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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 20, 1890.

Manitoba.

Smith's sale and feed stables, at Brandon, have been purchased by J. Elliot.

Jos. Broadley, lumber dealer, Elkorn, is adding hardware and stoves to his business.

C. A. Godfrey, hardware, Killarney, has gone out of business. He has been succeeded by Thos. A. Liddle.

D. A. McArthur, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, has left the London house, and resumed business at the St. Nicholas hotel.

Geo. Manson, dealer in groceries, boots and shoes, Shoal Lake, has added dry goods and clothing to his business.

McElrea, general merchant, Sydney, has erected a new store. It is said there is an opening for a blacksmith at that place.

Winnipeg post office was burglarized one night last week. A number of letters were opened but only a few dollars secured.

Clougher's restaurant, Winnipeg, will after the 20th inst., be under the management of W. H. Saults, formerly of the New Douglas, Winnipeg.

C. N. Bell, secretary of the Winnipeg Board of trade, will represent the board at the meeting of the dominion flour and meal examiners at Montreal.

Alex. Fraser, representing R. C. Macfie & Co., wholesale hats, furs, etc., of London, Ont., was in the city last week, and later started on his western trip.

The partnership existing between Ben. Zimmerman and S. Fenn, general dealers, Winnipeg has been dissolved. Ben. Zimmerman continues the business.

A company is applying for incorporation under the name of the Selkirk Electric company, for the purpose of establishing a system of electric lighting for the town of Selkirk.

A proposal has been received by the Winnipeg city council from Ross, Holt & Co., to construct the works necessary to make available the water power of the Assiniboine river at Winnipeg.

THE COMMERCIAL last week published an item from the Emerson Times about high express rates. The Times now acknowledges that it was in error. Through an oversight the value of the goods was added to the express rate.

Word has been received here from Ottawa, says the Winnipeg Free Press, of Thursday last, that the Northwest Central railway company has decided to operate the completed fifty miles of its line from Chatoor to Arrowton this winter. A train service will probably be inaugurated next week. A mixed train will likely be run three times weekly each way.

Green & Sons Co., of Montreal, men's furnishings, etc., are already looking after the spring trade of western Canada. The celebrated Dr. Jaeger's woolen underwear, solely handled in Canada by this house, is already becoming quite popular in the west. This year the house has a new novelty, the "health hat," patented. S. C. Matthews, western representative of the company, arrived from the east last week.

Notice is given that D. E. Sprague, lumber merchant; H. S. Holt, contractor; F. J. Bowles, contractor; Wm. Clougher, inn-keeper; W. D. Taylor, agent; and L. W. Coutlee, barrister, of Winnipeg, will apply for incorporation, as the "Northwest Opera House Company," with the object of building and maintaining opera houses, music halls, and theatres. The business of the company is to be carried on at such places as shall be determined upon in Manitoba, the chief place of business to be in Winnipeg; the capital stock to be \$49,000, in 490 shares of \$100 each.

The last Manitoba Gazette contains a notice of application for the incorporation of the Walthew Manufacturing Company. The applicants are W. D. Douglas, the well-known proprietor of the Leland House, Winnipeg; also J. C. Philip, John Leslie and T. W. Leslie, of Winnipeg; and J. P. Walthew, of Emerson. The purpose of the company is to manufacture an improved bed-bottom, known as Dr. Dickson's health bed rest. The bed is a very simple contrivance, but it has only to be seen to at once show its advantages over the wire spring rests now in common use. The bed rest consists of a long roll of strong canvas doubled, which is attached to two wooden rollers at the head of the bed and stretches down to the foot, where it passes around another roller and back again. Owing to its lightness it can be easily handled and requires but a moment to adjust it. Owing to its construction it will not sag, and there is no limit to its increase of tension. The headquarters of the company will be at Winnipeg, and it is expected it will become quite an industry here.

Alberta.

Owen Copas will open business at Calgary as a tea and coffee merchant.

Thomas J. Binskin, tobacconist, Calgary died suddenly last week, in a fit.

Malcolm McKenzie has purchased the Russell House property at Lothbridge.

The contract for the erection of the \$10,000 hospital at Lethbridge has been awarded to Wm. Henderson, of Regina.

The Edmonton Bulletin says that the German colony now located near Dunmore, Assa, will move to the Edmonton district.

Monday last, Oct. 6, says the Lethbridge News, was the largest days output in the history of the coal mines here, 720 tons of the best coal having been mined and every ton was shipped away the same day.

J. Herbert Mason, president of the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company, of Toronto, says the Calgary Herald, has decided to advise his society to establish an agency at Calgary. He has made a survey of Calgary and its surroundings and has satisfied himself that there is a good field for investment here.

Calgary Herald says: There are lying at the railway station, awaiting transportation to Brandon, some remarkable large and fine pieces of stone. The fine building stone found at Calgary is one of the advantageous features of that place, and in time no doubt a large trade will be done in shipping this stone to all parts of the country.

The mounted police contract for oats has been let to W. Fielders, for Edmonton district, at 39 cents and to Jelllette & Ottewell, for Fort Saskatchewan, at 39 cents. The potato contract has been let to D. Doss, for Edmonton, at 35 cents, and to Moret & Lamoureux, for Fort Saskatchewan, at 44 cents. The bran contract has been let to G. Hutton, of St. Albert, at 1 1/2 cent.—Edmonton Bulletin.

There are now, says the Montreal Gazette, at the Canadian Pacific Railway stock yards 248 head of fine Hereford cattle, bred and raised on the Cochrane ranch, in Alberta Territory. The condition of these cattle is excellent, and practically demonstrates the advantage of breeding from imported stock. This lot comprise the first receipts of a shipment of about 1,000 head which are being forwarded to Great Britain by Robert Bickerdike for the company.

The Macleod Gazette complains of the policy of the Dominion Government concerning the petroleum territory discovered in the Crows Nest pass and vicinity west of that place. It says: "At present there is a very general feeling that their policy is to throw every possible obstacle in the way of those who have taken up claims. The brilliant result of all this is a regulation recently sprung upon claim holders that they must swear there is petroleum on their claims. The absurdity of such an affidavit is apparent."

Assiniboia.

I. R. Reilly & Co., have been awarded the contract for erecting the new Bank of Montreal building at Regina, and excavating for the foundation has been commenced.

The C. A. C. & C. Co.'s stables at Stair were burned on October 10. One mare and other contents were lost. The supposed cause of the fire was spontaneous combustion of hay.