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## Manitoba.

J. H. Chaloner, lumber, Lauder, was damaged by fire.

James Walton, Stonowall, has sold out his grocery and butcher business.

Volume 1, No. 1, of the Melita Enterprise has been received. It is a neat eight-page paper.

A. S. Christie, boot and shoe manufacturer, Winnipeg, whose difficulties was mentioned in THE COMMERCIAL a week ago, has since assigned.

W. H. Barnes & Co., painters, Glenboro, have dissolved partnership; W. H. Barnes continuing.

W. Walker has sold out his livery business at Carberry to his son Robert and Samuel Humeston.

The flour mill at Troherne owned by H. J. & G. Greeff, of Toronto, has been leased by the Troherne Milling Company.

Brandon claims a population of 4,542, according to a local census, as compared with the recent Dominion census of 3,700.

D. Morden and De Tauba will continue the meat business of Morden Bros., at Morden. A. Morden will go into dealing in stock.

The stock of J. W. Lannin, of Virden, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Friday, the 27th of November, at Winnipeg. The stock consists of dry and fancy goods to the value of \$3,650.

The chief of police has notified Winnipeg tailors who had organized gambling clubs for

the purpose of drawing suits of clothes, that they must stop drawing lots, or he will take proceedings against them.

The Portage la Prairie Review says: "Good butter is scarce and will find a ready market at 18 to 20c a pound. Eggs are scarce and are next to impossible to get, the price ranging from 20 to 25c per dozen.

Geo. C. Stannard, representing the Toronto Construction and Electrical Supply Co., was in Winnipeg last week, in the interest of his company. He will proceed westward to the Pacific coast. The company has an authorized capital of \$250,000 and is composed of some of the leading business and financial men of Canada.

The amount of building done in Winnipeg since January last, according to statistics prepared by a city real estate dealer, far exceeds that of any year since 1882, some 225 dwellings having been erected. About 350 residences which were controlled by companies have been purchased during the year, principally by railway men. The amount spent in building exceeds \$1,000,000.

A meeting of the business men of Stonowall was held a short time ago to take into consideration the forming of a joint stock company with a capital of \$300,000 and erecting a large tannery that will manufacture all the raw hides of this province into leather and prevent them from going to the eastern tanneries and coming back to the province in the shape of leather. A committee was appointed to make inquiries and get all the possible information relating to tanning and report at a future meeting.

The Supreme Court has dismissed the appeal in the case of the Canadian Pacific railway vs. Cornwallis. Certain lands belonging to the Canadian Pacific railway, situated in the municipality of Cornwallis were sold for taxes and bought in by the municipality. Shortly before the time for redemption expired the Canadian Pacific railway paid the money necessary to redeem and then brought an action at law to recover these monies so paid. The action was tried before Mr. Justice Bain who entered a verdict for the Canadian Pacific railway for the full amount claimed. An appeal was taken to the full court when a motion to set aside the verdict for the Canadian Pacific railway was refused with costs, the court holding that under the terms of the Canadian Pacific railway contract with the Dominion Government, the lands were exempt from taxation from the date of the contract until 20 years after the issue of the patent, unless sooner sold or occupied. The defendants appealed to the supreme court and that appeal has been dismissed with costs. Hon. Edward Blake, of Toronto, and J. S. Tupper, of Winnipeg, appeared for the railway company, and Christopher Robinson and ex-Attorney-General Martin, of Manitoba, for the municipality.

A correspondent sends us the following:—Glenboro merchants have been considerably worked up over an attempt which was made by two brothers named West to defraud them of a large sum of money last week. It appears that these two rascals have enjoyed the confidence of the people around Glenboro for a long time, so the present affair has proved a surprise to the majority of them. The brothers have been farming for some time past about five miles south of Glenboro, and had acquired considerable property besides their farm, which was a

valuable one. This fall they went into the threshing business and made quite a lot of money, which fact, coupled with their previous good character, gained for them almost unlimited credit in the town. Some weeks ago they began to get goods on this credit from the merchants of the town and continued until they had obtained nearly two thousand dollars' worth, distributed amongst nearly all the merchants. Some of these goods they used instead of money to pay the men whom they had working as threshers. After they got as much credit as they could, they sold their wheat, raised all the money possible and prepared to skip. Very foolishly though, one of them had previously let it out that such was their intention and their creditors got wind of it. They immediately took steps to restrain them, and not only did they succeed in doing this but they frightened them so badly that they disgorged over eight hundred dollars in cash and consented to assign their farm and machinery. If no more claims are put in against them, the creditors will realize about forty cents on the dollar. This has been a wholesome lesson for the Glenboro merchants and will make them more careful in giving credit hereafter.

## Alberta.

Boorne & May, photographers, Calgary, are asking for incorporation.

## Assiniboia.

L. B. Cochrane, general store, Medicine Hat, has assigned.

## British Columbia.

George H. Blakeway, of Nanaimo, druggist, is dead.

B. C. Mitchell, tailor, Kamloops, advertises giving up business.

Hull Bros., butchers, Kamloops, are opening a branch at Nanaimo.

Hamber, Thynne & Henshaw, commission, etc, Vancouver & Nelson, have dissolved. Thynne continues at Nelson, and Thynne & Henshaw at Vancouver.

An injunction has been served upon Marymont & Davis, dry goods and clothing, of Nanaimo. This is the business carried on by L. Davis, of Vancouver, which was written up in THE COMMERCIAL last week.

Hartly Gisborne, superintendent of government lines, received a telegram from British Columbia, stating the ship Sarah Yarmouth, with sugar from Manila to Vancouver, was totally wrecked of Carmanah Friday.

The machinery for the Royal Canadian Packing Company's cannery, at Claxton, Skeena river, has arrived. The principal shareholders in the company are J. A. Carthew, F. J. Claxton, R. Finlayson, W. Dalby and M. Bauckes.

The steamship Empress of Japan sailed Tuesday morning last from Vancouver for Japan and China, with 53 first-class saloon, 32 second saloon and 350 Chinese passengers. She carried nearly 10,000 tons of cargo and 87 bags of mail.

We have received the annual report of the British Columbia board of trade, of Victoria, published in pamphlet form. The report was published in THE COMMERCIAL at the time of the annual meeting. The volume contains a large amount of commercial and other valuable statistical matter, relating to the province.