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The Commercial certainly enjoys a very much larger circulation among the business community of the country between Lake Superior and the Pacific Coast, than any other paper in Canada, daily or weekly. By a thorough system of personal solicitation, carried out annually, this journal has been placed upon the desk of the great majority of business men in the vast district designated above, and including northwestern Ontario, the provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia, and the territories of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Commercial also reaches the leading wholesale, commission, manufacturing and financial houses of Eastern Canada.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

R. E. Gosnell, of British Columbia, an old newspaper man, and perhaps to-day the ablest writer in the Pacific province, has been permanently engaged upon the staff of THE COMMERCIAL. Mr. Gosnell will take the position of associate editor of this journal. He will remain in British Columbia for the purpose of looking after the interests of THE COMMERCIAL in that quarter, and at the same time will keep the readers of this paper fully informed upon matters concerning British Columbia. Persons in British Columbia who may wish to do any business with THE COMMERCIAL may communicate directly with Mr. Gosnell at Vancouver. Though Vancouver will be his address for the present, he will arrange to spend a considerable portion of his time at Victoria, and will also frequently visit New Westminster, Nanaimo and interior points.

Mr. Gosnell's articles will be free from sectional and political bias, and he will endeavor to do justice to all parts of the vast province. The business people of British Columbia will no doubt fully appreciate the advantages to their province accruing from its constant representation in a journal of the wide circulation and standing of THE COMMERCIAL. British Columbia is a province with vast undeveloped resources. What it wants is people and capital. Mr. Gosnell will endeavor to make known the resources and requirements of the country, giving special attention to commercial matters, industrial development, lumbering, fishing, mining, and financial interests, etc.

Throughout Canada and Great Britain THE COMMERCIAL is recognized as the most reliable source of information concerning western Canada. This journal is thoroughly established, and is widely known, as the trade paper of the Great West. The circulation of THE COMMERCIAL in British Columbia is already large, and the steady increase of its business connections in the Pacific province, rendered it advisable to have a permanent representative of the journal on the spot, instead of endeavoring to keep in touch with the people by an occasional visit of a member of the staff to the province. It was, therefore resolved upon, at the time of the visit of the publisher of this journal to British Columbia last summer, to make this departure, as it was evident that the importance of British Columbia, with its rapid development, required closer attention than could be given from the distance of the head office, or from an occasional visit. In order to do full justice to the province, it was also necessary to have a regular member of THE COMMERCIAL staff on the spot, who would be ever in touch with the business men of the province, and therefore competent to speak with authority upon matters affecting the interests of the country. It is further hoped that this move on the part of THE COMMERCIAL will do much toward encouraging the extension of trade between the great prairie region and the Pacific province.

Manitoba.

Wilkins & Andrews, tailors, Winnipeg, have moved to Brandon.

N. H. Jackson, drugs, Winnipeg; stock to be sold on 2nd January.

W. H. and George Hastings, of the Keewatin mill, were in the city last week.

Winnipeg Merchant Tailor Co., Winnipeg, succeeded by H. H. Smith & Co.

Manitoba Clothing Twice and Cordage Co., Winnipeg, applying for incorporation.

Mrs. Marie Robert, dry goods, etc., St. Boniface, stock sold to T. Finklestine at 46c on the dollar.

Baunfield & McKiechan, dry goods, etc., Winnipeg, advertise business for sale by tender to Feb. 1st, 1892.

Jas. Turner, of Turner, McKeand & Co., returned recently from a trip to Edmonton, where he had been to attend the funeral of his brother John Turner, rancher, of that place.

W. C. Woods, formerly of the biscuit manufacturing firm of Woods & Co., Winnipeg, has returned to the city for the purpose of again opening the biscuit factory which has been closed for some years.

The Winnipeg city council has accepted an offer from James Ross, of Montreal, and Wm. McKeuzie, of Toronto, to establish an electric railway system in this city. Franchise for thirty-five years has been granted the proposed company.

Geo. Morton, who has been doing business at Boissevain as a merchant, grain dealer and farmer, died on Sunday last after a short illness, at the age of 70 years. Mr. Morton was well known in Winnipeg, as well as in his own district.

It is the Hamilton Provident & Loan Society which has opened an agency at Brandon, and not "Savings" society, as reported. A. F. Sutherland is in charge, as general agent for

Manitoba, the Brandon office being headquarters for this province.

Mr. Mutton, butcher, of Elkhorn, had a very fine Christmas show of meat including beeves, sheep, dairy fed pork, venison and poultry. Among the beeves was a steer 3 years and 4 months old, raised by John Mc Turk of Two Creek, weighing 2,500 lbs, and which dressed 1,030 lbs, also a 12 months wether raised by Carr Ellison, of Pipestone, weighing 130 lbs dressed. This Mr. Mutton thinks is second to none in Manitoba, and speaks well for his district as a stock-raising section.

C. H. Cranston, who has been connected with the Winnipeg drug trade for a number of years, and who has recently been travelling for a local wholesale drug house, has been appointed western representative for Lyman, Knox & Co., wholesale druggs, of Montreal, in place of Mr. Wyano, the latter gentleman having vacated the position to take an interest with Mr. Bole in the wholesale drug house of Dawson, Bole & Co. Mr. Cranston will make his headquarters at Winnipeg, and will have charge of the territory through to the coast. He is a young man of pleasant address, and will no doubt be well received by the trade.

If an old man only know as much as a young one thinks he does, how this old globe would whirl.

There is no particular harm in riding a hobby, if you do not take up the whole road with it.

Don't pray too long in church on a cold day if your horse is standing outside in the storm without a blanket.

The winding up of the affairs of the Federal Bank of Canada is more satisfactory than was at one time expected, as the shareholders will get 50 cents on the dollar.

In France the growing wheat crop is said to furnish a gratifying promise. In Hungary, weather favorable for field work, which is very satisfactorily advanced, and the general position assuring.

The beet sugar factories in California have closed for the season; the total production of three of them was 8,070,138 pounds, and the bounty on this approximates \$161,400. This is not much, but succeeding years will doubtless greatly enlarge it.

THE Montreal Wholesale Grocers' Association held their annual meeting recently when the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Geo. Childs; vice-president, Chas. P. Hebert; treasurer, D. T. Tees. Directors: Chas. Chaput, W. W. Lockerby and J. C. Rose. Committee of Arbitration: Arthur Birks, D. C. Brosseau, Wm. Kinloch, E. Laporte and H. Regan.

A Montreal paper says: "Owing to the large quantities of hogs that have still to be marketed for winter packing both in the United States and Canada, the prospects are not encouraging for high prices of hog products. The season for marketing hogs in Canada has been the worst on record, owing to the continued mild weather. Prices of dressed hogs in this market have ruled unusually low, sales of car lots having transpired at \$5.50 per 100 pounds, and prices range from \$5.50 to \$5.60. The receipts for the five days of the week were 8,200 head, which are the heaviest this season.