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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 28, 1895.

## Manitoba.

Winnipeg city is calling for tenders for 2000 cords of cedar paving wood.

H. H. Lang, dry goods, Winnipeg, has admitted John Morphy and Thomas Anderson as partners, style to be Lang, Morphy & Anderson.

J. T. Gordon, cattle exporter, of Pilot Mound, is preparing to move to Winnipeg in March, and in future will reside in the city.

It is understood to be the intention of the provincial government to withdraw their emigration agent from Great Britain for the present. The office in Liverpool is now closed.

E. L. Drewry, of Winnipeg, was loser by the recent fire at Manitou. He owned the Stewart hotel property valued at \$6,000. There was but \$3,000 insurance on the building.

A. Y. Hood has been appointed agent for the "Excelsior" Fruit Cleaner, for Winnipeg and Manitoba. The machine may be seen at work at his place of business, 191 Market St., Winnipeg.

The chief of the Winnipeg fire department estimates the losses by fire in the city during 1894 at \$200,000, a large portion of which was the result of one night's fires. The showing is a very good one.

Archibald Wright, whose dry goods stock was destroyed in the Western Canada block fire, has decided to again open up in business in Winnipeg. Temporary premises have been secured in Holman's store, Spencer block, Portage avenue, where he will open out on February 1.

The large stock of goods carried by Jos. Rogers, furrier, Winnipeg, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday morning. The fire started in the basement and burned a hole through the floor, thereby gaining access to the store. The loss on stock is placed at \$20,000 or more. The building, which is owned by Jas. Rogers of Toronto is not seriously damaged. The building is insured for \$10,000 in the five companies represented by W. Girdlestone & Sons. Insurance was carried on the stock to the amount of \$14,500, distributed as follows: Commercial Union (J. Patterson), \$3,000; Phoenix of Hartford (J. Woodman), \$3,000; Lancashire (Mr. Muttelbury), \$4,000; London & Lancashire, (R. Strang), \$3,000; Liverpool & Globe (R. Strang), \$1,500; total \$14,500.

H. C. Stovel, manager of the Toronto Type Foundry, Winnipeg, has arranged with the Brandon Times Publishing Company, to put in a new paper cutter, and stock of the latest types. The Times people also decided to put in a type-setting machine, the same as those in use in the Free Press office. J. M. Robinson is moving from Portage la Prairie to Brandon and will after the first of February personally assume the management of the paper.

The council of the Winnipeg board of trade has appointed a committee to consider the extra charge on insurance risks to cover the provincial tax. The sentiment of the members is opposed to the extra charge, and a number of business men have expressed their intention of placing their insurance with outside companies if the additional charge is insisted upon by the local agents. A committee has also been appointed to deal with the matter of railway rates on seed grain.

The town of Manitou had a bad visitation from fire on January 22. The fire started in a building in rear of the Hudson's Bay Company's store, and used by them as a store-house. The cause is not known as there was no one on the premises when the fire broke out. The fire had made such progress that nothing could be done to save the buildings, and everyone turned their attention to saving the goods. Nearly everything was taken out. Every effort was made to save the Stewart house but of no avail, the contents of this building were also removed. The county court clerk's office was also burned, but all books and papers were saved. The Stewart house was valued at \$6,000, insured for \$3,000. The contents were valued at \$1,000, no insurance. The Hudson's Bay Company's buildings were valued at \$5,000, and contents, \$14,000. The stock was damaged probably one-third its value.

The recent disastrous fire of last week in Winnipeg broke out on Thursday evening in the Doll block, Main Street, a three story brick building. The building is a complete wreck, the fire starting in the basement and extending throughout the block. The Manitoba Mortgage Co., and A. J. Bannerman, real estate dealer, occupied the ground floor. D. H. McMullan & Co., grain, and Alex. Smith, commission agent, had offices on the second floor. The third floor was occupied by private apartments. The building was owned by J. A. McKercher, and valued at \$12,000, with \$8,000 insurance. The other losses were in office furniture. The adjoining building on one side was occupied on the ground floor by Grundy & Co., music dealers, who suffered damage to their stock from water and removal to the extent of \$1,000 or more, fully insured. The Bank of Hochelaga premises on the other side were also drenched with water and damaged by smoke, as were also several legal and other business offices in the upper flats of the two adjoining buildings. The fire is supposed to have originated from the furnace in the basement.

## Northwest Ontario.

Ferrier & Co., tailoring, men's furnishings, boots and shoes, Rat Portage, style changed to J. E. Rice.

James Clark has sold the Algoma Hotel, Schriber to Wm. Fraser and Samuel Otis for \$1650.

James Clarke, Schriber, has, it is currently reported, taken or bought the Queen Hotel, Fort William.

D. B. Hawkins, Peninsula Harbor, has bought the steamboat "Comet" from Jas. Metcalfe, of Nipigon, for a fishing tender.

Sam Lee's Chinese laundry at Port Arthur was burned on Jan. 22. The adjoining building, one occupied by Mr. Coll as a shoe

shop, the Maple Leaf hotel and one of Errikkila's wooden hotels was also burned. The loss is about 4,000, with no insurance of consequence.

## Alberta.

Milne & McDermott of the Columbia hotel, have dissolved partnership; McDermott retains the business.

## Assiniboia.

Joseph Cargo, blacksmith, Sintaluta, has sold out to John Moody.

## Grain and Milling Matters.

A petition which is having many signers, is being prepared for presentation to the rural municipal council of Portage la Prairie, Man., asking it to advance \$20,000 as a loan to the Farmers' Elevator Coy. of Portage la Prairie, on reasonable security, at a low rate of interest to be charged for the use of the same. The company is in financial difficulties, and hopes to be tided over in this way.

Carrie & Grant have their new flour mill at LaRiviere Man., completed. The machinery is all new.

Jas. Pye, of Minneapolis, is in Winnipeg, in connection with the work of improving the Ogilvie mill here.

## Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending January 21 were \$752,097, balances, \$186,180. For the previous week clearings were \$1,005,862. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$800,208.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Clearings.	
	Jan. 17th.	Jan. 10th.
Montreal.....	\$12,005,559	\$11,566,817
Toronto.....	6,801,271	7,894,426
Halifax.....	1,222,837	1,218,256
Winnipeg.....	1,005,832	1,110,576
Hamilton.....	621,832	810,548
Total.....	\$21,158,361	\$22,630,620

## Sealing Regulations for 1895.

Washington advices indicate that the Secretary of the Treasury has about completed his regulations for the government of vessels employed in fur sealing fishing during the coming season, and that these regulations will not materially differ from those in operation during the last season. As the outcome of a conference between Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and Mr. Carlisle, it is thought that in all the essential particulars the regulations to be issued by the British government will not differ from our own. It appears that Assistant Secretary Hamlin, who made an investigation of the whole sealing question during a visit to the Pribyloff Islands last summer, has about completed his report, which, it is understood, will show that the greatest menace to the life of the seal is pelagic sealing. It is believed at Washington that on the basis of this report steps are about to be taken to secure Great Britain's consent to a modification of the Paris award, having for its object the total suspension for a specified number of years of pelagic sealing within the Behring sea.

Stapleton Cadicott was elected president; G. B. Osler, first vice; Edward Quincy, second vice; and J. L. Spink, treasurer, of the Toronto board of trade on Jan. 23 by acclamation.