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## Manitoba.

Capt. F. Patterson, of Winnipeg, has assigned.

Theresa M. Walsh, clothing, of Winnipeg, is moving to Vancouver.

K. Krocker & Co., general store, of Reinland, have assigned.

George Cook, carriage shop, of Carman, has sold out to O. E. Hood.

Dalton & Co., of Carberry, have sold out their general store to J. Fairley.

George Thompson, livery and feed, of Carberry, is succeeded by Angus McKenzie.

Hugg & Saunders, pump manufacturers of Carman, have dissolved. W. B. Saunders continues.

Bremeau & Guedon, blacksmiths of St. Agathe, have dissolved. Bremeau continues the business.

P. F. Curtis has purchased the general store business formerly carried on by Griffith at Baldur.

J. E. Sparrow, of Hartney, has sold out his furniture business to his brother, C. E. Sparrow, and will spend the winter in the east.

The general stock of N. Klass, Rhineland, amounting to \$1,000, will be offered for sale shortly by the assignee.

The livery stable at Wawanesa, owned by Davison Bros., was totally destroyed by fire recently. The building was valued at \$1,200 and was insured for \$750.

It is proposed to dam the Assiniboine river at Portage la Prairie, and flood the slough at a cost of about \$35,000, as estimated by Geo. H. Webster, C.E.

J. McPherson, lately one of the proprietors of the Portage Liberal, and E. L. Burns, have bought the Daily Graphic of Portage la Prairie. Chas. B. Halpin and Dr. Rutherford become proprietors of the Liberal, with Mr. Halpin as manager.

A meeting was held in the city hall, Winnipeg, on Thursday evening to discuss the frontage tax system for street improvements. Representatives of the various city business associations were present to confer with the council. The general feeling was strongly in favor of the carrying out of a comprehensive system of street improvements, but considerable opposition was shown to the frontage tax system as at present enforced. A committee was appointed to further inves-

tigate the matter composed of Stephen Nairn, A. M. Nanton, F. H. Mathewson, T. Gilroy, W. F. Alloway, F. W. Thompson, R. T. Riley, C. H. Wilson, R. J. Shrimpton, T. D. Robinson, J. H. Asbdown and A. G. Brown.

## Alberta.

The name of the South Edmonton News has been changed to the Alberta Plaindealer. Dr. R. F. Hay, of Calgary, is dead.

Sharpless & Co., grain and feed dealers, Calgary, have sold out their branch business at Red Deer to Smith & Gaetz, general merchants, formerly R. L. Gaetz.

The drug stock of the estate of E. A. Waldon, Calgary, is advertised for sale.

## Northwest Ontario.

Barney Barnato denies the report which was wired from Toronto recently, that he had purchased a number of mining claims in the Lake of the Woods region.

F. Morley, hotelkeeper, Fort William, has sold out to J. J. Morrow.

## Assiniboia.

On Tuesday, says the Times, Medicine Hat had a visit from S. T. Copus, of the National Gas and Oil Company of Windsor, Ont., and G. C. Foster, of Leamington, Ont. These gentlemen, who are experts in natural gas matters, were sent to Medicine Hat by the Canadian Pacific Railway company to look over the gas field here and to report upon the condition etc., of the wells sunk four or five years ago.

D. Camhar, blacksmith, Fleming, has sold out.

## British Columbia Trade Items.

B. W. Jones & Co., Fort Steele, merchants, have sold out to Plants & Conlon.

Clark & Co., drugs, Kamloops, have sold out to W. E. McCartney.

David Wilson, saddler, Vancouver, has sold out to J. Storey.

F. J. Hall, grocer, Victoria, has sold out to W. J. Dwyer.

## Grain and Milling Notes.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. have shipped 5,000 sacks of low grade flour to London, going by rail from Montreal to St. John, N. B., owing to the scarcity of ocean freight space from Montreal. The price obtained was said to be 6c per barrel more than similar grades have been selling at in Montreal.

At the last regular meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange, the following members were selected to represent the exchange at the civic meeting to discuss the frontage tax question: Stephen Nairn, G. R. Cowe, D. G. McBean, Robt. Muir, N. Bawlf and F. W. Thompson. The question regarding the legal weight of a bushel of flax seed was considered and the secretary instructed to take up the matter with the department of inland revenue. It was unanimously resolved that in future no visitors' tickets for entrance to the floor of the exchange shall be issued to residents of the city, and that in the case of non-residents not more than one ticket should be issued to the same person within a period of six months.

Before the Dominion tariff commission at Toronto on Thursday, the representatives of the Ontario Miller's Association argued strongly with the ministers against reciprocity with the United States in natural products. Hon. Mr. Fielding pointed out that United States farmers are more afraid of the Canadians. J. L. Spink, a member of the deputa-

tion said the Canadians had most reason to fear reciprocity. The United States were the greatest consumers of high grade flour in the world and got big profits out of high patents in their own markets, but they slaughtered common grades at a terrific rate. Sir Richard Cartwright asked if this would not benefit Manitoba producers who grow high grade wheat. C. B. Watts replied that in Duluth they produced as good flour as it Manitoba. Mr. Spink said flour was being sent into Montreal from Minneapolis than was better than the Manitoba product.

T. L. Morton and H. J. Pearson are building an elevator at Duphin.

The Farmers' Elevator Company of Reston, Man., is applying for incorporation. The capital stock at is placed at \$1,800.

A Montreal report of November 13 says: "The feature of the flour market today was the strong enquiry received from England and Australia for Manitoba grades, the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. having received a cable offer for 5,000 barrels from the latter party for shipment in January, which they have accepted.

W. W. Ogilvie has received the following dispatch from his Winnipeg mill: Have just sold 400 tons more, which is equal to 4,000 barrels, of Hungarian flour for Sydney, Australia, for shipment by the December steamer at full prices, making in all 650 tons, or 6,500 barrels for this vessel, leaving Vancouver on December 8th. Arrangements have been completed for a special train to leave Winnipeg on November 30th with the above lot of flour.

There are two good openings for elevators we know of, says the Saltcoats Assiniboian, one here and the other at Yorkton, and it would pay some of our grain men or others with capital to investigate these two points with a view of erecting suitable elevators for next season's crop.

## Want Specific Duties Stopped.

At one of the sessions of the Dominion government tariff commission in Toronto, the dry goods men protested against unfair appraisement of goods imported which they said was practised in some of the smaller custom houses where the appraisers were inefficient, and undervalued imports to the serious disadvantage of importers at the larger custom houses, where proper valuations are made. They recommended ad valorem duties instead of specific, all through their line of imports. They showed differences of opinion on the question of Canadian manufactures, but on the whole would like to see lower duties if not crippling deserving industries. But they particularly asked for fewer custom houses and more efficient officers.

The crockery men had the same kind of complaint to make and also recommended an all round duty of 20 per cent on their imports and no reduction or increase of the present tariff other than was necessary to accomplish this.

## Dairy Trade Notes.

As evidence of what can be accomplished by systematic effort, it may be stated that five years ago, the first winter butter factory in Canada was established by the dairy commissioner. During this winter, there will be about 160 in all parts of the Dominion.

A. Conteau, cheese maker, St. Laurent, Man., is moving to British Columbia.

Since the recent strike on the Canadian Pacific Railway was called off, negotiations have been proceeding between officials of the company and representatives of the telegraphers, and it is reported that a settlement satisfactory to all concerned has been arrived at.