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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 11, 1892.

Manitoba.

Leitch Bros. have opened a furniture store at Killaruey.

Fred. Young is opening in the furniture line at Cypress River.

A new butcher shop has been opened at Troherno by Chas. Barkwell.

A neat little calendar for 1892, has been received from Stephen Nairn.

Mr. Farquharson is making progress with his new hotel at Cypress River.

N. H. Jackson, druggs, Winnipeg, has assigned. Stock sold by sheriff.

Blair & Rogers, dry goods and clothing, Carberry, have assigned in trust.

A. Wimperis, fancy goods and confectionery, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

G. D. Rice, stationery and fancy goods, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

Thos. Fogg, harness, Elkhorn, has been sold out under chattel mortgage to J. M. Gilroy.

Wm. A. Mcintosh, sewing machines and musical instruments, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

The Grand Union hotel, Winnipeg, is again under the management of the landlord, John O'Donohue.

Inland revenue collections at Winnipeg for December were \$34,625, being an increase of \$10,714 over the same month last year.

A. F. Eden has been offered and has accepted the position of the manager of the Manitoba Mortgage and Investment Company at Winnipeg.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association will be held on Thursday, January 14, in the board of trade rooms.

The Hudson's Bay Co.'s grocery department, Winnipeg, has been awarded the contract for supplying the Selkirk asylum and the Deaf and Dumb institute with supplies for the coming year.

The report of the transactions at the Dominion Gov. Savings' bank, Winnipeg, for month of December shows that the deposits exceed the withdrawals. Deposits, \$22,155 00; withdrawals, \$20,759.33.

The Brandon farmers' institute has passed a resolution in favor of free binding twine. The farmers very naturally want the duty removed from this article, which duty is a direct tax upon their industry.

Mr. Wynne, of Bole, Wynne & Co., druggs, Winnipeg, is cast as far as New York on a business trip. Mr. Bole, of this firm, reports a big demand for the almanacs recently issued by the house, and the 50,000 issue has already been all taken.

The trial of the Prusyche, who recently stole a quantity of goods from Fullerton & Ross, general dealers, Manitou, took place in Winnipeg recently. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and was let off with the paltry sentence of two week's imprisonment in the provincial jail. It seemed hardly worth while going to the expense of capturing a thief and sending him to Winnipeg, when they are let off so easily.

L. C. McIntyre, who has represented Turner, Mackeand & Co., Winnipeg, on the road for the last nine years, has severed his connection with the firm. Just before leaving J. L. Turner presented him with a very handsome gift of silverware for himself and Mrs. McIntyre. On making the presentation Mr. Turner spoke of the pleasant relations that had always existed between them, and also wished him success in his new position as manager of the business of Paulin & Co.

The Canadian Pacific railway land department reports exceptionally large sales of land for the month of December, being double those of the previous month. The sales in Southwestern Manitoba were larger during the month than they were during the whole of 1890. The land sold is chiefly situated in the Killaruey, Deloraine and Boissevain districts. There is also an active demand for land west of Melita. Mr. Sandison, of Brandon, has purchased 36,000 acres near Carnduff and Carievale, and will establish a farm there, as well as working his big farm at Brandon.

Ross & Maw is the name of a new firm which is opening in the implement trade in Winnipeg. J. M. Ross, of the new firm, comes from Hamilton, Ontario, where he was connected with the Massey-Sawyer company. Jos. Maw is an old implement man, and of late years has been agent for the Massey Co. at Calgary, Alberta. The firm has secured premises in the Henderson block, Market Square, Winnipeg, and a stock of goods is on the way. In about three weeks they expect to have full lines. They will carry everything but harvest machinery, among the principal articles being wheeled rigs, plows, harrows, seeders, wind mills, etc.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon, at the

port of Winnipeg during the month of December, 1891, as compared with the same month in 1890:

	Value 1890.	Value 1891.
Exported	\$170,875 00	\$016,057 00
Imported dutiable	103,795 00	132 767 00
" free	278,244 00	35,276 00
Total Imported	382,039 00	168,032 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable	168,830 00	130,735 00
Entered for consumption, free	278,244 00	35,276 00
Total for consumption	357,074 00	172,010 00
Duty collected	\$31,495 96	\$10,797 75

Since the opening of the Northwest Central railway, a new town has grown up at the present western terminus of the road, called Hamiota. The town is situated in the centre of a splendid agricultural country. It is in the centre of the municipality, and it is situated about twenty five miles from any other point of any importance. Being the end of the track it will gain a lead on any other place between Rapid City and the Assiniboine, and will, no doubt, keep it. It is also well supplied with good spring water. Among the buildings are: W. Elliot, general store and postoffice; J. White, hardware; J. C. Gibbard, boots and shoes; Toad & McKellar, livery, feed and sale stable; Hawthorne Bros., do.; A. Miller, flour and feed; J. McConnell, office and lumber yard; W. Hawthorne, blacksmith shop; McMurchie boarding house; Bethune, do.; Sungman, do.; M. Turriff, real estate, insurance and loan office. Scott, of Shoal Lake, is building a \$2,000 store, with a specially constructed collar for dairy products. The Massey-Harris Co. will build an implement warehouse and S. Dinsmore another one. Notwithstanding the cold weather, gangs of carpenters are keeping right along with building operations. N. Bawlf has built a grain warehouse, which is managed by R. S. Armstrong, of Rapid City.

Alberta.

J. Bailey, furniture, Lethbridge, succeeded by D. Brodie.

The portable grist mill, purchased by the farmers of Cardston, Lethbridge district, Alberta, has arrived. It has a capacity of a barrel and a half per hour.

Mr. Rankin, late of the firm of Rankin & Alton, dry goods, etc., Calgary, has left that place for a new location. Mr. Allan continues the business.

The Calgary Hardware Co. are moving into their new premises. It is a beautiful stone building, fitted up with all the most modern improvements. The counters and shelves are all of native woods, from British Columbia and Alberta.

The Edmonton board of trade has written to Mr. Whyte, general superintendent of the C. P.R., in reference to the freight rates to Calgary and westward to the coast, about which considerable correspondence has already passed. The importance of having these freight rates reduced is fully entered into as well as the beneficial effect it will have on intending settlers who would be assured of a sale for their surplus products. Mr. Van Horne's doubts as to the existence of a market on the coast for our products were replied to, and proof offered that such a market did exist for more than the present surplus of our grain crop, provided suitable rates could be obtained.