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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 25, 1893.

THE COMMERCIAL wishes its readers, one and all, a Merry Christmas.

## Manitoba.

Isabelle Crothers, grocer, Winnipeg, sold out to A. R. Stacey.

Fred Osenbrunge, furs, &c., Winnipeg, is selling out by auction.

McDonald & Co., drugs, &c., has opened business at Winnipeg.

Thos. Harkness, of Brandon, has been appointed an official assignee.

J. B. Gowanlock, furniture and carriages, Cypress River, is selling out.

Estate of James Hiaman, general store, Winnipeg, stock to be sold on 22nd inst.

The Souris coal is having a larger sale this season in Southern Manitoba towns.

Estate of Alex. Ross, tailor, Winnipeg, stock sold at 46 cents and book debts at 9 cents.

P. Dickson & Co., general storekeepers, Alexander, have dissolved; H. Chesley retires.

There is some talk of starting a cheese factory at Routhwaite, on Spring Hill Creek.

Hugh Boyd, Carberry, has disposed of his blacksmithing business to McMillan & Affleck.

J. A. Wood, barber, &c., Winnipeg. Business advertised for sale by auction on 22nd inst.

It is announced that the Manitoba legislature will be summoned on the 11th of January.

A. Heller, hats, caps and furs, Winnipeg, advertise retiring from business. Selling out by auction:

There is not snow enough in some parts of Southern Manitoba yet for good sleighing. Wagons are still running.

Mrs. M. Snelgrove has opened a small stock of groceries and general goods at Arden, Man. Mrs. Snelgrove contemplates enlarging her business in the spring and carrying a complete stock of groceries, fruits, &c.

J. W. Higginbotham, druggist, Virden, has bought the stock of Steele & Co., of the same place, at 40 cents on the dollar.

The stock of Hope & Co., tents and mattresses, Winnipeg, has been sold to Emerson & Winder who will continue the business.

J. T. Spiers, a well known Winnipeg baker, has bought the stock and business of Wm. Anthony, baker and confectioner, Winnipeg.

The clothing stock of Ripstein & Co., Montreal block, Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. Insured for \$5,000.

Owing to the small vote polled the St. Boniface by-law for \$75,000 for a bridge over the Red river, was defeated Tuesday by six votes.

W. Jackson, Reston, has gone out of business. The balance of his stock has been purchased by Wilcox & Ramsay, general merchants, of the same place.

The Dominion Government is arranging with the local government for an exhibit of grains, etc., to be sent to the midwinter fair, at San Francisco, California, next month.

Callin & McDonagh have bought out Wesley Thompson's lumber business and furniture store at Russell. It will be carried on in the future under the name of Callin & McDonagh.

There has been quite a rush of wheat coming in the last few days writes a correspondent at Rosenfeld, owing to the advance in price to 44 and 45 cents, most of the wheat grading No. 1 hard.

The tailoring firm of J. S. Laughton & Co., Brandon, has been dissolved. The business will be carried on in future by J. R. Strone. Mr. Laughton's services as a cutter have been secured for the new proprietors.

George H. Rodgers & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, will close their store at 432 Main street on Tuesday next and following days, in order to take stock previous to offering the stock for sale, en bloc, on December 29.

A shipment of holiday beef cattle for eastern markets passed through Winnipeg last week. It comprised nineteen car loads of fat cattle from Bismarck—eleven from H. Mullins, seven from Taylor Bros. and one from Lawther Bros.

W. A. Doyle, of Baulah, went to Ottawa recently. He was appointed at a meeting of the settlers in the municipalities of Archie, Hamiota and Ellice to proceed to Ottawa and ask the government to force the Great North West Central Railway people to extend the line to the western boundary of the province.

Probably the finest lot of fat cattle shipped during the season from Pilot Mound was the carload sent to Winnipeg yesterday by Baird Bros., says the Pilot Mound Sentinel. The stock is intended for the Christmas beef trade in the city, and comprises a large number of prime young animals, some of the steers being the heaviest ever seen out of Southern Manitoba.

At the last general meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade, H. Webb, of Patterson Bros., E. A. Mott, of the Cock-nutt Plow company, and J. Scroggie, of the Dan Wiman mercantile agency, were elected members of the board. The council resolved to appoint a committee to consider and report on any legislation they would like to bring before the next session of the provincial legislature. The question of liens on growing crops and chattel mortgages were discussed.

The large residence building on Notre Dame st., Winnipeg, known as Kelly's terrace, was burned on Monday morning. It was owned by Thos. Kelly; and valued at \$25,000. Insured for \$15,000. The following families occupied the buildings: Ghent Davis, lawyer, loss, \$3,000, insurance, \$2,500; Jerry Robinson, dry goods merchant, loss, \$1,500, insurance, \$1,000; Jos. Thompson, of Thompson, Codville & Co., wholesale grocers, loss, \$5,000, insurance, \$3,500; Mr. Duffie, United States consul, loss \$300 by falling wall, no insurance.

## Alberta.

E. L. Smith is opening a stationery store at Edmonton.

Joseph Byers, harness, Edmonton South, has assigned to A. McNichol.

The Edmonton Bulletin says:—Mr. Secord shipped four thousand musk rat skins to New York on Monday's train. Four thousand dollars worth of furs and robes, consisting of mink, martin, silver fox skins and one hundred musk ox robes were shipped by J. Cameron to Lampson & Co., of London, England, through their New York agents, on Tuesday.

A correspondent, writing from Olds, says:—“Olds is a village situated fifty-eight miles north of Calgary, on the Calgary and Edmonton branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway. There are about 175 settlers here, and they are all in comfortable circumstances. There is a first-class hotel, capable of accommodating 35 boarders; two hardware stores and two lumber yards, also two general stores. One farmer informed your correspondent that this is the best district you can find in a day's travel for mixed farming. The farmers here are the right kind of settlers. Most of them came here last fall from Nebraska, and brought with them lots of cash and stock. One rancher came here last spring and brought stock and cash amounting to \$50,000, others with stock and cash amounting to between \$5,000 and \$10,000, and are well pleased with the district. New settlers are coming every week from Schuyler, Nebraska, and Cano, Central Nebraska, and report that a number of their friends will arrive early next year, with plenty of money and lots of stock.”

## Northwest Ontario.

Sixty men are employed at present on the Lake of the Woods water power improvement.

A. D. Sutherland, of Fort William, has sold out his liquor business to Chas. Harwood and hereafter will devote his entire attention to the grocery trade.

## Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The joint executive committee of the Trunk Line and Central Traffic associations at its meeting at New York on Dec 21 took a decisive action to bring about a complete restoration of rates on all classes of traffic. It was decided to approve the action of the Chicago managers in ordering that east-bound rates be restored on January 1. The matter of export rates to the seaboard was referred to a committee for investigation, with the understanding that if its report be not received in time for formal action on it by the joint committee before January 1, full rate will be put into force on that date to be maintained until a meeting is held.

The Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin of Dec. 16, says: “Railroad rates this week were demoralized, and the constant cutting by the different roads lead to an open tariff, making a reduction of 2½¢ per 100 lbs being issued to take effect on Monday next, so that the rate on flour and grain to New York will be 17½¢ and provisions 20¢ per 100 lbs. Through rates to Liverpool were unsettled, owing to the uncertainty regarding the rail rates. Based on a 17½¢ rail rate to New York, the through rate to Liverpool is 29 to 31.00¢ per 100 lbs on flour, 30½¢ per 100 lbs on wheat, 29½¢ on corn and 39.69 to 43¢ on provisions.”

William Brown, an old established carriage hardware firm, Toronto, has suspended payment.

Some pretty mean men live in Westminster, B. C., says an exchange. Mr. Sinclair was a candidate for the mayoralty; a party or parties unknown, for the purpose of lessening his chances of success, stole a quantity of his bill heads and sent his probable supporters fictitious duns, with a demand to pay at once.