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Notes and Comments.

THE liquor commission began its sittings in Winnipeg on Monday October 24th.

THE C.P.R. land department reports that the sales for October amount to over 103,000 acres.

THE business of collecting buffalo bones from the plains of Western Canada is about played out. The bones are becoming scarce.

J. B. SPURR, formerly proprietor of the Greenore, Ont., *Star* has purchased the Emerson, Man., *Times* and proposes to publish it hereafter.

E. A. STRUTHERS, manager of the Barnardo farm at Russel, Man., was in Winnipeg last month. He reports a very satisfactory year's work on the farm.

WE have received a copy of the annual report of the dairy commissioner for the Dominion of Canada for 1891-92. The reports contains a great deal of information about the dairying industry of Canada.

HON. T. M. DALY, the new Minister of the Interior, while in Winnipeg some days ago, inspected the Dominion Government immigration hall and decided to make some improvements in it.

THE drowning of Chief Factor Belanger and Fred. Simpson of the Hudson's Bay Company at Sea Falls, some twenty miles from Norway House, drew forth a general expression of sorrow from the people of Manitoba.

WITH its October number the *Western Missionary* began its third year of publication. This excellent little paper is published under the auspices of the Synod in the interests of Presbyterian Home and Indian Missions.

J. B. TYRELL of the Dominion Geological survey has returned from a four months exploratory trip through the wilds of Northwestern Canada. He has made a number of important geographical discoveries regarding the country.

COMMISSIONER Chipman of the Hudson's Bay Company returned on the 13th of October from his trip to James Bay. The object of his trip was to obtain an insight into the practical working of the company's affairs in that part of the country.

ANOTHER example of the effects of strikes has been afforded us in the recent suspension of all Vancouver papers from publication as a result of the arbitrary demand of the printers for an increased scale of wages. The sooner

laws are enacted which will put a stop to these strikes the better.

A SPECIAL train passed through Winnipeg on the morning of October 27th having on board over 300 men from H.M.S.'s Daphne, Nymphe and Hyacinthe of the Pacific squadron, bound for England. The new crews are laying at Halifax waiting for the train to take them back.

THE largest electric generator ever installed in Canada is going into the power station of the Ottawa street railway. It weighs 33,000 pounds and will furnish current for the road and for use in heating appliances with which the power house is to be equipped. This will probably be the first building in America heated through-out by electricity.

THE following note which we found in one of our coast exchanges contains something of interest to Manitobans: "The steamer Yosemite took over 1,200 tubs of butter to Victoria on Wednesday. It was from Manitoba and the Northwest and is only one of the many instances of the growth of the interprovincial trade, which did not exist a few years ago."

DOMINION Government immigration officials report the following to have been the arrivals at Winnipeg for the month of October: Canadians, 765; British, 703; Germans 49; French, 3; Scandinavians, 79; Jews, 79; a total of 1678. These settled according to the best information obtained: Manitoba, 829; Territories, 590; British Columbia, 259. This makes the total for the ten months of 1892 nearly 35,000, the exact figures being 34,963.

ARCHER BAKER, European Agent of the C. P. R., John Innis, agent of the Allac Steamship Company and L. A. Hamilton, C.P.R. land commissioner, left Winnipeg for Ottawa late last month to hold a conference with the Dominion Government on the subject of immigration, with a view to devising ways and means for carrying on next year's work. After they have finished their business at Ottawa all three leave for the old country. Mr. Hamilton will be absent all winter.

THE staff of the Manitoba College *Journal* has been organized for the coming season. H. H. Saunderson, resident tutor has been appointed business manager and J. B. Ferguson and G. Perry his assistants. The editor-in-chief is to be Mr. A. Chisholm and the sub-editors Miss E. Hart and Messrs. J. R. MacArthur, Gunn, Cowan, Brown and Dunn. The *Journal* will be run for six months by the art students

after which the theological students will take it. The finances of the enterprise arr in a very satisfactory condition a surplus being shown.

There is in California a girl blacksmith, aged fourteen, who is at present very busy in perfecting her plans for exhibiting her skill at a forge in the World's fair next year. She has been studying for a year to become a blacksmith at the Cogswell Polytechnic Institute at San Francisco, and can make horse-shoes, hinges, tools and a variety of ornamental iron-work. Her work will be for sale to form a fund for the establishment of a School of Ornamental Ironwork for Women.

THE value of farm property in Ontario amounts to \$1,000,000,000, of which \$630,000,000 represent the value of the land, \$200,000,000 the buildings, \$55,000,000 the implements and \$115,000,000 the live stock. The total value of the field crops in 1891 was \$125,000,000. The crops averaged, during the last ten years, the following yields: Fall wheat 19 bushels, spring wheat 15, barley 26, oats 34, rye 16, peas 20, corn in ear 65, buckwheat 22, beans 20, potatoes 118, carrots 347, turnips 391, mangolds 427, hay and clover 1½ tons per acre.

THE Winnipeg Tribune of November 2nd says: "Mr. A. J. McMillan, the commissioner appointed by the Manitoba Government in the old country, is doing good work for the province. His labors are telling, for though the total immigration to Canada from the United Kingdom is not this year much in excess of last year, yet the percentage of these coming to Manitoba is far larger than in any previous year. Manitoba products have been exhibited at a number of shows this year, and now Mr. McMillan is getting ready to deliver a series of lectures in the country."

THE Ontario Government sold at auction at Ottawa on October 14, 637 square miles of timber limits in Nipissing, Algoma and Thunder Bay districts, principally pine, which realized the sum of \$2,308,475. The largest limit was bought by G. W. Peck, of Alpena, Mich., who purchased 35½ square miles at the rate of \$10,600 per mile. The limits which were sold in small blocks of ten or twelve square miles brought enormous prices. Gilmour & Co. paid as high as \$17,500 per mile and for others \$12,300. For fifty miles the firm paid on an average of \$13,700 per mile. The lowest figures were \$2,500 a mile. Hitherto \$1,000 per mile was thought a high figure.