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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 19, 1891.

Manitoba.

G. W. Searl, photographer, Winnipeg, is reported away.

R. S. Hamilton, harness, Shoal Lake, has been closed out.

R. McCormick, has opened out in the harness business at Souris.

Frank Peddie, late commission agent, at Winnipeg, has absconded.

J. M. Stewart, of Birtle, goes to Montreal with two car loads of fat cattle.

Emmond & Co., stationery, etc., Treherne, have sold out to Chas. G. Clement.

It is reported that Newell & Blanchard, hardware, Carman, contemplates dissolving partnership.

Allan & Brown, pork packers, Winnipeg, have dissolved; W. A. Allan will continue the business.

Munson & Dickie, drugs, Carberry, have dissolved partnership; A. E. Munson will continue the business.

James A. Grigor, of Grigor Bros., wholesale jewellers, Winnipeg, left last week on his regular fall trip to the coast.

S. Miller, of Braudon, will build a hotel at the new town of Nesbitt, on the extension of the Glenboro branch railway.

Jos. Reid, of Strathclair, has bought out Spences' store at Wawanesa, and will continue in fancy goods and millinery trade.

A. Brown, of Minnedosa, shipped fifteen cars of fine cattle east last week. They were purchased about Yorkton and Saltcoats,

The estate of E. J. Keeping, Austin, Man., was sold at Winnipeg last week, by auction, to A'derman Wilson, for 63c on the dollar.

Information has been laid against W. S. Bailey, of Gladstone, for doing a banking business without having complied with the requirements of the law.

F. Chapin, who has been travelling agent for the Massey Manufacturing Company, for some years, has been appointed general manager for the Silvester Bros. in Manitoba and the Territories.

W. T. Henson, who for several years has been with Geo. H. Rogers & Co., Winnipeg, has severed his connection with that firm and started in business for himself, representing several eastern houses.

J. T. Gordon, of Pilot Mound, has gone to Montreal with another train load of cattle for the British market. The train is composed of seven cars from Prince Albert and seven cars from Southern Manitoba.

A correspondent at Wawanesa writes that a bank is much needed at that place, for the accommodation of the farmers and business men. He says there will be a very large quantity of first class wheat marketed at Wawanesa this season.

The fishing season has closed on Lake Winnipeg, and the boats and crews of the Selkirk Fish Company, Robinson & Co., and the Manitoba Fish Company have arrived at Selkirk. The operations for the season were successful, the catches being large.

A liquidator's sale is announced in the matter of the winding up of the Lake Winnipeg Transportation Lumber and Trading Company. On the 21st, the steamer Aurora leaves for Bad Throat River, carrying free any prospective purchasers who wish to examine the large saw mills at that point.

The semi-annual examination of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association was held on the 3rd, 5th, 7th and 8th inst. One candidate presented himself for the preliminary and four for the minor. The successful candidates were: John Coats for the preliminary, and A. Thornton Andrews for the minor. The examiners were, N. H. Jackson and H. E. Neelands.

On account of the amalgamation of the Massey and the Harris implement firms, E. W. H. Van Allen, of the former company, leaves Winnipeg for Brantford, Ontario, where he will have charge of the factory at that place. The Winnipeg business of the new Massey-Harris Company will be managed by T. J. McBride, formerly of the Massey company, and Mr. Housser, lately manager at Winnipeg for the Rarris company.

John Dawson, formerly of the firm of Dawson, Bole & Co., has arranged to represent S. Davis & Sons, cigars, in the West. Mr. Dawson will continue his headquarters at Winnipeg, and will have charge of the territory from Port Arthur to the coast. He has opened a sample room at Room No. 1, McIntyre block, Winnipeg. He will also represent D. Ritchie & Co., cigarettes, tobacco, etc. Mr. Dawson is well known as a clever salesman, and he will no doubt do well in these lines. He is now on the road to the coast.

Mr. MacKay, of the well known wholesale dry goods house of Gordon, MacKay & Co., Toronto, was in Winnipeg last week. Mr. MacKay has made this visit to Western Cana-

da for the purpose of seeing the country for himself. He went through as far as the coast, and on his return to Winnipeg, on his way east, he expressed his surprise and admiration of the wonderful resources of the west. He will return to Toronto with considerably enlarged ideas of our country. Mr. MacKay is the senior member of the firm mentioned above, and is one of the oldest dry goods men of Canada, now in business.

Major Walsh, manager of the Dominion Coal Company, and Mr. Mellenger, superintendent of the Bell, Lewis & Yates Coal Company, returned to Winnipeg last week from the Souris coal fields, where they have been inspecting the coal of that district preparatory to locating and operating mines. Mr. Mellenger is a practical mining engineer, and he was sent out for the purpose of deciding some technical questions relative to the drifts of the seams, methods of working, etc. He and Major Walsh explored for seventeen miles along the Souris, and found seams of coal ranging from four to ten feet in width. Mr. Mellenger says that the area of coal there is so extensive that the great, great grand children of the present generation will not see it worked out. He says the coal is of good quality and will furnish just the kind of fuel needed in this country. The coal can be mined easily and cheaply. Major Walsh says that the company will be ready to supply coal just as soon as the Canadian Pacific Souris branch railway is ready for operation to the coal fields, which will be nearly three months hence.

Saskatchewan.

S. McLeod and Thos. O. Davis, two Prince Albert merchants purpose entering the field as wheat buyers.

Assiniboia.

S. Ballentine has opened a harness shop at Carnduff.

W. J. Law, tailor, Moose Jaw, has sold out to J. Melknish.

Northwest Ontario.

One of the most attractive of the many exhibits at the Winnipeg industrial exhibition, was the mineral exhibit from the Lake of the Woods, prepared by the Rat Portage board of trade. There were neatly arranged in show cases and glass jars about 250 pieces of ore, all showing free gold, some of the richest that could be imagined from a district so little developed as this one is.

The Rat Portage board of trade held a meeting recently for the election of officers and other business. The new officers are: Richard Hall, president; C. W. Chadwick, vice-president; M. Kyle, treasurer; J. A. McCrossan, secretary. A committee was appointed to inquire as to the fishing industry on the Lake of the Woods and get detailed information with a view to a representation to the minister of marine. Mr. Drewry suggested that the board secure a room or rooms for meetings, and a committee was appointed to inquire and report. Casual reference was made to the improvements of Rainy river and an enquiry made as to getting a chart of the Lake of the Woods.