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Owing partly to delay in arrival of new stock of paper, and partly to neglect in not ordering soon enough, a few issues of this journal have been printed on an inferior quality of paper. The use of this paper, however, will be for a brief time only.

The new volume of The Commercial, which begins during next month, will be marked by the appearance of the journal in a complete new dress of type.

### Manitoba.

Paul Magnuson, general store, Selkirk, has assigned.

J. M. Teichman is opening in teas, etc., at Winnipeg.

R. McKiehan is starting in dry goods, etc., at Winnipeg.

The Fort Garry Park Co. Ltd., Winnipeg, has been incorporated.

The Winnipeg Conservatory of Music, Ltd., has been incorporated.

Louis Payment, St. Norbert, is opening a branch general store at St. Malo.

The sheriff is in possession of the stock of Misses Covert, millinery, Winnipeg, sale advertised for Sept. 3.

Scott & Leslie, furniture, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Leslie Bros.

Travellers should be aware of the changes in the running of trains which went into effect on September 2. All Canadian-Pacific railway time cards have been changed.

The stock of W. Watson, cigars, Winnipeg, will be sold at a rate on the 5 on Saturday, September 1, consisting of the following: Cigars, \$555.72; tobacco and pipes, \$318.58; show case, shop furniture, etc., \$265.05.

The firm of R. Score & Sons, merchant tailors of Toronto, have opened a branch in Winnipeg with T. W. Score resident manager.

H. Wilson & Co., fruit dealers, Winnipeg, offers his business for sale. Harpor Wilson, of this business, has accepted a position with Rubles, Riddle & Co. as traveller.

A new gas company is proposed for Winnipeg. The projectors are minded men and they say that if given a chance by the city council, they will greatly reduce present rates.

The business carried on by Corner & Jackson at High Bluff, general merchants, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Alfred Corner retires, and Geo. M. Jackson takes over the business, past and future.

The Canadian Pacific railway is getting together a collection of grains and grasses for shipment to fall fairs and agencies in the east and Europe. All the samples are this year's growth. They are being stored and arranged in G. F. Stephen's warehouse, Winnipeg. A carload of material is expected in this week from Alberta territory.

The improvements to the Donaldson block on the corner of Portage Avenue and Main Street, Winnipeg, have been settled upon. The amount to be expended is about \$12,000, in a new roof, new entrance, stairways, vestibule, large vaults, hot water heating and changes to the corner front. The contract for the greater portion of the work has been let to C. W. Sharp & Co. for about \$8,000. The bank of B. N. A. will occupy the corner store when it is completed.

They are having a lively row among the Manitoba Patrons about the price of binder twine. Mr. Braithwaite promised to resign the presidency of the Patrons of Industry if the Patron twine did not measure 600 feet to the pound. Now the twine turns out to run only about 500 feet to the pound, and costs more per pound than better goods which run 600 feet to the pound. The farmers who supported the order are kicking vigorously. Will the president resign? is now the query.

### Assiniboia.

There is likely to be a gold fever at Medicine Hat, says a telegram. Several outfits are now busy at work on the sand bars about ten or twenty miles down the South Saskatchewan. Several claims have been staked out and before another week has gone some of the citizens will follow suit. The yield from some of the bars is reported good.

### Alberta.

Hugh Nelson, furniture, is opening business at Calgary.

Walters & Crookart, carriage makers, South Edmonton, have dissolved.

H. A. Finch harness dealer, Edmonton, has sold out to Hutchings & Riley.

Wolly & White, blacksmiths, have opened business at Fort Saskatchewan.

Francis Harding, furniture & undertaker, Calgary has assigned to thos. O'Brien.

Edmonton Bulletin: A family of ten from Minnesota, two settlers from Kansas, one from Washington Territory and one from Colorado were the new arrivals by Monday's train.

Twenty-eight cars of cattle, forming one of a series of trains to be forwarded from the west for export by Gordon & Ironsides during September and October, were shipped from Lethbridge on Aug. 29.

Seven families of settlers, with several hundred head of horses, says the Macleod Gazette, came in from the south on Monday. They were from Washington State and all but one, who was making for Beaver Lake, north of Edmonton, were bound for the Red Deer country.

Macleod Gazette: Who says Macleod is not going ahead? Here is a partial list of the

buildings erected during the past month or now in process of erection: C. Ryan, handsome two story store and dwelling house; Barker & Miller, extensive addition to their store, to make room for dry goods department; D. Cairns, story and a half building, to be used as a restaurant; C. J. Resch, large general two-story store, commenced yesterday; W. Gardiner, handsome and commodious two-story dwelling house; Mr. Newton, one story dwelling house; H. Bates, extensive addition to his house; Geo. Pearson, one-story dwelling house.

The Edmonton Board of Trade has draughted a memorial to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., asking for a further reduction of grain freight rates to Calgary and the Pacific coast cities. The memorial points out, that while it has been possible to ship grain to Vancouver at a slight profit, it has been impossible to compete with the United States shippers at Victoria, consequent upon the fact that the markets of Victoria and Vancouver are both reached by United States shippers at the same rate, whereas the shippers of Edmonton who must ship by water from Vancouver to Victoria, cannot ship at a profit to the latter place, due to the necessarily extra cost. The board is asking for a rate that will permit shippers here to compete with shippers from the Western States at both Victoria and Vancouver, viz 25c. instead of 35c. The memorial also points out that while the through rate to Vancouver is 35c. per 100 lbs., the rate to Ashcroft, this side of Yale, is 56 1/2c. They ask that the rate be made uniform from Ashcroft to Victoria. The board further asked for a rate of 52 1/2c. per 100 lbs. on cattle to the same market. The matter of potatoes, vegetables, hay and coal is also referred to. It is asked that the rate on coal to Calgary be \$2 per ton, that the rate on millstuffs, potatoes and vegetables in mixed car load lots be 17c. per 100 lbs. to the same point and that \$2 per ton be charged on hay and straw in car load lots of twenty thousand pounds.

### North-West Ontario.

Richard T. Inglis, soda water manufacturer, Port Arthur, is dead.

A carload of machinery has arrived at Rat Portage for a new steamer which will be built by Capt. Lewis, owner of the Shamrock. The new boat is to be 110 feet long and 22 feet beam, and will be a stern wheeler, with a speed of fifteen miles per hour. She will be fitted up for the Lake of the Woods and Rainy river traffic, and will have stateroom accommodation for seventy-five passengers.

Messrs. Cleague, of Bangor, Maine, and Douglas, of Philadelphia, visited the Kakabeka falls near Port Arthur recently, and were much impressed with the water power there undeveloped. John Bogart, chief engineer of the Niagara Power company, of New York, and T. A. T. Balter, also a New York engineer, also went out to the falls for an inspection trip. The proposal is to erect a large pulp and paper mill there, specially for export trade, if the conditions are suitable.

### Silver.

The rising tendency of silver continued this week. There has been heavy buying at London both for Chinese account and for the continental interests supposed to be negotiating for a Chinese loan. Reports are also current that the India government has determined to coin a new trade dollar for the China trade; India exchange shows a noteworthy firmness in demand, and allotments of Council bills were made this week at as high as 13 1/2d. per rupee. The amount of the applications on Wednesday last was, however, smaller than had been expected, and this fact was reflected in the reaction which occurred at the close of the week in silver quotations, which, after a rise of 30 1/2d. per ounce, fell on Friday to 29 11-16d. Prices August 23rd were 29 11-16d. London and 65 1/2c. at New York.—Bradstreet.