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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 5, 1894.

Manitoba.

John Stratton, hotel, West Selkirk, has sold out.

Robinson & McKnight, general store, Ningsa, assigned.

Francois Lamb, general store, Creford, is giving up business.

Sneider & Miller, general merchants, Portage la Prairie, have assigned.

Charlesworth & Climie, butchers, Virden; succeeded by Thos. Jones.

Wm. Aikens, carriage maker, Carberry, has sold out to Kerr & Fowler.

George Stewart, general store, Estevan, reported sold out to W. F. Dorsey.

Brown, Adkin & Co., general store, Rapid City; succeeded by Hindson & Adkin.

R. S. Alexander, grain dealer, Treherne; sold elevator to The Northern Elevator Co.

Douglas & Co., boots and shoes, Portage la Prairie, stock sold by sheriff at 41 cents on the dollar.

J. Heibert & Co., general store, Pilot Mound and Holmfild, have sold Holmfild branch to Handford & Oke.

A. C. McEown, general store, Bissvain; stock sold to James Booth, at 7 1/2 cents; book accounts, 14 cents.

Atkinson & Co., grain, etc., Winnipeg; sold elevator at Eikhorn, and grain warehouse and machinery at Methven to The Northern Elevator Company.

Nicholas Bawlf, grain, Winnipeg, has sold elevators at Birtle, Hamiota, Macdonald Station, Midway and Russell to The Northern Elevator Company.

The Winnipeg branch of the Dominion Government Savings Bank transactions for month ending January 31st, 1894, were: Deposits, \$18,583; withdrawals, \$18,192.33. Withdrawals exceed deposits by \$390.67.

Lawrie Bros., general store, Roland and Morris, have sold out the Roland branch to Higgins.

The inland revenue collections at Winnipeg for January, 1894, were:—

Spirits	\$14,046 52
Malt	1,958 06
Tobacco	11,397 23
Cigars	508 20
Petroleum inspection.....	75 70
Other receipts.....	195 91

Total

Total	\$28,181 56
Receipts for January, 1893.....	27,647 43

Increase \$ 544 13

A. J. Bell has purchased the interest of his partner, Mr. Robertson, and will continue the livery and sale stable business at Portage in his own name in future.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade will be held on Tuesday, February 6. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and the reports for the last year received.

A meeting of the Morden Board of Trade was held on Jan. 25, and a petition forwarded to Mr. Van Horne, of the Canadian Pacific, praying for a reduction of the freight rates.

J. H. Davis, of Winnipeg, has disposed of his fish and game business to A. W. Davis and Ed. Rowand, who will in future conduct the business in the old premises on Portage avenue.

A meeting has been called for Saturday night in Trades' hall, Winnipeg, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of organizing a trades' and labor council in the city, and asking all labor unions to be represented by delegates.

The stock of McInnis & Irwin, general merchants, of Strathclair, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Monday, the 5th day of February, at Winnipeg. Stock amounts to \$3,863; fixtures, \$444; and book accounts, \$3,880.

The Dominion Plate Glass Insurance Company, of Canada has decided to open an agency in Winnipeg. The company was incorporated by act of parliament, and has a capital of \$50,000. Gordon & Suckling have been appointed general agents for Winnipeg.

The Max Lake sawmill, in the Turtle Mountain, southeast of Deloraine, and belonging to the estate of the late George Morton, has been purchased by W. H. Atkinson, of Deloraine, together with the timber limits adjoining. Mr. Atkinson is making preparations to operate the mill, and has gone out with a force of men and teams to get out logs.

S. Pjeturson headed a delegation of Icelandic people who came over with him last summer from their native land, and who waited upon the local government one day last week. They represented a large body of their countrymen who have applied for a reserve of land on the west shore of Lake Manitoba. They asked the Dominion Government for the land, but little hope has been held out to them by Commissioner Smith. They wish the influence of the immigration department of the local government in the matter.

A petition has been presented to the court by J. J. Walterhouse, contractor, of Winnipeg, who supplied the machinery for the Rapid City elevator, but has never been paid for it; some time ago he recovered a judgment against the company for \$250. The petition states that the nominal capital of the company was fixed at \$6,000, divided up into 240 shares of \$25 each; these shares have all been issued but only partly paid up. The company commenced operations in November, 1891, and since that time has suffered considerable loss, and the petitioner alleges that the company is insolvent and unable to pay its debts, the only assets being the elevator at Rapid City and the money due upon the company's stock subscribed and not paid for. Justice Bain before whom the matter came, dismissed the petition with costs. He held that it did not show that the company

is insolvent. It might be unable to pay off all its debts if called on for immediate payment. But what must be shown is that it is unable to pay its debts as they become due, and the debts referred to in the petition, other than the petitioner's, may or may not have become due. Subsequently the judge granted leave to Mr. Elliott to serve notice of motion to re-argue the point before him as to the sufficiency of the allegations in the petition.

Articles have been filed incorporating the North Star Music Company, of Winnipeg, for the purpose of carrying on a wholesale and retail piano, organ and musical merchandise business. The capital is \$10,000. The local subscribers are Dr. R. M. Simpson, A. J. Tuckwell, George Downard, Jackson Hanby, H. C. Brice, Charles W. Driver, F. J. Rutherford, C. J. Curtis, L. L. Smith. Outside subscribers will be Chickering Bros, and the Schaeffer Piano Company, of Chicago, and Whaley, Boyce & Co., Toronto. The company have fitted up quarters in the Donaldson block and will open at an early date, and will control the sale of the Chickering, Schaeffer, Williams and Keimer pianos, and the Chicago cottage organs.

Saskatchewan.

S. Cunningham, trader, etc., St. Albert, as signed to H. W. Mckenay.

W. T. Gilmour & Co., are opening in the furniture and undertaking business at Prince Albert.

Alberta.

R. G. Brett, physician, drugs and hotel, Banff. Hotel property partially destroyed by fire; loss reported covered by insurance.

The skins of 25 foxes, 467 rats, 1 cross fox, 5 mink, 1 skunk, and two badgers, belonging to Mr. Logan, of Beaver Lake, were sold by tender to R. Secord, on Tuesday, for \$75. A consignment of furs, consisting of 250 rats, 16 martin, 1 fisher, 7 mink, 17 lynx, 2 bear, 2 beaver, and 14 skunk, belonging to Mr. Tims, of Lake St. Anne, were sold by tender. R. Secord was the purchaser at \$126.

The case of Mrs. Monteith against the Norwich Union Insurance Company for malicious prosecution, which has excited more than ordinary interest, was concluded in the supreme court at Calgary last week, when the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for \$250 actual damages and 5 cents exemplary damages. The case was out of a fire last summer which destroyed plaintiff's house and furniture insured by the defendant company, who not only refused to pay the insurance but had plaintiff arrested for alleged fraudulent removal of furniture from the house shortly before the fire. This charge was dismissed and the present action brought for \$10,000 damages. On Thursday last plaintiff recovered a verdict against the company for the full amount of the insurance claimed by her nearly \$3,000.

Assiniboia.

The amount of wheat delivered at the elevators at Indian Head Station up to date, this crop, is 237,000 bushels. At Sintaluta Station, which is also in the Indian Head municipality, the amount exceeds 150,000 bushels. The amount expected to be delivered yet is 40,000 bushels. These figures are apart from the several amounts expected to be delivered from the Bell, Alliance and Sunbeam farms. The amount expected from the three above-named farms is 80,000 bushels.

A meeting of the dry goods section of the Toronto board of trade received a complaint from the wholesale millinery men to the effect that the customs department is charging 10 per cent more duty on bonnet shapes consigned to Toronto than to Montreal houses. The comptroller of customs will be asked for an explanation.