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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 29, 1891.

Manitoba.

W. Russell is opening a private bank at Winkler.

E. P. Holland is opening a restaurant at Brandon.

Thomps Green, butcher, is starting business at Brandon.

Mr. Creighton is erecting a stone store at Cypress River.

The Union Bank of Canada is opening a branch at Virden.

H. Meggitt, merchant tailor, has opened business at Deloraine.

Dolson & Palmer, printers, are opening business in Winnipeg.

J. S. Gibson, implements, etc., Brandon, is in financial difficulties.

Lawrence & Pritchard, butchers, Napinka, have dissolved partnership.

F. Saunders, jeweler, etc., Winnipeg, is selling out and leaving the city.

T. E. Cartier, fruit and confectionery, Virden, has sold out to John Waite.

Greathead, May & Young, real estate, etc., are opening business in Winnipeg.

John T. Summerville, men's furnishings, Brandon, advertises closing out business.

Adam Patterson, livery, etc., Winnipeg: stock advertised for sale by public auction.

Riddell Bros., general store, Pipestone: the damage by recent fire estimated at \$1,000; fully insured.

Jas. McEwen, of the firm of Hartley and McEwen, liverymen, Melita died lately of typhoid fever.

Woodman & Wright, insurance agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, Gordon O. Woodman continues.

T. T. A'oinson, of Brandon, will open a store at Hamiota and deal in dry good, clothing, and boots and shoes.

The stock of Munroe & Co., wholesale liquors, Brandon, was sold to Mrs. Angus Munroe at 45c on the dollar.

A. H. Palford has purchased the auction business of J. B. Rutter, Winnipeg and will do a general auction and storage business.

Gordon & Suckling, real estate and insurance agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Walter Suckling & Co. continue.

The dissolution of the firm of Graham & Son, of the Melita Enterprise, is announced. J. B. Graham assumes full control of the newspaper and printing business.

Wm. M. Fielding, representing Jas. Hall & Co., manufacturers of gloves, mitts, moccasins, etc., has returned from a western trip.

The transactions for the month ending Oct. 31 at the Dominion Government Savings bank, Winnipeg, were as follows: Deposits, \$21,515; withdrawals, \$25,013.36; withdrawals exceed deposits by \$3,498.36.

The plant and stock of the Ottawa dairy, Winnipeg, which was owned up to a few months ago by McKean & Kirk when it was sold to Mr. Amott, was burned on October 20. It is estimated that the loss will be between \$11,000 and \$12,000. Most of the cows were cremated.

A correspondent sends us the following:—"W. D. Ruttan of Manitoba, and C. Handford were closest" with Crystal City Patrons of Industry one night recently. The result of the conference is that Ruttan & Co. are opening a Patrons store at that point. It is stated they are to receive 15 per cent. advance on cos and show up invoices."

The proposed new gas company in Winnipeg has modified its proposal to the city council. As first submitted, the proposal asked for 35 years monopoly at \$2.25 per thousand feet for gas. The monopoly asked for is reduced to 25 years and the price to \$2.05 per thousand feet, 5 cents of which is to go to the coffers of the city. The price is to be reduced by the sum of five cents every five years so long as the franchise lasts.

The Inland Revenue receipts for the Winnipeg division for the month of October, 1891 were.

Spirits	\$23,811 12
Malt	2,226 78
Tobacco	16,239 62
Liquors	961 20
Petroleum	226 30
Other receipts	51 01

Total

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Receipts for Oct. 1893	45,084 26

Decrease for Oct. 1894 \$1,544 23

C. J. Brown, Winnipeg city clerk, submitted a statement at the last meeting of the council of the several amounts entered on the rolls, including the following: General summary, assessment and taxes—value, \$11,730,250; buildings and improvements, \$7,080,700; personal business tax, \$3,225,980; total assessable value, \$21,986,330; total city and school taxes, \$34,437.99; sewers, \$30,992.92; sidewalks, \$10,633.28; pavements, \$16,740.33; miscellaneous street openings, \$3,233.03; total special taxes, \$91,628.43; total taxes, \$195,977.45; exemptions, \$1,424,330. Total ordinary assessment, \$196 on the \$, \$21,986,380. \$100,932.06; exemptions liable for school rate, .0011, \$803,300, \$3,292.30, franchise, \$123.63.

A few weeks ago a mysterious robbery was reported from the town of Wawanesa on the Northern Pacific railway. The facts briefly reviewed are these: Martin, Mitchell & Co., grain dealers of Winnipeg, sent by Northern Pacific express to their agent at Wawanesa \$2,000 with which to make wheat purchases. Their agent visited the Wawanesa express office, signed the express agent's receipt book for the money package, but it then being late at night, says he did not take the money away with him. The Northern Pacific agent says he thought the man had taken the money, but if he didn't he doesn't know what became of it. And there the matter rests. Martin, Mitchell & Co. have entered suit against the Northern Pacific Express company for the recovery of the money, evidently thinking they have a case notwithstanding the contention of the express people that the signature on their receipt book relieves them from all responsibility.

Alberta

About 400 men have been working the bars on the North Saskatchewan, east of Edmonton, says the Bulletin, for gold this summer and have made from \$1.50 to \$1.00 per day.

A band of 1,200 sheep passed through Lethbridge recently from Montana for the coast. They were unloaded from the Alberta Railway & Coal Co.'s road and driven to Macleod where they will be loaded on the Canadian Pacific Railway for the coast.

Edmonton Bulletin:—"The amount of gold amalgam purchased from miners by the Edmonton branch of the Imperial Bank, has so far amounted to \$11,200 for the present season. This is about \$500 more than was purchased in the same time last year. This does not represent the total amount of gold mined in the Saskatchewan at this point as much of it finds its way to market through other channels than the bank."

An evidence of the great productiveness of the prairie soil has been placed on record by a yield of oats on the farm of Mr. Henry Krueger, a settler near Leduc, on the Calgary and Edmonton railway. Last spring Mr. Krueger secured a fine sample of oats and he decided to test them by sowing one acre. He sowed them on land that had been previously planted with potatoes, and from the one acre he got a yield of 207 bushels. A sample of the oats grown by Mr. Krueger has been sent to the C. P. R. land department in Winnipeg.

Assiniboia.

W. G. Pettingell is opening a drug store at Regina.

N. & D. Livingston, general store, Yorkton, have assigned.

The proprietors of the Moosomin Spectator have lately put in a new press and enlarged the size of the paper to an eight column, eight page journal.

Saskatchewan.

A local company is being organized to establish a brewery at Prince Albert.

J. A. McIntyre, hotel, Duck Lake, has leased the hotel from A. Thompson.

Legal Notes.

Edmunds, a storekeeper at Rapid City, being indebted to Smith & Burton, grocers, of Brandon, for goods supplied, and being, as they were informed, about to leave the country, was arrested on a capias at the suit of Smith & Burton and lodged in Brandon jail. The order for the capias was granted by Judge Cumberland on Aug. 9 last. On Aug. 30 a summons was taken out to set aside the order for the capias and for the release of the debtor, but the same was dismissed on Aug. 31. The same day a second summons was taken out after the affidavits had been filed on both sides and the debtor had been examined, this was also dismissed. A third application was then made before a judge in Winnipeg for defendant's release and came on for argument before Justice Killam, who also refused the application; being of the opinion that the county court judge had clear jurisdiction to discharge the accused and that another judge should not now entertain that application. The consequence is that the debtor still remains in jail. The amount of the indebtedness is \$900.

J. L. Meikle, of Port Arthur, is extending his business in musical instruments to Winnipeg, in partnership with J. J. McLean. The firm will have the sole agency of the Bell Piano and Organ company, of Guelph, Ont.