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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 6, 1890.

Geo. H. McKennett, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, has sold out.

Hamilton & Hamilton, of Brandon, will open a store at Alexandria, Man.

W. F. Bernes, harnessmaker, Binscarth, Man., is moving his business to Birtle

J. L. Gould, boots and shoes, McGregor, Man., has added groceries to his business.

The Misses Charbeauveau, of Ottawa, Ont., have opened a dressmaking establishment at Calgary.

CALGARY Steam Laundry Co., laundry, Calgary, have dissolved; John Birss continues the business.

A. Kelly, of Alexander, Kelly & Co., millers, Brandon, Man., has been elected mayor of that place.

Wm. Bell, wholesale and retail meats, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out his retail store to Jas. Penrose, dealer in meats, etc., Winnipeg.

E. H. Irish, late in the harness and saddlery line at Birtle, Man., left on Friday last for Butte City, Montana, where he will go into business.

A LONDON cable of Thursday last says: There is a boom in Canadian Pacific stock. This morning it sold at 77½, and this afternoon one-eighth higher.

The business of W. B. Wright, general dealer, Broadview, Assa., is now continued under the style of Wright & Armstrong. The new partner is from Pembroke, Ont.

At a recent meeting of the Brandon board of trade a resolution was passed requesting that the Dominion Government equalize the duty on flour with that of wheat imported into Canada.

The Manitoba board of underwriters held their annual meeting last Thursday. A. Strang was elected president and R. H. Hayward secretary. The rating committee was re-appointed.

The employes of E. F. Hutchings, wholesale saddler, Winnipeg, met at his office on New Year's eve and made him the recipient of a very handsome gold-headed cane, beautifully engraved, accompanied with an address.

PRESIDENT FISHER, of the Duluth & Winnipeg, states that the company have discontinued work for the winter, but will commence again early in the spring. The company has now 75 miles of road built and about 200 more to build to reach the international boundary.

LETTERS patent have been issued incorporating the Calgary Street Railway Company. The directors of the company named in the charter are: D. W. Davis, M.P., Major Walker and J. B. Smith, of Smith & West. The charter authorizes the use of horse, steam, electricity, water, or any other power.

The Battleford Herald, the first paper published west of Winnipeg in the Canadian prairie region, has recently completed its eleventh volume. Now there are about forty papers published in the country, outside of Winnipeg. This certainly shows progress during the eleven years. Long may the Herald flourish.

A CORRESPONDENT at Miami, on the Northern Pacific Brandon line says: The town is still growing steadily; two or three more stores will probably open. Patterson & Co., implements, and Frost & Wood, are building warehouses, and the Massey Co. will build in the spring. C. F. Collins is opening a private bank.

NISBET Academy, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan territory, was burned last week. Loss \$11,000, insured \$7,600. Part of the furniture was saved. The Saskatchewan Institute books and collections were mostly destroyed. Nisbet Academy was a brick structure, completed about a year ago, and was owned and conducted by the Presbyterian church.

At the last meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade, the question of the improvement of navigation in the Red River was taken up. W. B. Scarth, M.P., was present, and at his request action was deferred until he could receive some messages concerning the matter from Ottawa. It was decided to ask the Government to make some changes in the inspection act relating to imported petroleum.

It was recently reported in some city papers that the Ogilvie company intended establishing a flour mill at Vancouver, B.C. W. W. Ogilvie, who was at Vancouver last week, stated to reporters of the papers there that such an enterprise was not practical at present, but it might be in the near future, when the supply of wheat from the prairie country east of the Rocky mountains became larger.

A TELEGRAM from Montreal on Friday last says: The Canadian Pacific Railway are about to build a \$75,000 opera house at Vancouver. The plan is prepared by E. G. Hopkins, of this city, and has been accepted, and the contract has been awarded to Thos. Tomkins, of Brockville. The work is to be started at once, and it is calculated to have the structure ready by the first of September.

W. & J. M. PEARSON, proprietors of the Ashley farm and creamery, St. Francois Xavier, Man., are expending a large sum of money in extending their facilities for dairying and stock-raising. They have increased their barns, stables, storerooms, etc., and have fitted up their buildings with steam power which is utilized for heating, cooking fodder, and operating machinery. They have also introduced a good deal of improved machinery into their dairy for butter-making.

THE last number of the Dominion Illustrated devotes several sketches to British Columbia. In the Pacific province there is a wealth of scenery of which the artist may never tire, and the Dominion Illustrated takes full advantage of the opportunities offered. Altogether it is a good number for illustrations of our own Canada. A fine engraving of Cabanel's Venetian Lady will be appreciated by art lovers. The office of the Dominion Illustrated is at 73 St. James street, Montreal, G. E. Desbarats, managing-director.

A MEETING of those interested in establishing a cheese or butter factory at Cypress River, Man., was held recently. A motion was carried to form a joint stock company for the manufacture of butter and cheese, and the necessary steps are being taken to incorporate the same. It was the almost unanimous opinion of those present that a creamery for the manufacture of butter was preferable to a cheese factory, as it gives the farmer a better chance to keep up his stock. Stock is now being taken and a committee was appointed to look up a suitable site.

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Bank, Winnipeg, during December were:

Deposits	\$21,379 00
Withdrawals	33 131 90
Excess of withdrawals over deposits.	\$11,802 90

The Inland Revenue collections at Winnipeg for December were as follows:

Spirits	\$14,400 71
Malt	1,449 13
Tobacco	6,583 40
Cigars	402 09
Petroleum	214 60
Total	\$23,049 84

SUBJOINED is a statement showing the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, and the duty collected thereon at Winnipeg during December, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of 1889:

	Value, 1888.	Value, 1889.
Exported	\$ 63,666 00	\$ 82,471 00
Goods imported, dutiable	101,418 00	106,618 00
Goods, imported, free	21,130 00	27,549 00
Total imported	\$122,548 00	\$134,167 00
Entered for consumption—		
Dutiable	\$100,212 00	\$110,673 00
Entered for consumption—		
Free	21,130 00	27,549 00
Total entered for consumption	\$121,342 00	\$138,222 00
Duty collected	\$ 32,127 84	\$34,687 55