

Manitoba.

J. M. Taylor is selling out his lumber yard at Portage la Prairie to Wm. Armstrong.

Robert Kerr, trader, of Clarkleigh and Swan Creek, has opened a branch at St. Laurent.

Dawson & Schlinner have rented the Lorne hotel at Whitemouth and will conduct it in future.

Fred Davis, formerly in business in Dauphin, is erecting a store at Gilbert Plains and will open in the grocery line as soon as his building is completed.

The Keystone Cigar Company, manufacturers of cigars, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, M. H. Saunders retiring. J. Heinbocker continues the business.

Notice is given that Godfried Rudolph Max Stritzel, general merchant, Plum Coulee, has made an assignment of his estate and effects for the benefit of his creditors.

The Oddfellows' Building Company Crystal City, Limited, has been incorporated for the purpose of erecting or purchasing building and real estate at Crystal City.

The Neepawa Press Company, Limited, of Neepawa, Man., is applying for incorporation for the purpose of carrying on a general newspaper and printing business. The capital stock will be \$5,000.

The mayor of Neepawa denies having made the statement attributed to him that there is a serious deficit in connection with the electric light plant of that town and he also denies the statement itself.

The stock in trade and store fixtures of Jacob Udow, clothing and gent's furnishings, Winnipeg, will be sold by auction at a rate on the dollar on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 11 o'clock. The stock is valued at \$2,618.93 and the book accounts at \$409.01.

The Melita Enterprise has entered upon its tenth year of existence and is receiving numerous congratulations on the event. Its reports a steady growth in its subscription list which is a sure sign that it is fulfilling its mission and giving the people of Melita and district a good local news service.

The Manitoba Felt and Yarn Works, Limited, has been granted letters patent of incorporation under the laws of Manitoba for the purpose of manufacturing felt and woolen goods and dealing in wool and hides. The chief place of business will be at Brandon and the capital stock \$50,000.

The stock and effects of J. H. Rogers, furrier, Winnipeg, will be sold by auction on Nov. 14, at 2 o'clock. The stock includes a number of mounted animals and heads. The stock proper will be sold in bulk at a rate on the dollar, while the fixtures and sundry chattels will be sold in detail.

Assiniboia.

McDonald & Riddle, harness makers, Moose Jaw, have dissolved partnership.

Saskatchewan.

Geo. E. Kenechelt & Co., have opened in the tin-smithing business at Rosethorn.

Northwest Ontario.

S. W. Hatch is opening a flour and feed store at Dryden.

Jackson Bros., bakers, confectioners and grocers, Rat Portage, have assigned.

John McVeigh has bought out the hotel business of C. A. Choquette on Rainy River.

O. A. Willey has bought out the restaurant and confectionery business of W. H. Moore, at Keewatin.

Joe Derry has purchased the grocery and crockery business of J. W. Pickett at Rat Portage and will continue the same.

W. T. Newman, barber and tobacconist, Rat Portage, has made an assignment. Creditors' meeting on Saturday, the 10th inst.

The stock of J. C. Burns, dry goods merchant, Rat Portage, has been purchased by the Bankrupt Stock Buying Company of Winnipeg.

E. A. Pearson was the purchaser of the hardware and tinware stock of W. G. Johnston, at Rat Portage. He is now advertising the goods for sale at low prices.

Dr. Smellie, of Fort William, and J. W. Crooks, of Port Arthur, have formed a partnership under the firm name of J. W. Crooks & Co., and will carry

on a drug business in each of those towns.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Nov. 3 there were 707 cars of grain inspected, compared with 634 the previous week, which graded as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 33; 2 hard, 100; 3 hard, 180; 3 northern, 7; rejected, 9; no grade, 358 cars.

Oats—2 white, 1 feed, 14; no grade, 2 cars.

Barley—Feed, 1; no grade, 1 car.

Flax seed—No. 2, 1 car.

For the corresponding week of last year there were 1,236 cars of grain inspected, of which 917 graded 1 hard. Inspection returns for the month of October shows that a total of 1,825 cars of grain were handled, grading as follows: No. 1 hard, 107 cars; No. 2 hard, 200; No. 1 northern, 3; No. 2 northern, 5 cars; No. 3 northern, 22; No. 1 frosted, 2; 1 white type, 5; rejected, 3; rejected 1 hard, 8; rejected 2 hard, 5, no grade, 1,015; condemned, 6 cars.

Oats—1 white, 5 cars; No. 2 white, 4; No. 2 mixed, 1; Feed oats, 17; no grade, 21 cars.

Barley—Feed, 3 cars.

Flax—Rejected, 13 cars; no grade, 1.

Total, 1,825 cars.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,060,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Nov. 3. Receipts for the week were 333,700 bushels, and shipments were 190,800 bushels, compared with receipts of \$33,000 and shipments of \$48,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 1,623,000 bushels and \$90,000 bushels two years ago. Stocks in store at Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior points were estimated approximately at 2,550,000 bushels, compared with 7,250,000 bushels a year ago, and 3,000,000 bushels two years ago.

Winnipeg City Council Special Meeting.

A special meeting of the Winnipeg city council was held on Thursday evening to discuss several proposed money by-laws and the waterworks question. The first question taken up was that of the by-law to raise \$75,000 for a new fire alarm system, and suburban police and fire stations. Some of the aldermen opposed this by-law on the ground that the present state of the city's finances would not stand the additional burden without the appropriations for other necessary services being cut down. After a rather heated discussion the by-law passed its second reading. The market hall by-law was voted down. The proposed by-law to provide for paving the market square was discussed, and, after the amount specified had been cut down from \$15,000 to \$9,000, passed its second reading. The two by-laws which were favorably voted upon will be submitted to the ratepayers at the approaching municipal elections, together with the one to raise \$60,000 for C. P. R. subway. The council then went into committee of the whole to discuss the waterworks matter. Some of the aldermen took strong ground against the city engineer in this matter because of alleged mismanagement of the work of constructing the new buildings and chimney, which was under his charge, and a motion to ask the engineer for his resignation was only defeated by one vote. It was finally decided to ask a judge of the county court to make a thorough investigation into all matters connected with the cost and construction of the new waterworks buildings and plant, including the electric light station for the purpose of ascertaining: (a) Whether the cost in any particular has been excessive; (b) Whether all monies paid out for said buildings and plant have been properly applied; (c) Whether there are faults in the construction or arrangement of said buildings and plant, and if so indicate what they are and whom to blame, if any attaches, for said faults.

The storm sash season is now fully opened and dealers in Winnipeg report a fair trade doing. Prices are on the same basis as last year. Namely, 10c per sash over the price of inside sash.

The Imperial Life, issued a score card for the Dominion elections, which was a great convenience to those who wished to make early estimates of the standing of the respective parties in the new House.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.
Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ending Nov. 8, 1900 ... \$2,745,778
Corresponding week, 1899 ... 3,358,335
Corresponding week, 1898 ... 2,061,931

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1900.	1899.	1898.
Jan. ...	\$3,900,607	\$7,683,052	\$4,317,168
Feb. ...	6,702,616	6,209,471	6,517,310
Mar. ...	7,320,462	7,766,121	5,968,275
April ...	7,091,519	9,916,431	6,210,113
May ...	9,762,679	7,472,855	6,883,364
June ...	9,615,084	8,211,716	7,306,709
July ...	8,393,425	8,169,535	8,316,238
Aug. ...	8,175,939	7,085,201	6,189,395
Sept. ...	7,320,147	8,281,169	6,414,851
Oct. ...	9,183,477	12,689,000	9,317,682
Nov. ...	14,435,219	11,553,029	
Dec. ...	12,066,903	10,709,731	
Totals ...	\$107,786,814	\$90,674,325	

SILVER.

The London bar-silver market reacted slightly at the beginning of the week on a further slackening of the Indian and continental buying demand. Prices fell from 29½d per ounce to 29 11-16d, and the New York quotations for commercial silver also declined from 61½c to 61c. This movement, however, was followed by a renewal of buying and a rally which restored the prices in both markets to the same level as at the end of last week.

PRICES.

London—Oct. 27, 29½d; Nov. 2, 29 11-16d.
New York—Oct. 27, 61½c; Nov. 2, 61c.—Bradstreets.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Canadian bank statement for September showed increases in all the important items over previous month and previous year.

The Banque d'Hyochelaga has declared a dividend of 3½ per cent for the current half year on its paid up capital stock, payable December 1.

Following are the returns for the month of October for the Winnipeg division of the inland revenue department: Spirits, \$32,551.18; malt, \$2,271.09; tobacco, \$21,206.14; raw leaf, \$638.10; cigars, \$2,292.00; methylated spirits, \$94.38; total, \$59,355.89.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Bank of Commerce has been called for Tuesday, December 11, to comply with the requirements of the Bank Act in ratifying the agreement of amalgamation with the Bank of British Columbia.

The Carter-Crume, Limited, of Toronto, check book manufacturers, held their annual meeting last week, at which it was reported that the profits for the year were \$170,951.60. A dividend of 7 per cent on the preference stock and of 5 per cent on the common stock was declared, and a large sum transferred to revenue and real estate accounts.

The Brazilian banks, especially the Banca Republica, are suffering from a contraction of the currency, forced by the previous efforts to promote prosperity by making plenty of currency, and the bank was severely hit by the necessary process of contraction. The New York Journal of Commerce says it is as though our dollar were worth 70c last January, varied all the way from 75 cents to a dollar in July, and for the last few weeks had been about 80c.

The London Financial News says: "That Canada should have a branch of the Imperial mint is just, whether we look on the subject from the point of view of the dignity and importance of the Dominion in the Imperial constellation or of her rising position as a gold producer. But for her gold the establishment of a mint would be an empty and meaningless privilege, and it is fortunate that Canada's gold fields are sufficiently productive to enable her to share in another of the Imperial prerogatives."

Insurance Notes.

W. W. Serimes, who represents the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., in this field, has moved to the new Leckie block, on McDermott street, opposite Newspaper Row. Mr. Serimes has a ground floor in this new block, where he has much better accommodation

than in his old premises—more room, good light, and handsome and comfortable quarters.

Geo. Mooring, of Port Arthur, late Inspector in Western Ontario for the Equitable Life, has been appointed assistant manager for this company for Algonia, east of Rat Portage.

A new company called The Cosmopolitan Fire Insurance Company is being organized in Toronto, with the following gentlemen as provisional directors: C. R. W. Biggar, Q. C., Toronto; R. E. Traux, M. P. P., Walkerton; John McMillan, Petrolia; J. H. Kyld, Bowmanville; W. C. Oliver, Newmarket; John McKay, Bowmanville; J. Allan Auld, M. P. P., Amherstburg. It is stated that a considerable amount of capital stock has already been placed in outside towns.

British Live Stock Markets.

London, Nov. 5.—The tone of the market was weak, owing to heavier supplies and bad weather; in consequence, prices show a decline of 1c since this day week. Choice States cattle sold at 12½c, and Canadians at 11c.

Liverpool, Nov. 5.—Trade at this market was slow, and prices for both cattle and sheep were ½c lower. Canadian cattle sold at 11c, and sheep at 11c.

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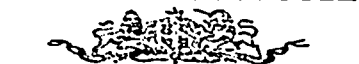
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**Investigation of School Land Sales.**

Notice is hereby given that, acting under the powers and authority conferred upon me by an order of His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council, appointing me a commissioner to inquire into and report upon, certain alleged fraudulent practices or irregularities at public sales of school lands in this province, I will proceed with the investigation of the said matters and hear complaints relating thereto, at the following times and places, namely:

McGregor—At or near the School House, Monday, Nov. 5th, at 1.00 p.m.
Carberry—At the Municipal Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 12th, at 10.30 a.m.
Brandon—At the Court House, Wednesday, Nov. 14th, at 10.30 a.m.
Oak Lake—At or near the School House, Thursday, Nov. 15th, at 1.00 p.m.
Virden—At or near the School House, Friday, Nov. 16th, at 1.30 p.m.
Miami—At or near the School House, Monday, Nov. 19th, at 3.00 p.m.
Halter—At or near the School House, Wednesday, Nov. 21st, at 7.00 p.m.
Winnipeg—At the Court House, Nov. 27th, at 2.30 p.m.
Emerson—At the Municipal Hall, Thursday, Dec. 6th, at 4.30 p.m.
Holland—At the Municipal Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 11th, at 8.00 p.m.
Soule—At or near the School House, Thursday, Dec. 13th, at 7.30 p.m.

The inquiry will be continued at all other points where sales have taken place, concerning which further notice will follow.

Witness my hand at Winnipeg, this 15th day of October, A. D. 1900.

JAMES E. P. PRENDERGAST,
Commissioner.