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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 18, 1892.

## Manitoba.

E. Loveille, general store, St. Agath, was burned out.

R Baudin, a Winnipeg shoemaker, has opened a store at Carman.

Geo. McPhee, hotel, Birtle, is succeeded by Thos. Parradine.

The by-law to raise \$20,000 was voted on by the rate payers of Neepawa recently, and carried by a majority of 12.

W. J. Hemeaway, of Carman, has established a general store at Rosebank.

The firm of Maywood Bros., Brandon, has been dissolved, its place being taken by Hous-ton & Maywood.

J. D. Carscaden goes east from Winnipeg before returning to the coast. He reports a steadily growing trade at Vancouver.

Bell & Cosgrove, blacksmiths, Melita, have sold out to Jas. Chartres, and will in future deal in carriages, wagons and implement.

At a meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade it was decided to go on with the banquet to be held in the Manitoba hotel.

The New Winnipeg magazine, *The Manitolan*, made its second monthly appearance on Saturday, and is fully up to the first issue.

R. Driscoll, of R. J. Whitla & Co., on the eve of his marriage, last week, was presented with a silver service, by the employees of the firm.

O. Montgomery, of Glenboro, Man., has sold his hotel at that place to James Donohue, formerly proprietor of the Rossin House, Winnipeg.

The Portage board of trade have elected their officers for 1892, as follows: S. R. Marlatt, president; A. L. Ashdown, vice-president; P. Whemster, secretary-treasurer.

One of the neatest calendars of the season is from Wm. B. Hamilton, Son & Co, wholesale

manufacturers of boots and shoes, etc., Toronto. J. S. Carveth & Co., Winnipeg, also send a large office calendar.

The press of British Columbia has the thanks of THE COMMERCIAL, for the many complimentary notices of this journal, in connection with the appointment of a resident representative of this paper in the Pacific province.

The North American Life Insurance company have rented new offices in Winnipeg, over the Bank of Ottawa. Wm. McBride has been appointed manager of this company for Manitoba and the Territories, and enters upon his duties at once.

Mr. Wynno, of the new Winnipeg drug firm of Bole, Wynno & Co, successors to Dawson, Bole & Co., was dined by the Royal Scots at Montreal recently, of which regiment he was one of the crack shots. He was also presented with a gold-headed cane.

The Winnipeg board of insurance underwriters, is considering the question of re-rating western towns. At the recent annual meeting of the board G. Girdlestone was elected president and R. H. Hayward was re-appointed secretary-treasurer.

The Brandon Mail gives the losses of the recent fire at that place as follows: J. S. Laughton, \$500, no insurance; W. Senkbeil, \$5,000, insured for \$1 000; W. H. Anderson, of Kemptville, Ont., loss on building, \$3,000, insured for \$2,000; W. Young & Co., loss on stock from water, \$2,000, insured for \$1,000; Ed. Hughes, of Winnipeg, damage to building \$1,500, insured for that amount; S. H. Bower, loss on goods from water and removal, \$7,500, insured for \$3,500; Rose & Co., loss by removal \$700, insured for \$2,400; Henderson & Matheson, barristers, removal of books, etc., \$200.

The large Winnipeg wholesale harness establishment of E. F. Hutchings, was visited by fire on Monday last. The fire originated in some unknown way in the basement, and very fortunately was confined to that and the retail apartment immediately above. The wholesale and manufacturing departments on the three floors above, were not injured. The building was not seriously damaged, but the loss upon stock is heavy, being estimated at over \$12,000, though this is merely conjecture, until the appraisers have done their work. There was a heavy stock of leather in the basement, while the retail department was filled with valuable miscellaneous stock.

THE COMMERCIAL has received the following letter from the head office of the Consumers' Cordage Co., at Montreal: "You have no doubt heard numerous rumors and reports regarding the manufacture of binder twine in the city of Winnipeg. We would state that we have fully decided to establish a factory in your city, and have already secured the necessary land. Further particulars will be given you in a few days. In the meantime you can confidently state that we will do our utmost to have the factory started at the earliest possible date. Of course you can easily understand that it is a question that cannot be hurriedly settled, as we wish to build a mill that will fully meet the requirements of the West."

For some time it has been known that an effort was being made to organize a local company for the manufacture of binder twine, etc., in Winnipeg, the consumption of this article being very large in this country. Considerable progress has been made in organizing the proposed company, when now it is announced that another company is prepared to establish such a factory here. This time it is the Consumers' Cordage Company, which controls the manufacture of binder twine in Canada. A gentleman connected with this vast concern, was here last week, and it is reported that he has secured a site for a factory, and that an establishment will be instituted here large enough to turn out enough twine to supply the entire trade of the West. No doubt the knowledge that a local company was forming, has had the effect of causing the Consumers' Cordage Company to take this move. Whether one

or both of these proposed factories are established, there would seem to be good reason to believe that the industry would prove a profitable one here, while there is no question as to the large and rapidly increasing demand for twine.

## Assiniboia.

A. Roberts has concluded negotiations for the purchase of the store lately conducted by J. Pritchard & Co., at Wapella, assigned.

## Alberta.

Beveridge Bros, are opening in furniture at Calgary.

William Pearce, Dominion superintendent of mines at Calgary, who is in Ottawa on departmental business, says that McNeill & Co., who have leased the lands and plant of the Anthracite Coal company, are working energetically both at Canmore and Anthracite, and are doing considerable in the way of opening up new shafts. The Northwest coal and lumber syndicate, of which Senator Cochrane is a member, is putting out about 50 tons a day, and will soon commence to ship to British Columbia. This company expects to obtain the contract for coaling the ships of the Pacific squadron, the quality of coal being admirably adapted for the purposes of men of war, being soft and practically smokeless.

## Northwest Ontario.

The masonic hall, Port Arthur, occupied by Weir and Balkwill, grocers, has been burned. Loss, \$6,000; insurance, \$3,500.

H. F. Atwell & Co, grocers, etc., Norman, have sold out to Wm. Morissette and Louis Setherington, who will continue the business under the style of Morissette & Setherington.

J. B. Davies, of Norman, who opened a branch store at Rat Portage during the holiday season, has now closed it. He also purposes closing out his Keewatin store and confining his business to the store at Norman.

The customs returns for Port Arthur for the year ending December 31st, 1891, are as follows: Vessels arriving and departing, 1,116; registered tonnage, 822,492; ton of freight carried in and out, 333,839; crews, 27,900; value of imports, \$518,272; value of exports, \$1,918,910; duty collected, \$94,231; duty collected for fiscal year ending June 30th, 1891, amounted to \$107,625.

The council of the Rat Portage board of trade has decided that it is necessary to send delegates to Ottawa to properly represent the fishing situation in Lake of the Woods. The government is following the stupid plan of preventing fishing in the Canadian portion of the lake, while a large company is operating in the United States side and raking in the fish. This is on a par with the general policy of the Canadian fishery department, which is simply beyond comprehension. No doubt the Indian department is at the bottom of this folly. The efforts to destroy the Manitoba fishing industry in order to "preserve fish for the Indians," is just as ridiculous as the action of the government concerning the Lake of the Woods.

## Lumber Cuttings.

The Selkirk Record says Capt. Robinson returned on Monday night from a trip to Fisher Bay, Lake Winnipeg. He had been out getting things ready for next season's operations. He has purchased the Brown, Rutherford & Neilson sawmill outfit at that place, and has now about fifty men at work getting out logs.

H.H. Spicer manufacturer of cedar shingles, Vancouver, B. C., is adding new machinery, which will increase the capacity of his mill to 160,000 shingles per day. He has material and manufactured shingles now on hand equal to 11,000,000 shingles.