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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 15, 1896.

Manitoba.

J. W. Ferrier, Portage la Prairie, blacksmith, has sold out to Angus McLeod.

Lynch & Budgeon, grocers, have opened in Winnipeg.

The stock of J. C. Reid, Winnipeg, men's furnishings, has been sold at 55 cents to S. Ripstein.

Burnett & Cameron, Agents, Belmont, have been succeeded by Charles Cannon.

Fred Starkey, Hotel, Carman, has sold out to Simpson & Kirilo.

Arkell & Co., have opened a drug store at Carberry.

A. Holloway, butcher, has opened business at Glenboro.

J. S. Wood, general store, Neepawa, has assigned.

Freeborn & Chubb, grocers, Morden, have dissolved, J. Freeborn continues.

McLennan & Scurgeon, hardware, Melita, have dissolved, T. D. Sturgeon continues.

F. J. Jackson has opened a drug store at Oak River.

The livery and feed stable of Joshua Ritchie, Neepawa, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday last. No insurance.

E. L. Jackson has opened a drug store at Oak Lake.

The stock of L. B. Blasdell, jeweller, Winnipeg, has been sold under mortgage to D. B. Dugwall.

The Northern hotel, Winnipeg, has changed hands, J. McLaren having sold out his interest to J. McArthur and H. Rathburn.

The Lake Winnipeg fisheries have not been as successful this season as was desirable owing to the prevalence of rough weather. A great many more men will engage in the winter fishing this winter, than in previous years, it is said.

The Martin, Bole & Wynne Co., Winnipeg, have secured the services of L. D. Little, late of Chicago and formerly professor in Maryland College of Pharmacy, to take charge of the company's laboratory, and manufacturing department.

At an adjourned meeting of the Winnipeg city commercial travelers held Saturday night the project of forming an association was completed. The organization will be known as the "Winnipeg City Travellers' association." The officers elected are: J. Mowat, honorary president; D. M. Horne,

president; A. E. Scott, vice-president; John Horne, secretary; W. Watson, treasurer; committee, H. G. Spurgeon, J. H. Dickey, R. J. Galua, J. Douglas, D. B. McRae. The meeting was adjourned for two weeks when the committee will submit a code of by-laws for approval.

F. Cloutier, grocer, Winnipeg, who succeeded in having the first early closing by-law in Winnipeg quashed, has decided to again fight the new by-law. He has been summoned for keeping his place of business open after the prescribed hours and was fined \$20 and costs. Mr. Cloutier's chief contention was that he ran a general store and that while the by-law did apply to grocery, boot and shoe and other specifically mentioned lines of business, it did not apply to general stores. A large amount of evidence was given in the case by Mr. Cloutier, but the magistrate could not endorse his contention. He was accordingly charged in two separate counts as relating to both his grocery and boot and shoe departments and on each charge he was fined \$10 and costs. Mr. Cloutier promptly gave notice he would appeal to the higher courts.

Lumber Trade News.

The Lumbermen's association of Chicago have advanced prices from fifty cents to \$1 per thousand feet, and some say the price may go higher. Lumber has been on a steady decline since 1893. Dealers who boosted the prices, say they have only taken a step toward the price they will ask before next spring if the tide of prosperity continues.

The office of the Burrows & Hall lumber company, Winnipeg, was entered by burglars recently by prying up one of the windows. Holes were drilled in the safe, but the burglars were evidently disturbed, as they left without cracking the safe.

D. E. Sprague's saw mill at Winnipeg has been closed for the winter. The season's cut has been 7,000,000 feet.

Blue & Fisher, saw mill, British Columbia, have amalgamated with A. R. Tillman, of Greenwood, under the name of the Boundary Creek Milling & Lumber Co.

Gennelle & Co., of Revelstoke, British Columbia, are about to build a large mill at Arrowhead, which will have a capacity of from 75,000 to 100,000 feet per day. They will also add a sash and door factory next summer.

The Central Lumber Company known as the Pacific Coast Lumber Combine, writes a correspondent, is now receiving more than its share of attention, in view of the steps taken by one of its members and the near approach of the time when re-organization for a period of five years was to be affected. The object of the combine, as has been before pointed out, was to handle the foreign trade, the business to be given to each mill to be regulated by the capacity of the mills, a proposition being made on the basis of the maximum output. James E. Ball, of Everett, Wash., mill, became dissatisfied with the amount of business allotted to him, and withdrew from the organization. He shipped two cargoes of lumber to San Francisco, consigned to the Everett National Bank, both of which were attached by the combine and held. The bank commenced action in the courts, and it is said the case has never yet been settled. At the annual meeting of the association held at San Francisco, a fair representation from both British Columbia and Washington was present. An effort was made to effect a settlement, and a committee was appointed to suggest a plan of re-organization that would harmonize all interests concerned and promote the welfare of the combine. The lumbermen who do business on a commission basis also offer strong opposition to the organization.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7
Extra Man. H'd	0	0	7	27	60
No. 1 hard.....	98	270	375	315	395
No. 2 hard.....	35	100	121	121	111
No. 3 hard.....	13	23	31	63	62
No. 1 North'n ..	8	10	26	13	11
No. 2 North'n ..	3	4	2	4	2
No. 3 North'n ..	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white fyle	0	2	2	3	1
No. 2 white fyle	0	2	0	2	0
No. 1 Spring ...	0	2	2	1	2
No. 2 Spring ...	0	0	0	2	0
No. 1 frosted ..	1	10	11	12	18
No. 2 frosted ..	0	5	3	9	16
No. 3 frosted ..	1	0	7	1	4
No. 1 Rejected ..	2	8	11	9	11
No. 2 Rejected ..	2	3	3	7	10
No. 3 Rejected ..	2	1	0	2	3
Condemned ...	0	0	0	3	1
Total	163	419	610	591	611
Same week last year	522	341	426	353	224

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Nov. 6, 1896.	Nov. 8, 1895.
Flour, straight spring..	\$1.00 to \$1.25	\$3.00 to \$3.40
Flour, straight winter..	\$1.10 to \$1.20	\$3.00 to \$3.50
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	90c	67c
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	31c	38c
Oats, No. 2.....	23c	23c
Rye, No. 2, Western...	45c	47c
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	47c	50c
Cotton, mid. upld.	8 1/2c	8 1/2-10c
Print cloths, 6x64....	2 1/2-11c	3 1/2-10c
Wool, Ohio & Pa. X....	17c	17 1/2 to 18c
Wool, No. 1 comb.....	20 to 22c	22 to 23c
Pork, mess new.....	\$5.50 to 9.00	\$9.75 to 10.25
Lard, westn. stm.....	4.50	\$5.35
Butter, creamery.....	20c	20 to 23c
Cheese, ch. east fty. ...	10 1/2c	10 1/2 to 10 3/4c
Sugar, centrif. 98°....	31c	31c
Sugar, granulated.....	41c	41c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	12 1/2c	16c
Petroleum, N. T. Co....	\$1.17	1.48
Petroleum, rid. gal. ...	7c	7 1/2c
*Iron, Bes. pg.	\$11.50 to 12 1/2	\$15.25
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$20.25	\$20.50
Ocean Steam Freight...		
Grain, Liverpool.....	5 1/2d	3 1/2d
Cotton.....	88c	7-8 1/2d

* Pittsburgh.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Bradstreets says of the situation in the United States: Cotton goods are firmer, and values are higher in many instances. The mills are quite well employed, and have better expectation of selling their product.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says "The two leading mills on the 32 inch flannellette have ceased taking orders, and we learn that ere long a sharp advance on the line will take place, which will be to the benefit of all concerned, both wholesale and retail."

Montreal manufacturers of wool and clothing have agreed to shorten credits one month on sales for spring and fall delivery, 1897.

In the United States cottons were below a parity of raw cotton, but now that the elections are over a firm market for manufactures may be expected.

Silver.

Quotations for bar silver, both in London and New York, were slightly depressed as a result of the United States election. The London price fell off from 80d. to 29 13-16d. per ounce, and at New York bars declined from 65c to 64 1/2c. Silver prices on November 6 were, London, 29 15-16d; New York, 65c.