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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 21, 1891.

## Retailers Convention.

THE COMMERCIAL has heard from some of the executive of the retail merchants' association, and they favor a convention in Winnipeg during exhibition week. A large number of merchants will be in the city during the exhibition, and it is quite probable a meeting will be held, though it is to be regretted a definite announcement cannot yet be made. Merchants should hold themselves in readiness to attend.

## Manitoba.

W.M.Scott, physician, Treherne, has moved to Holland.

Mr. Logie has sold his stationery business at Gladstone to Mr. Baker.

A. L. Johnson, general store, Cartwright, sold out to F. S. Mosary.

The Carman Standard has been enlarged to an eight-page paper.

Thos. Fogg, harness, Elkhorn, has admitted one Recco under style of Fogg & Recco.

August Sladlander, livery, West Selkirk, has sold out to Mrs. Jas Bradon.

F. C. Van Buskirk has been appointed local agent at Brandon for the Newcombe piano.

S. McAdoo has sold his livery and feed stables at Brandon to McKay and Lennox.

The Selkirk people expect to have an electric light system in operation by Oct. 1.

Chas. Clement has bought the grocery business of J.S. Emmond, of Treherne.

J. W. Horne, grocer, Winnipeg, has admitted George Thompson as partner in branch store, under style of Horne & Thompson.

The Russell House hotel buildings at Morris, will be sold by auction at Winnipeg next week, being part of the Russell estate.

The Commercial Bank will establish a branch at Emerson, with D. McArthur, private banker of that place, as manager.

The store of Jas. Pritchard, of Swan Lake, was burglarised recently, but only a little tobacco and a few dollars in cash taken.

Voting at Brandon on the by-law to raise money with which to build waterworks and a sewerage system for the city resulted in a large majority for the by-law.

Hansen Bros., of Montreal, offer 98 cents on the dollar, without commission, for Winnipeg improvement debentures. The finance committee has recommended the acceptance of the offer.

A. Thompson, late manager for G. H. Rodgers & Co., Glenboro, and J. M. Fumerton, of Winnipeg, have bought out the old established business of Amford Bros., general store, Glenboro.

The regular half yearly examinations of the Pharmaceutical Association of Manitoba will be held at Winnipeg, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 7th and 8th of October.

The banking house of Mactavish, Guy & Co., Carman, has been dissolved. It is understood that Mr. Guy has retired from the firm, and that Mr. Mactavish will continue the business under the firm name of Mactavish & Co.

J. J. Tomlinson, a well known traveller with R. J. Whita & Co., Winnipeg, was presented last week with a fine clock, by the employees of the firm, on the eve of his marriage. He was also presented by the firm with an arm chair.

Well up to 2,000 entries have already been made for the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, which opens on Sept. 28. The success of the exhibition is assured, so far as the exhibits are concerned. A week of good weather during the exhibition will make it a grand success in every particular.

## North West Ontario.

F. B. Allen is now publisher of the Port Arthur Herald.

Moir & Mills, stationers and jewellers, Port Arthur, have assigned.

John Kay, of Norman, has leased his bakery to Jacob Smith, of Rat Portage.

W. A. Weir, formerly of Fergus, Ont., is now manager of the Imperial Bank at Rat Portage.

F. S. Wiley, for many years connected with the Northern hotel, Port Arthur, has assumed management of the house.

H. Marlatt, of Portage la Prairie, will take charge of the Hudson Bay company's business at Fort William.

Rat Portage has been made an outport of customs and warehousing port and placed under the survey of the collector of Port Arthur.

J. C. Degagne, butcher, of Keewatin and Norman, has given up the Norman business

and is succeeded by Albert Guyore, his manager, who has formed a partnership with Henri Billadeau.

## Alberta.

F. P. Size, dentist, Calgary, has moved to Regina, Assa.

M. McDonald has embarked in the retail grocery trade at Calgary.

The Calgary people are happy. President Van Horne during his stay there recently informed George Alexander that the town would have daylight trains, a new station and dining hall and public gardens near the C. P. R. buildings on a large scale.

## Assiniboia.

Carpin Bros., general store, Sinaluta, have sold out to C. J. Dutton.

The Regina Board of trade has decided to send an exhibit to the Winnipeg Industrial.

Moosejaw has passed a by-law to raise \$7,000 by issue of debentures, for local improvements.

## Grain Shortages.

It is not Montreal shippers alone who complain of the frequent shortages of grain which passes through the Montreal Elevating Company, as a Manitoba shipper recently informed us that he had shipped a cargo of 20,000 bushels of wheat from Montreal this season, and when it arrived here the weights at the C. P. R. elevator tallied with those at point of shipment. It was then handed over to the Montreal Elevating Company to be put on board ship, and when it arrived on the other side it was found to be 250 bushels short—equal to 1 1/4 per cent. This loss made a difference of about 1 1/2 per bushel to the shipper, a most unwarranted shrinkage. The shipper of this cargo stated: "The quantity was all right when delivered by the C. P. R. authorities to the Montreal Elevating Company, and I have my idea where the 250 bushels I lost went to." But as long as such light sentences as "15 days" are imposed upon the elevating men when caught in the act of stealing wheat from the company's elevators we fear our Manitoba shipper will have to indulge in his idea, without receiving much satisfaction. Other shortages have very recently occurred at this port which are attributed to the Elevating company, but our shippers can obtain no redress. There is something wrong somewhere, and there has been something wrong for a number of years past, and it is high time that some remedy were applied whereby the interests of shippers at this port are better protected.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

Prince Albert Saskatchewan: A party of engineers under the charge of Mr. Neilson, C. E. to the C. P. R., is at work in the Carrot River district and making their way from Stony Creek to the Birch Hills. From the latter place they intend to work towards Prince Albert. It is conjectured by shrewd observers that the C. P. R. is about to get control of the M. & N. W. R. R., and complete the line from Yorkton to Prince Albert in 1892. The fact that the C. P. R. engineer is at the head of the party referred to seems to lend color to the conjecture. The early opening of this road, under whatever system of railway will be a great boon to the district.