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WINNIPEG, MAY 25, 1891.

Manitoba.

Bowers, of Morden, has opened a harness shop at Hartney.

Alphonse Jean, of St. Boniface, merchant, has made an assignment.

W. J. Brown has opened in the tailoring business at Hartney.

George Morton, general store, Boissevain, stock sold at 44¢ on the dollar.

The Lake Winnipeg fish companies are resuming operations for the season.

W. Hamilton has purchased the livery stables at Pilot Mound formerly owned by Dickson.

Chas. Holden, of Boissevain, has gone to Melita, where he intends opening a furniture store.

W. Saults and B. Steele, of Deloraine, contemplate going into the hotel business at Melita.

Carman, says the *Standard*, is, no doubt, the most progressive and rapidly growing town in Manitoba.

The Virden *Advance* is six years old, and it has recently been improved. It is now all printed at home.

H. A. Seed, fruits, Winnipeg, has disposed of his branch store to Mr. Hough, a recent arrival from Ontario.

E. S. White & Co., general store, Carberry; Carberry stock sold at 65 and Medicine Hat branch at 57¢ on the dollar.

Moodie Bros., Gladstone, have sold their printing plant to Nee-pawa parties, who propose starting an Opposition paper.

S. L. Taylor, of Portage la Prairie, has purchased the drug stock of Drs. Scott & Lamonte at Treherne, and will open a drug store there.

S. Fairbairn, furniture dealer, Minnedosa, has increased his wareroom accommodation by putting up an addition to his already extensive building.

A. B. & H. Wood, of Birtle, contemplate going out of the general trade, and carrying stationery and fancy goods only, as formerly, before they branched into the general trade.

Bush fires have been running north of Manitou in the woods along the line of the Northern Pacific railway. A number of settlers have been burned out, and a quantity of cordwood destroyed.

A surveying party left Brandon last week for the end of the Souris branch railway, of the C. P. R. to commence locating the line of the proposed extension of that branch to the Souris coal fields.

THE COMMERCIAL is always pleased to receive items of news of a business nature from its subscribers. Quite a number of communications of this nature are to hand this week, but we have time and room for more.

E. F. Head, architect, has prepared plans for the addition to the Western hotel, at Carberry. The building will be solid brick with 81 feet plate glass front. The ground floor is divided off into stores, bank, etc. The work will be commenced about the first of June, at a cost of \$10,000.

Delegates from South Dakota were in Rapid City district last week spying out the land with a view to selecting a district in which to locate a colony of Dakota settlers. Mayor Ovas says the *Spectator*, showed the party around town and through the mills. They were favorably impressed with this locality and were very much interested in the woolen mills.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Medical association will take place at Winnipeg, on June 10th and 11th. A number of important papers will be read, and a large attendance of provincial doctors is expected. Arrangements have been made with the railway companies for a reduced round trip fare from all parts of the province.

Market Supt. Marshall of Winnipeg has been going into statistics. The result of his work shows that a large volume of business is done on the market annually. In 1889-90, 8,207 wood tickets and 12,360 weigh tickets were issued, making a total of 20,567 loads. The fees collected amounted to \$1,850.19. In 1890-91, 9,565 wood tickets and 12,689 weigh tickets were issued, making a total of 22,254, producing fees to the amount of \$2,045.70.

Dawson, Bole & Co., wholesale druggist, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Dawson retires. The business will be continued as formerly in all its departments, by D. W. Bole, under the old firm name. There is every reason to believe that the business will be as energetically and successfully conducted in the future under the direction of Mr. Bole, as it has been in the past, he having had a large share in the management of the business since its first establishment.

JOSEPH HEMOND, manufacturer of boots and shoes, Montreal, under the firm of P. Hemond & Fils has assigned with liabilities of about \$160,000 of which \$75,269 is direct.

Alberta.

A tobacco store has been opened at Calgary, by Geo. A. Allen.

A. E. McDiarmid will open a photographic studio at Calgary.

A party named Hamilton is establishing a foundry, for light work, at Calgary.

George C. McGregor, of the Molsen's Bank Toronto, has been appointed manager of the new branch of this bank at Calgary.

Owing to ill-health, E. H. Taaffe, clothier, has decided to give up business in Lethbridge and return to Winnipeg. He advertises the business for sale by tender, up to June 10.

Brick-laying on the walls of the Lethbridge hospital has commenced. The plan of the building makes provisions for the erection of a building which will be an ornament to the town.

W. R. Hull has returned to Calgary from British Columbia. He will return in a short time to Vancouver with another band of 200 head of cattle for the British Columbia Cattle Company.

Work on the Calgary and Edmonton railway is being pushed through with rapidity. The bridge across Blindman is now in position and the grading has been completed for five miles further on. The rails are being put down.

Leeds & Elliott are asking for tenders for the construction of an irrigation ditch on their ranche on Willow Creek. The water is to be taken out of Willow Creek, and the ditch will have a total length of about two miles.

During the past winter, says the *Macleod Gazette*, range cattle, contrary to their usual habit, drifted north, owing probably to the mild weather. Cattle from this immediate neighborhood are reported as far north as the Red Deer river. The Willow Creek stock men have arranged to send a round-up party into that country. The party will start on the 20th instant.

Assiniboia.

C. E. Carthew, drugs and stationary, Qu'Appelle, has assigned in trust.

W. Newton, of Qu'Appelle, has left for Yorkton, where he will open a harness shop.

The cash principle is making headway at Regina, among the merchants. Several of the leading business men have adopted this system. They claim to give a reduction of ten per cent. under former prices.

Hathaway, photographer, Moosomin, is reported away. Under pretence of taking photographs he is said to have fleeced the residents of that district considerably. His mode of procedure says the *Courier* was to arrange his sitter and make all the usual preparations with the important exception of putting the plate in his camera; then with a "Now, look pleasant, please," to his customer, he would uncap the lens, smile for a moment, and, bowing graciously, recover the lens, pocket the cash and bid adieu to the victim. Moosomin loses a horse and buggy, besides other goods supplied. The "professor" was last seen in the neighborhood of Rosecurvis, heading for the U. S.

CLOYTON SLATER & SON, cotton and woolen mills, Brantford, Ont., have assigned. Liabilities estimated at \$90,000.