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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 22, 1890.

## Manitoba.

Jas. McPherson will open a paint shop at Carman.

Jas. Foster, hardware dealer, Gladstone, has sold out A. G. Williams.

The cheese factories throughout the country are closing for the season

A Mr. Richards, shoemaker, of Winnipeg, has opened a shop at Selkirk.

J. A. Hobbs, druggist, Pilot Mound, has added a watchmaking department.

The fine new fire engine purchased by the Portage civic authorities has arrived.

G. C. Longstreet & Co., general dealers, Stone-wall, are giving up business at that place.

The hardware store of V. Straube, Portage, was burglarized recently, and \$80 worth of goods taken.

The rival electric light companies at Portage have taken a sensible view of the situation and amalgamated.

Mr. Peck, of the Montreal hardware firm of Peck & Bennie, was in Winnipeg last week en route for the coast.

Mr. Joss, representing Stobart, Sons & Co., wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, started for Europe last Sunday.

Cushing's store at Elkhorn was burglarized last week and the safe blown open, but nothing of much value secured.

Garside & Parkins, painters, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. Joseph Parkins and W. H. Garside will carry on business separately.

H. G. Hinton's livery stable, Winnipeg, recently leased by W. M. Crawford, was burned last week, and several horses were cremated; building insured.

Officials of the Duluth & Winnipeg railway were in Winnipeg last week on business in connection with the road, which they claim will be completed as soon as possible.

Mr. Riddle, of Rublee, Riddle & Co., wholesale dealers in fruits, Winnipeg, is down with typhoid fever, but we are pleased to learn is not considered dangerous.

The agricultural exhibition at Clearwater takes place on the 2nd and 3rd of October, and that at Pilot Mound will be held on the 6th and 7th of the same month.

Thos. McNichol, merchant, Oak Lake, who met with a shooting accident a short time ago, is rapidly improving. Lou Arnet, the Winnipeg clothier, who met with a similar accident, is also recovering.

E. Fitz Bucke, a well known business man of Brandon, succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever last week. Mr. Bucke was secretary of the Brandon board of trade, the local agricultural society, and the Brandon Electric Light company.

An attempt was recently made to burglarize Logan & Co. Bank at Carberry. A hole was drilled in the safe, and powder and tools were found scattered around. The burglar had evidently become alarmed and threw up the job suddenly.

Circulars are being sent to all the foreign colonies in Manitoba and the Territories by the Dominion Government immigration office. The circular states that it is the intention to send to the countries of continental Europe during the coming winter a number of delegates from the various foreign colonies in this country, with the object of inducing settlers to come here.

We have received a handsomely printed poster, in colors, from the office of the Deloraine Times, announcing that the fall exhibition of the Deloraine Agricultural Society will be held on October 7 and 8. Reduced railway rates will be given to the exhibition. A neatly printed pamphlet accompanies the poster, giving the prize list for the exhibition. The prize list is very full, some good special awards being offered for collections of roots, vegetables, herds of cattle etc.

The railway committee at Ottawa has at last decided to allow the Winnipeg Transfer railway to connect with the Canadian Pacific. This is the short line of railway along the Red river front, in the city of Winnipeg, constructed for the purpose of utilizing the water front and also to connect the Canadian and Northern Pacific lines in the city. The former company opposed the connection and the matter has been before the railway committee for about a year. The Winnipeg board of trade some time ago urged upon the Government the importance of allowing the connection to be made.

## Alberta.

Lebelt & Kettles, traders, Pincher Creek, are dissolving partnership.

Tenders for the erection of a hospital at Lethbridge are being called for.

The Edmonton Bulletin of Sept. 6 says no frost has been experienced in that district yet.

Application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of the Territories for an ordinance incorporating the town of Lethbridge.

The Calgary Tribune says: "J. T. Burgess, of London, arrived here this morning. He is

anxious to start business here as a dry goods merchant, but cannot find a store at present suitable for his purpose."

A by-law has been carried at Calgary authorizing the construction of a system of sewerage.

It is expected the railway between Great Falls, Montana, and Lethbridge, Alberta, will be completed by the first of next month. The shipment of coal from the mines at Lethbridge to Montana will commence at once.

Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Territories at the next session for an ordinance to incorporate a company to be called the Lethbridge Waterworks and Electric Light Company (Limited) for the purpose of constructing waterworks and electric light at Lethbridge.

Tracklaying on the Calgary & Edmonton railway commenced on Sept. 18, when the rails were laid over the new Bow river bridge at Calgary and two miles beyond. There are forty miles of road now ready for the iron and about two miles will be laid daily. The first engine for the new road has arrived.

The Calgary Herald says: "The farmers of the Calgary district are urged to keep in mind the Society's Exhibition to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 8th and 9th. The crops have been first class. The stock are all in splendid condition. By the date fixed for the show roots will be well matured. There will therefore be all the elements ready to hand for an A 1 exhibition, and this is what the district is expecting."

It is reported that I. G. Baker & Co., general merchants, carrying on business at Macleod, Calgary and Lethbridge, all in this territory, will shortly discontinue business at the first named place. The firm does a very large trade throughout the country, and in the early days, when the goods were all brought in via Montana, Macleod was the headquarters and largest business point of the firm in the territories. The construction of railways has considerably altered the situation, though a good trade is still done at Macleod.

## Assiniboia.

L. Munson has opened a butcher shop at Regina.

W. H. Finnerty, general dealer, Fort Qu'Appelle, has sold out to A. E. Iredale, late with the Hudson's Bay Co. at that place.

An attempt was made to burglarize the bank of Laferty & Moore, at Moosomin, last week. The party or parties were disturbed in their work, as several tools were left in the building.

## Saskatchewan.

Prince Albert wants an experimental farm and an industrial school.

George Fisher, of Fort Qu'Appelle, will build an hotel at Duck Lake.

J. W. Horne, a Vancouver capitalist, has invested in 108 town lots on the Presbyterian mission property, as Prince Albert, at \$50 a lot.

The trade of Montreal has been startled by the failure of William Donahue & Co., whose liabilities amount to about \$65,000 direct, and \$126,000 indirect. The banks interested are Molsons for \$79,000 and the British Bank for \$47,000, which are believed to be secured.