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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 17, 1890.

Manitoba.

E. Wareham, watchmaker, Winnipeg, has given up business.

A joint stock company is being formed to publish the *Brandon Mail*.

W. H. Fletcher, stoves, etc., Deloraine, has added fruits and confectionery.

A stationery and fruit store has been opened at Plum Creek, by Mr. Arthur.

Bell Bros., general storekeepers, McGregor, is reported to be giving up business.

J. L. Blair & Co., of Winnipeg, is opening a branch dry goods store at Carberry, Man.

O. E. Lambert, furniture dealer, Wawanesa, will add a stock of groceries to his business.

Boucher, a young man from near Manitou, contemplates opening a store at Wawanesa.

F. Sims, blacksmith, Wawanesa, has sold out to P. R. Smith, blacksmith, of the same place.

John G. Lockhart, of Arden, has sold out his livery stable at that place to McDougall Bros.

Mr. Salter will shortly embark in the fruit and confectionery business at Portage la Prairie.

E. P. Holland and Howard Mayne have purchased the Brunswick hotel, at Brandon, from Towers.

Geo. Ronan has leased the Queen's hotel, Morden, recently purchased by Clougher of Winnipeg.

J. Heibert & Co., general storekeepers, Pilot Mound, contemplates closing out their Cartwright branch.

The firm of Booth & Booth, confectioners, Brandon, has been dissolved; T. Booth retiring from the business.

Samuel Treble, carriages, Crystal City, has given up blacksmithing business and added harness and agricultural implements.

The stock and fixtures of A. E. Sinclair & Co., grocers and fruiterers, of Morden, was sold by public auction at Winnipeg on Friday last.

McMillan & Co. will open a general store at Roland, on the Morris-Brandon branch railway. D. McMillan who is of this new firm has lately resided at Morris.

Geo. D. Wood, wholesale hardware merchant, Winnipeg, who has been confined to his house with fever for over three weeks, is able to be out again.

The Commercial Bank of Manitoba is gradually extending its business throughout the province. A branch of the bank has just been opened at Virdon under the management of Robert Adamson.

Farming pays in Manitoba. Mr. Park, near Wawanesa, bought 160 acres of land for \$3,500, about 100 acres being ready for cultivation. From his first crop he realized \$1,800, or over one-half the purchase money.

A good deal of nursery stock has been shipped into Manitoba this fall from eastern nurseries, consisting of fruit and ornamental trees. A great many farmers are beginning to experiment with fruit trees, and no doubt varieties will be found which will do well here.

The following persons will apply for incorporation under the name of "The Construction and Paving Company of Manitoba, Limited:" Duncan McArthur, A. Wright, James Stuart, W. S. Reid and T. Scoble. The headquarters of the company will be at Winnipeg and the capital stock \$50,000.

On account of the backward nature of fall plowing this year it is thought that a good deal of grain will be cultivated or harrowed in on stubble land next spring without plowing. Some grain sown this way produced good crops this year, though this cannot be considered a very careful or desirable way of farming. Wheat, however, does not do well on spring plowing, and this year the quantity of fall plowing done is away behind what it should be owing to the long delay from bad weather during harvest.

Manitoba must certainly be a favorite country, as about every section is claimed to be "the garden of the province." A representative of THE COMMERCIAL who went over the Morris-Brandon branch railway recently, found several more "gardens of the province," in addition to the many already claimed by residents in other parts of Manitoba. At Morris, at Miami, Wawanesa—in fact everywhere the settlers were quite convinced in their own mind that their particular district was the very "garden of the province." Happy country! Manitoba, when the residents of each district are convinced that there is no other such favored portion as their own.

Saskatchewan.

An average of ten cars of freight per week have been received at Prince Albert since the completion of the railway to that point.

Prince Albert is to have a new registration office. Tenders have already been called for.

Pine wood is being cut in considerable quantities around Prince Albert for shipment south.

Alberta.

The *Montreal Herald* says of a shipment of Alberta cattle recently received at that city: "The last consignment of Northwest catt'l., on route for the old land, arrived in this city on Nov. 6th, and but a glance at them is sufficient to tell why the English market is always open to Canadian beef. Raised on the ranch and fed with the most nutritious food that can be grown, the cattle now present an appearance that must indeed be a cause of happiness on the part of the owner. The consignment consisted of 244 head. They were loaded at Calgary on Oct. 29, and filled up all the space in four trains. They were from three to five years old and the manager of the ranch, Mr. J. Heron, says that when killed and ready for the butchers' stalls will average 1100 lbs. in weight. The ranch is in Alberta, a district long famed for its excellent cattle-raising qualities."

Northwestern Ontario.

A. W. Thompson, of Port Arthur, has moved his jewelry store to Rat Portage.

The Canadian Pacific coal pile at Fort William which contained 85,000 tons caught fire by spontaneous combustion on Nov. 7th.

W. J. Haskin who has purchased the stock of McIntosh & Johnston, grocers, Port Arthur, will carry on that business in future.

The cold weather having set in, all the lumber mills at Rat Portage, Norman and Keewatin have been closed for the season. On the whole the millowners have had a successful season and a large quantity of lumber has been cut. Several parties have left for the camps in the woods. This season as regards the mills has been particularly free from serious accidents, the only fatal one being that of John Evans, who was fatally hurt at Ross, Hall & Brown's.

Assiniboia.

A quantity of liquor was destroyed at Qu'Appelle station by the police recently. It had been consigned as apples.

The proposed amalgamation of the Royal and Queen Fire Insurance Companies of England is causing considerable talk in insurance circles of Eastern Canada and the United States. The capital stock of the Queen company is to be cancelled and in lieu thereof new stock in the Royal will be issued. The combination of these two companies will make one of the largest and wealthiest fire insurance companies in the world. A meeting of the shareholders of both companies will be held this month when the agreement will be ratified.

"Yes, sir," said a prominent real estate man standing at the counter of a Front street tobacconist, "I believe in protection, and this thing of kicking eternally because steel rails, or binding twine, or some other things cost a little more, when the laborer is getting the benefit, makes me tired. Give me a half a dollar's worth of Estrella's, John."

"They're four for a half now, sir; I can't give you five."

"How's that?"

"New tariff bill, sir; all cigars have gone up."

And the man who did not care if steel rails or binding twine were a little steep went off with a strange, now, reflective light in his eye.

—Seattle Journal.