan railway will commence shortly after New Year to locate an extension of the railway through the North Saskatchewan country, running westward from the Prince Albert line to the Edmonton district. Such a line, together with the road to Prince Albert, to be completed next summer, will open up the whole North Saskatchewan country.

A PARTY of railway surveyors have been locating a line into the Lake Dauphin country,

Manitoba. The line runs in a northwesterly direction from Portage la Prairie, crossing the White Mud river at Totogan, then more northerly along the west side of Lake Winnipeg to Manitoba Post, in township 22, range 11, just five or six townships east of the Lake Dauphin settlement, and into which district the line has also probably been run.

THE recent report of the Hudson's Bay Company at London, England, says: "The directors have to report the safe arrival of the company's ships from Hudson's Bay, with portions of the returns of furs of the current outfit. Further shipments have been received from Winnipeg, Montreal and Victoria, while others have been advised from Winnipeg and are expected at an early date. The total quantities of the returns are somewhat smaller than those of last year, the falling off being chiefly due to mortality and distress among the Indians, caused by the continued scarcity of food in some of the northern districts.

A COPY of that useful annual, The Canadian Almanac, has been received from the publishers, The Copp, Clark Co., of Toronto. It is in enlarged form this year, but the price remains the same, and it can be had at bookstores for 15 cents in paper or 25 cents in cloth covers. The book contains a vast amount of statistical and general information of a national character, which renders it indispensable in the office and counting-room. Information upon almost every subject may be found in this almanac, of a social, political, official, legal and educational nature, immigration and trade statistics, customs and excise tariffs, tables of distances, fares, and in fact upon every subject which is likely to come up in the ordinary course of events.

GENERAL MANAGER GRAHAM, of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba, returned from St. Paul yesterday. He stated, in conversation with a San reporter, that the company has resolved on a vigorous policy in Manitoba for the coming year, but would not specify. He says that work on the new hotel in Winnipeg will be commenced at the earliest moment in the spring, and will be pushed to completion. The plan, he says, as now proposed, will be even finer than the pictures of the building published represent. Speaking of terminal facilities at the Portage, Mr. Graham stated that the company was negotiating with the Manitoba & Northwestern to use their station, roundhouse, etc., and he expected a favorable arrangement would result.

THE returns of immigration at Winnipeg for the year 1889 are given below. It is estimated that out of a total immigration of 22,000, fully half that number settled in Manitoba. The following comparative table will show the returns for 1887, 1888, and this year up to date:

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Children	Total
January	141	62	70	273
February	189	79	89	357
March	3,838	1,079	1,160	6,015
April	2,700	1,130	1,132	4,962
May	1,750	684	639	2,983
June	1,115	354	252	1,761
July	1,080	504	363	1,947
August	355	258	155	1,025
September	500	210	169	889
October	351	175	126	654
November	318	180	189	687
December (not complete)	253	70	54	277
Grand total	12,602	4,705	4,392	21,700
1887	10,030	4,130	3,306	17,602
1888	10,039	5,169	2,578	17,186