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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 15, 1890.

## Manitoba.

J. Burke has opened a fancy goods store at Souris.

There is said to be an opening for a doctor and a shoemaker at Cypress River.

John Elliott & Son, agricultural implements, Winnipeg, are closing out business.

Hamsworth, general merchant, Meadow Lea, has opened a branch store at Marquette.

Thos. Golloway, general merchant, Selkirk, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg.

J. T. Gordon, of Pilot Mound, shipped a carload of fat cattle for the Winnipeg market on Dec 9.

Morden merchants were paying 17 cents per pound for butter and 20 cents per dozen for eggs last week.

Archy McDonald succeeds D. H. Watson in managing the Massey Manufacturing Co.'s agency at Virden.

R. J. Whittle, wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, who has been to England on a purchasing trip, returned home last week.

The Hudson's Bay Co. contemplate erecting a substantial brick building next spring for their general store business at Morden.

J. J. Gulden, auctioneer and general dealer, Winnipeg, is not opening branches at either Lethbridge or Saltcoats, as reported.

Chas. Harvey & Son, flour and feed and hotel, Winnipeg, are disposing of their hotel business to the Shaftesbury Hotel Co.

The Emerson House is being repaired and will be occupied and managed by Wm. Robinson, who is at present proprietor of the Carney House at that place.

Alex. Tait, of Massey & Company, visited Manitou last week and purchased the building and two lots in rear of the Stewart house for an agency of the company.

W. M. Pineo succeeds M. B. Irwin in the management of Harris, Son & Co.'s implement business at Virden. Irwin, it is said, will handle the McCormack reaper in the future.

Mrs. Carr, of the American Art Gallery, Winnipeg, claims that she has no connection with a branch photo business at Moosomin, and wishes the report contradicted.

W. G. Douglas, dealer in flour, grain, etc., Winnipeg, has moved across the street from his old quarters, and now occupies a portion of the Princess opera house block.

J. L. Wells, hardware dealer, Winnipeg, who recently bought out the business of the American Plumbing Company, also of Winnipeg, intends going out of the hardware line in order to devote his entire time to the plumbing business.

The Manitou Mercury says: A considerable amount of barley and oats have been received, both these products selling at 25c per bushel. Eggs bring 20c per dozen, butter 17c, chickens 9c, ducks and geese 11c, turkeys 12c per pound.

Word was received on Saturday week of the death in London, England, of Jos. Joss, of typhoid fever. Mr. Joss, who has been with the wholesale dry goods house of Stobart, Sons & Co., Winnipeg, for some years, was in England on a purchasing trip for the house at the time of his demise.

Haley & Sutton, lately of Morden, Man., who moved to British Columbia and purchased a boot and shoe business at New Westminster, are reported to have sold out this business to Geo. T. Lundy, who also comes from Morden. Haley & Sutton will open business in Vancouver.

W. W. Ogilvie, head of the Ogilvie Milling Company, was in Winnipeg last week on one of his occasional visits to the business here. He was on Change here several times during the week, fraternizing with local grain men. While here he was presented with an address and a portrait of himself, by the staff of the company at Winnipeg.

The last Manitoba Gazette contains the notice of application for incorporation of the Winnipeg Jewellery Company, which is to take over the business of W. F. Doll, wholesale jeweller, Winnipeg. The capital stock is placed at \$50,000. The applicants are: W. F. Doll, Thos. Davis, accountant, Robt. L. Meadows, commercial traveller, Katherin Hurley, and J. S. Hough, barrister.

The report that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company would establish grain storage warehouses along its lines in Manitoba, has aroused the Morden board of trade to action. The board sent a communication to C. P. R. Superintendent Whyte, asking that one of the proposed warehouses be established at Morden, to which Mr. Whyte sent the following reply: "I am in receipt of your favor of the 5th inst., and desire to say that nothing definite has been decided about the erecting of flat grain warehouses at grain centres throughout Manitoba, but should it be decided to go on with the erection of a number of these grain warehouses, you may rest assured that one will be erected at Morden."

H. S. Wesbrooke, who up to the first of November last acted as manager at Winnipeg

for the Patterson & Bro Co, will continue in the implement trade at Winnipeg. He has rented the large warehouse on the corner of William and Princess streets, Market-square, formerly occupied by the old firm of Westbrook & Fairchild. This building is being overhauled, and will be occupied this week. Mr. Westbrook will handle the following goods: McCormick binder, J. I. Case threshers and engines, Moline and Wilkinson plows, White engines, Lytle safes, American road machine, Acma hay loader and ricker, Whitman hay press, etc. This gives Mr. Westbrook a wide range of goods to handle.

A good deal of grain remains to be threshed yet in Manitoba. In referring to this fact in THE COMMERCIAL of last week, the words "rural sections of Manitoba" were used, when the intention was to say "some sections." In some districts threshing has been finished, and in most other districts it is well advanced toward completion, but in other sections not over half the grain has yet been threshed. As the work is finished in one part, the machines are released and are sent to points where the work is more backward, so that those districts which have been short of machines are getting their wants supplied. It is evident that there is a lot of grain yet to be marketed in Manitoba, when it is considered that there is a lot of threshing yet to be done.

## Assiniboia.

Jno. Fisher will open in the flour and feed line at Regina.

W. P. McCormick, formerly proprietor of the Palmer House, Regina, says the Regina Journal, is now senior partner in the firm of McCormick & Mayes, dealer in hardware, etc., at Idaho Springs, Colorado.

A rev. rural dean, who went through Regina on the C.P.R. recently, writes to the Dominion Churchman that "Regina had not a prosperous appearance." We have not the figures at hand of the amount expended in building improvements this year at Regina, but we are doubtful if there is any other town in Canada of about the same population, that can show a better record in the building line for 1890, than this same place, though it may not have had a prosperous appearance viewed through the reverend spectacles referred to above.

## Alberta.

Good wheat is bringing from 90c to \$1 at Edmonton.

The Prairie Illustrated has made its appearance at Calgary. It is a 16-page quarto journal.

Alfred Bresly, a well known Alberta rancher, died at Mitford, near Calgary, last week, of typhoid fever. He was part owner of the Alberta hotel building, Calgary.

Edmonton Bulletin: "The threshers are at work all over the country but are not making very rapid headway owing to the enormous bulk of straw. Oats and barley are turning out well, the yield in many instances being greater even than was anticipated. Wheat is a heavy crop but a considerable portion of it is somewhat damaged by frost, the wet weather at the end of the summer having retarded its ripening before the frost came. All that was cut before the rainy weather set in is a magnificent sample."