

**Manitoba.**

J. P. Wright has opened a drug store at Balder.

Jas. Bansfield is opening in groceries at Douglas.

G. A. Hogarth, Molita, general store, is reported to be giving up business.

O. E. Lambert has opened a new hotel at Wawanesa, called the Manitoba.

The effects of Hops & Co., tents, mattresses, etc., are in possession of the sheriff.

The Leland House, Birtle, has been rented by Thos. Vant, and opened for guests.

J. S. Chambers is opening a stock of furnishings, boots, shoes, etc., at Birtle.

The late issue of \$40,000 of Brandon debentures have been sold in Montreal at 98.

The stock of Ferguson & Co., stationery, Winnipeg, has been transferred to the Ferguson Company.

Mr. Knox is opening a butcher shop at Portage la Prairie, and purposes selling three pounds of steak for a quarter.

J. B. Henderson, who has purchased the dry goods and grocery stock of Chris. Cook, of McGregor, will continue the business in that town.

Jas. Anderson, a well known Portage business man, has decided to go to Carman, where he has entered into partnership with D. Graham.

J. S. Bird, one of Winnipeg's old pioneers, formerly with H. G. B. Bannatyne, wholesale grocer, has again taken up his residence in the city, and will represent McKeozie, Powis & Co. on the road.

The liquidators of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba have redeemed, since the suspension of the bank, notes in circulation amounting to \$376,000, and the liability due the Merchants Bank of Canada has been reduced \$160,000, making a total reduction of liabilities amounting to \$538,000.

Crystal rice is the name of a new food preparation, which is being introduced in the Winnipeg market by Joe. Carman. It is a prepared corn food, put up in Marion, Indiana, and can be used for soups, puddings, cakes and in a variety of other ways. Its principal feature is that it can be prepared in a few minutes.

The town of St. Boniface is inviting tenders for the sounding and measuring of the Red river between St. Boniface and Winnipeg, opposite Lombard, Bannatyne and Market streets, and also for preparing a plan of a bridge across the river at the most suitable spot about that locality. Tenders are to be sent in on or before Monday, the 13th inst., to Theo. Bertrand, secretary treasurer of the town.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported for home consumption and duty paid thereon during the month of October, 1893, at the port of Winnipeg, compared with the month of 1892:—

	Value. 1892.	Value. 1893.
Exported.....	\$121,411	\$290,506
Entered for consumption 'dut. ab. o.	1,391,2	144,131
Entered for consumption free....	47,555	60,113
Total for consumption.....	\$214,407	\$204,844
Duty collected.....	\$ 59,547	\$55,300 57

The Winnipeg Automatic Light Company is the name of a company formed here a short time ago to put in what they call "the new light" in buildings, stores, etc. The company have many favorable testimonials from persons who have used the light. It is a kerosene oil light, but instead of lamps the oil is supplied from a small central reservoir, through tubes, direct to the burners, which may be located in any part of a building. This gives an even, continuous flow to the burners. The light, in fact, is operated exactly the same as gas, and it is claimed for it that it produces a "maximum light at a minimum" cost. With the price of coal oil being reduced, the "new light" may come into greater favor.

At a meeting of the council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, held on Tuesday, the question of freight rates was discussed, and it was decided to again represent matters by wire to Mr. Van Horn, urging a reduction in grain rates. The Red River Navigation committee reported that they had once more communicated with the department of public works at Ottawa through H. J. Macdonald, claiming the fulfillment of the promise by the department that their chief engineer should come to this city this autumn to inspect the rapids, and urging the proposition submitted by the joint committee of the city council and the board of trade.

**Alberta.**

Bovridge Bros., furniture, Calgary, succeeded by F. Harding.

Lafferty & Moore, bankers, are winding up their business at Edmonton and Calgary.

Edmonton Cartage Co., Edmonton, is advertising selling out by auction on 14th inst.

The Edmonton Bulletin says that the lignite coal mined at Edmonton is selling at \$2.25 per ton for the winter contracts.

Edmonton now has a fire engine, which has just arrived and gives satisfaction. A system of supply tanks have been put down.

The firm of H. Bentley & Co., Lethbridge, composed of H. Bentley, Thos. Tweed and the late John Ewart, has been dissolved. H. Bentley continues alone.

The Dominion express company will open an office at Lethbridge on the 15th inst., when the Galt railway is expected to be taken over by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Tenders are out for the erection of a bridge across the river at Red Deer, which will be the greatest benefit yet conferred on the people of the district by the government.

Threshing is nearly over, writes a Red Deer correspondent. The yield will be quite up to expectations. Wheat, 33 bushels; oats, 45 and averaging 47 pounds to the bushel; barley, 43 bushels per acre.

The following is a list of the business places and public institutions of Edmonton, a place which was a year or two ago a trading post beyond the reach of railway communication, and will give a good idea of its importance as a centre of business: 5 general stores, 2 groceries, 2 dry goods, 2 millinery, 1 gents' furnishings, 2 fruit and confectionery, 2 furniture, 2 watchmaking and jewelry, 1 musical instruments and sewing machines, 2 stationery, 3 drug, 2 hardware, 1 flour and feed, 2 harness and saddlery, 1 tobacconist, 2 licensed liquor stores, 5 blacksmith shops, 5 carpenter shops, 2 bakeries, 4 butcher shops, 3 barber shops, 2 shoe shops, 2 tailor shops, 1 taxidermist, 1 undertaker, 1 photograph gallery 2 printing offices, 2 banks, one chartered and one private, 2 auction rooms, 5 real estate offices, 2 produce dealers, 3 implement dealers, 5 livery stables, 3 brick yards, 3 lumber yards, 1 saw and grist mill, 2 planing mills and sash and door factories, 8 lawyers, 6 doctors, 2 dentists, 2 architects, 1 surveyor, 1 veterinary surgeon, 4 licensed hotels, 1 hotel without license and 1 restaurant, 5 churches and 2 schools. The town has miles of sidewalks and graded streets, is lighted by electric light, has a telephone system, steam and chemical fire engines. The Dominion land, registry and timber offices for North Alberta are at Edmonton. The supreme court holds sittings here twice a year, and a detachment of mounted police is stationed here. Edmonton is the trade depot and distributing point for the Athabasca, Peace and Mackenzie river regions, extending north to the Arctic ocean, west to the Rocky mountains and east to the eastern boundary of the Mackenzie basin.

The Graham Nail works, Toronto, have closed down and Thomas D. Graham, the proprietor, is said to have left. The city in consequence is in possession of the plant.

**Saskatchewan.**

John Robson, hotel, Battleford, deceased. S. Morin, cabinet maker, Battleford, deceased.

Frank Otton's harness shop at Battleford was destroyed by fire, with the contents, valued at \$2,400.

**Assiniboia.**

J. G. Thorgirson, general store, Church-bridge, has assigned.

J. W. Bumfrey has opened a livery, feed and sale stable, at Moose Jaw.

H. Mutton, of Neepawa, has gone to Yorkton, where he will open a flour and feed business.

Gordon & Drouse, Maple Creek, shipped a train load of beef cattle recently for the English market.

It is reported that a newspaper to circulate in Broadview, Assn., and district is in contemplation, and that the promoters have asked A. W. Buchanan to undertake the editorial duties.

**The Cattle Markets.**

At Liverpool on Nov. 6 the receipts of Canadian cattle were reported small during the week, but the general supply of cattle heavy. The demand was steady, and prices show no change of importance, quotations being as follows:—Finest steers, 10 to 10½c; good to choice, 9½ to 10c; poor to medium, 8½ to 9c; inferior and bulls, 5 to 8½c.

The Montreal Gazette of Nov. 7 says.—"Advices from all parts of the country are that there are lots of cattle, but that farmers have lots of feed and prefer to hold their stock rather than part with it at the ruination prices ruling in Montreal and Toronto."

At the East End abattoir, Montreal, on Nov. 6, the bulk of the cattle were of inferior quality, and anything approaching choice made 4½ to 4¾c. Medium stock sold at 3½ to 4c, and inferior from 2 to 3c. Sheep sold from 2 to 3c, a few being taken at the outside for export. Lambs sold at 3 to 4c per lb. Calves sold at \$3 to \$12 each, the better class of beasts being in good demand.

**Grain and Milling.**

Geo. Bull has purchased the interest of Geo. Hutton in the St. Albert grist mill.

A wheat train came to grief east of Rat Portage last week, a number of cars being spilled in the smash.

A large grain warehouse has been erected at Basswood, Man., by Geo. Hanna, and is now ready for use.

Smith & Brigham, millers, Moosomin, Assn., have just completed the installation of an electric light plant in their premises. The system includes a three horse power dynamo, thirty sixteen-candle-power lamps, the power being supplied from the engine which operates the mill and elevator. Every part of the buildings, from the new office which has just been erected, to the topmost storey of the elevator, is now illuminated by electricity.

The farmers' elevator at Neepawa, says the Herald, is having its capacity tested these days. There were something like 75,000 bushels stored within its walls Friday. Fennis' is almost full, so is Ogilvie's. There were 35,000 bushels shipped from Neepawa during October. Cars are scarce, and just now it is becoming a serious question among buyers as to where they will store the large amount of grain that is daily coming in.

An exchange tells of a woman in California who recently lost her husband, his life being insured for \$2,000. The heart-broken woman immediately telegraphed her friends in the east: "Jim died this morning, loss fully covered by insurance."