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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 5, 1890.

## Manitoba.

A. M. Chaney, grocer, Brandon, is reported in difficulties.

Peebles & Braden, butchers, Winnipeg, are in trouble with the sheriff.

Mrs. J. G. Mills, baker and confectioner, Plum Creek, has sold out to McDowell.

Barron & Peterson, clothing, etc., Winnipeg, contemplate going into wholesale jewelry business.

The electric railway in Fort Rouge, Winnipeg's southern suburb, will be in working order in a few days.

C. Furber has opened out a confectionery store at Holland, and intends to start a bakery in connection.

The Cosmopolitan Trading and Commission Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, have made application to wind up the concern.

The Empire Brewing Co., Winnipeg, is in difficulties, and an application has been made to wind up concern.

G. V. and W. A. Hastings, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, were in Winnipeg last week on a business trip.

The estate of Cummings & Co., groceries, Winnipeg, has been sold by the bailiff to John T. Wilson for 52c on the dollar, cash.

According to the *Monitor* the following is the amount of wheat and flax seed shipped from Morden, for 1890, to date: Wheat, 171,097 bushels; flax seed, 5,291 bushels.

The *Scandinavian-Canadian* newspaper, of Winnipeg, has been sold by Mr. Ohlen to J. E.

Forslund, of the C.P.R. land office, who has had considerable experience in journalistic work.

Wm. Senkbeil, of the late firm of Senkbeil Bros., is opening a boot and shoe store at Brandon.

The Winnipeg street car railway again accepts U.S. silver at par. The change was made Thursday. The crusade against U.S. silver has not amounted to much, as the silver brings its face value in every shop in the city.

Molson's bank will open its new Winnipeg branch in the Manitoba Mortgage company's buildings, with W. G. Nichols, formerly of the Merchants, as manager. This is a most important addition to the financial institutions of the city.

T. G. Waters, accountant of the customs department, and S. W. Michaels, financial inspector of customs for the Dominion, were in Winnipeg last week. They are here to look into some difficulties between importers and customs officials.

The Patterson & Bro. Co., implements, Winnipeg have appointed G. W. Saunders to represent their implements at Carman. The same company have moved their agency from Greenway to Balder and placed James Graham in charge of their warehouse at the latter place.

Cornell, Spera & Co, wholesale furnishings, Winnipeg, have moved from their old quarters on Portage Avenue east, to the fine new Sanford block on Princess street, where they will have excellent facilities for handling their stock to the best advantage. A description of this block was published in this journal a few weeks ago.

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Bank, Winnipeg, during the month of December were as follows:

Deposits	.....	\$15,925 00
Withdrawals	.....	27,777 01

Withdrawals in excess of deposits \$11,854 01

E. L. Drewry, of the Redwood brewery, Winnipeg, during the past two or three days, has not been forgetful of the unfortunates who are lying sick and helpless in the general hospital, and he has been around amongst the wholesale liquor dealers in their behalf, with the following result, which aggregates over \$500: Hudson Bay Co., \$100; G. F. & J. Galt, \$100; Hiram Walker, per J. B. Mather, \$100; E. L. Drewry, \$100; A. Colquhoun, \$25; Alex. McImyre, \$25; McDonough & Shea, \$25; A. Strang & Co., \$20; Blackwood Bros., \$20; Richard & Co., \$10; J. A. Wood & Co, \$10.

Premier Greenway returned last week from his trip to England in the interests of immigration. He stated to a *Free Press* reporter that he has not yet made any definite arrangements regarding the opening of an immigration office in England, as was generally supposed, nor had he established any offices as had been reported, but he had attained the desired end of his trip. The prime object was to gain necessary information as to what should be done to secure not only a large number but the right kind of immigrants, and he felt satisfied that what he had learned could be turned to good advantage when the government had decided what policy to pursue in the matter.

E. G. Johnston, the practical man of the Western Woollen Mills, St. C. Infaco, goes east to investigate late improvements in the line of

woolen mill machinery. It is the intention of the company to enlarge its operations next season, and new machinery for the manufacture of blankets, cloths, etc., will be put in. The past season has been given mainly to the manufacture of yarns, from pure Manitoba wool, for which a ready local market can be found, on account of the superior quality of the article in comparison with eastern manufactures. H. S. Northwood, of Chatham, has taken an interest in the company, which will strengthen the institution financially and otherwise, he having had experience in this industry in the east.

A fire occurred in the dry goods store of Geo. Craig, Winnipeg, on New Year's afternoon. The fire had not made much progress when it was discovered, and the firemen quickly extinguished the flames. The fire broke out beneath the archway between the gent's furnishing and fancy goods departments, and was confined to that locality. The quantity of goods burned was not large, but much damage was done by smoke and water from the chemicals and engines. The loss will not be known until the stock is examined, but it will probably amount to several thousand dollars, which will be covered by insurance. The fire was caused by sparks in the chimney, which extends down to the archway, the archway being cut through what was formerly an outside wall. After burning through the timber of the archway, the fire fell on the goods beneath and ignited them. There had been no one in the store since the previous night.

## Assiniboia.

Two hotels, another livery and sale stable are under course of construction at Yorkton.

Mann & Pollock have received a new boiler and engine for their saw mill north of Yorkton.

D. Livingstone, sr., threshed on his farm, five miles north of Yorkton, 2,200 bushels of oats off 20 acres.

James Weidman, publisher of the *Qu'Appelle Progress*, announces in his last issue that he has sold out, and the business will be transferred to new hands on Jan. 17.

Mowat Brothers, Regina, announce that they will do a cash business commencing January 1. They state in a neat little pamphlet that they have lost \$25,000 from bad debts in the past twelve years. This is certainly a very good reason for throwing up the credit system.

Immigration Agent Stenshorn at Regina has received a letter from A. L. Chute, of Leola, one of the Dakota delegates who was in Regina in the autumn, to the effect that he and some of his friends have decided to go to Yorkton, Assa. Inducements in the shape of loans on their stock have been held out to them, which they have accepted. One hundred families are going. The letter concludes warmly thanking Mr. Stenshorn and the Regina people for their kindness, and saying it was through them that they were persuaded to come to the west.

## Saskatchewan.

J. M. Campbell & Co., general merchants, Prince Albert, are giving up business. Mr. Campbell will devote his time in future to agricultural pursuits. He is at present largely interested in stock and farming. James Taylor, Winnipeg accountant, has been engaged to assist in closing up their business.