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WINNIPEG, JULY 13, 1891

## Manitoba.

Wm. H. Nesbitt, general store, Roland, has sold out to Hood & Cooper.

H. Ripstein & Co., Winnipeg, have opened a branch store in Rat Portage.

J. W. Langman, general merchant, Portage la Prairie, has made an assignment.

T. W. Sapwell is opening in the hardware business at Boissvain and is putting in a large stock.

J. T. Wilson has purchased the grocery stock of James Mullen, Winnipeg, at a rate on the dollar.

John Jones, of T & J. Jones, butchers, Virden, is dead, from the effect of the bursting of a blood vessel.

The inland revenue receipts at the Winnipeg office for the month of June were \$32,940, and a year ago, \$30,214.

John McLeod Holiday, & Bro., commission merchants, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership; Andrew Holiday retires.

J. J. Richardson will establish a new hotel at Neepawa. The building will be of brick 30x70, three stories above ground and a basement the full size of the building, with thirty bedrooms.

Mr. Shallow, publisher of *Le Moniteur du Commerce*, Montreal, paid *THE COMMERCIAL* a brief visit one day last week. He was en route home from a western trip, as far as the Pacific coast.

Wild strawberries are so plentiful this year at Morden, says the *Monitor*, that two little girls picked a gallon each in about one hour on Monday evening last. The bluffs and low-lying places are full of them.

The libel suit of Martin vs Free Press, which has occupied the attention of the public for so long, was concluded last Wednesday, when the jury returned a unanimous verdict for the defendants, the Free Press Co.

For the month ending June 30, the transactions at the Dominion Government Savings bank in Winnipeg were: Deposits, \$19,493; withdrawals, \$23,027.54; withdrawals exceed deposits by \$3,624.54; balance due depositors on 30th June, 1891, \$753,999.12.

Porter & Ronald, crockery, etc., Winnipeg, purpose building two solid brick wholesale warehouses fronting on Arthur and King streets. Each warehouse will be 33x99, three storeys in height, with cellar full size. They will lease one and occupy the other for their wholesale department.

The electric light will be fully established in Morden by the 1st of September, says the *Monitor*. Contracts have been signed for power with Garrett & Mennie, and the local Electric Light company, formed some time ago in the town, have given their consent and approval to the new firm to go ahead.

The demand for good lands in this vicinity continues to increase, says the *Neepawa Register*, and prices are continually going up. A few days ago John Bolton, of Rosedale, refused \$3,500 for a quarter section with small improvements, and we hear that David and J. Munroe decline a \$6,000 for their half section.

The value of goods exported, imported, and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon, at the port of Winnipeg during June, 1891, was: Exported, \$40,865; imported—dutiable, \$194,095; imported—free, \$31,272; total imported, \$225,367; entered for consumption—dutiable, \$199,296; entered for consumption—free, \$31,272; total for consumption, \$230,568; duty collected, \$69,160.92.

Geo. H. Rogers, general merchant, Winnipeg and Manitoba points, who recently advertised his stocks for sale by tender, did not receive any tenders for the stocks. He has now decided to concentrate his business by closing the branch at Morden, where a heavy stock is carried. The Morden store will be closed for business on Saturday, July 13, and the stock will be packed up and moved to Winnipeg.

President John Burns, Vice-President R. J. Orr, Secretary James Sargent, Vice-President W. G. Reid and Director H. G. Wright, of the Toronto Commercial Travellers Association, were in Winnipeg last week. Secretary Sargent stated that the object of the visit was to endeavor to amalgamate the Toronto and Winnipeg associations. The visitors were royally entertained by the local travellers. They were driven about and dined at Clougher's.

The Brandon board of trade held their regular quarterly meeting on July 7th. The secretary was instructed to request the railway companies to give members of farmers' institutes in the province, and also of municipal councils, an opportunity of visiting the Experimental farm at reduced rates during this month. Mr. Bedford stated at the meeting from observations at the Experimental farm that the growth of grain in general was two and three days ahead of last year at this time.

Latimer & Co., Winnipeg have issued an attractive and convenient map of the city. The map shows the site of the exhibition grounds

the electric railway and location of public buildings, hotels and other new points. The feature of the map is the naming of the streets, as renamed by the city council, with a complete list of new, old and unaltered street names. The map includes in its boundaries Fraser's grove to the north, Elm park to the south, takes in the town of St Bonifacio to the east and extends to the extreme western limits of the city.

Two new eastern houses have recently commenced to do business in Winnipeg. W. Greig & Bro. having received the agencies of Warden King & Son, Montreal, and the Toronto Radiator Company, of Toronto. The former firm is engaged in the manufacture of the Spence hot water heaters. The Toronto Company manufactures the Safford radiators, for steam, hot water, etc. W. Greig & Bro. will carry a stock of both the heaters and radiators at their Winnipeg warehouse.

The Canadian Pacific railway has agreed to carry exports to and from the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition absolutely free of charge each way, providing exhibits have not changed ownership. Passengers will be carried to and from Winnipeg at a single fare from all points from which the single fare does not exceed \$4, and from other points the fare will be arrived at by adding two cents per mile one way to the \$4 rate. This is a most generous action on the part of the railway company, which will be duly appreciated. The Manitoba & Northwestern will give the same terms as the C. P. R.

The shipment of cattle to England continues. Alexander Brown and J. Wake, of Minnedosa, went east last week, Mr. Brown having ten cars of fine cattle and Mr. Wake four cars. One hundred and sixty of the animals will be shipped over the ocean, the balance being butchers' cattle for the Montreal market. Mr. Brown's cattle were purchased from the Castleavery, Yorkton and adjacent districts. He is loud in his praises of the animals bought from the Castleavery farmers, and says they are the cream of the whole shipment. Sixty head were purchased from Castleavery, at an average price of \$39, and an estimated average weight of 1,300 pounds.

## Alberta.

J. W. Creagh, of Calgary, has received the appointment of general agent for the territories of the Federal Life Insurance Company.

The Commercial hotel, Macleod, was totally destroyed by fire on July 2. Murphy, the lessee of the building, had a narrow escape from cremation, with his wife. The contents were all consumed. The building was owned by C. Smith, of Compton, Que., and was partially insured.

## Saskatchewan.

Chas. Adams, of Red Deer Hill, near Prince Albert, brought into the *Saskatchewan* office a sample of barley, pulled on the 24th of June. Some stalks measured 30 inches. It was all headed out and in bloom.

Fenwick who has been here for some time purchasing cattle at Prince Albert, says the *Saskatchewan*, left by trail for Qu'Appelle on the 26th, taking with him some 250 head of cattle which he intends shipping to Europe.