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## Manitoba.

Minnie Zickrick, general store, Ninga, has assigned.

D. Laird is erecting a livery and sale stable at Souris.

W. F. Doll, of Winnipeg, arrived from the east last week.

Manitoba Dry Goods Syndicate, Winnipeg; assigned to John Ferguson.

G. H. Rodgers & Co., of Winnipeg, advertises giving up their branch business at Arden.

Boissevain merchants have adopted the early closing system, in which they have done wisely.

H. Hodges & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, have sold out their branch business to W. H. Maclean.

Jopling & Johnston, hotel, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, style now Jopling & Romanow.

Edward Drewry, proprietor of the Redwood brewery of Winnipeg, is paying a visit to the Pacific coast.

The Northwestern hotel, Neepawa, has changed hands, Simpson retiring and B. Lyons takes his place.

Gingrow, tailor, recently with Shultz & Hansen, of Morden will open business for himself in St. Boniface.

Frank Boisseau, of the Grand View hotel, Braddon, left recently for New York for treatment with Dr. Koch's lymph.

Parties either in Manitoba or the east, who ship produce to British Columbia markets, should read carefully our British Columbia letter, which appeared in THE COMMERCIAL of Feb. 9.

D. C. McLellan, saddler, of Prince Albert, Sask., and member of the town council, was in Winnipeg last week and gave THE COMMERCIAL a call.

Dr. Stoyte has had men busy for some time getting out stone for the foundation of the new block he intends erecting in the spring at Souris.

T. H. Pentland and W. A. Baldwin, general merchants, Holland, trading under the style of T. H. Pentland & Co., have assigned to Kenneth Mackenzie, of Winnipeg.

The legal gentlemen of Winnipeg propose holding a dinner before the meeting of the Legislature. It is proposed to make this dinner an annual re-union of the Winnipeg bar.

R. Smith, a well known hotel keeper, has purchased the Whelan house, Winnipeg. It will hereafter be known as the Manor house. It will now be conducted as a first class house.

The Portage Review says: The various implement firms in the east that are embarrassed have some of their men rustling among the farmers here in order to satisfy the demands of the banks.

Gen. Supt. White of the C. P. R., returned last week from a jaunt through Colorado, California, Washington, and other states. On the way home he visited the cities on Puget Sound and some of the interior cities along the line of the Northern Pacific railway.

J. Gregor, of Gregor Bros, wholesale jewelers, Winnipeg, who went east on a purchasing trip a short time ago, has returned. He visited the principal jewelry centres in the United States, and made purchases of spring stock, a special feature of which is a large line of emblems, in pins, buttons, rings, etc.

The special number of THE COMMERCIAL issued early last week, shortly after our regular issue of Feb. 9., contained the only complete report published of the annual meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade. The report of the council and the address of the retiring president were given in full. Also a list of the members of the board to date.

Speaker Winram, of the Manitoba legislature, died last week, at his home near Manitou. Mr. Winram has been a long time in public life in Manitoba, and his honest and unassuming manner made him probably the most popular man with both sides of the house, in the legislature. He had not been in good health for some time, and his demise will be a matter of general regret among his large circle of friends in public and private life.

Scott & Leslie, furniture dealers, Winnipeg, recently received a letter from England, from a prospective settler in Manitoba, asking if it were advisable to bring furniture along with them? This is an important question, which may be answered by saying, that as a rule it is not advisable to bring much furniture or other effects of this nature, if they can be disposed of before leaving to advantage. Freight and breakages sometimes amount to more than the difference in the cost of the goods here.

The Union Bank of Canada has given another evidence of its desire and ability to take a prominent place in the commercial interests of the west. The bank has opened a branch at Boissevain, an active little town on the Deloraine branch of the Canadian Pacific. F. W. Crispo has been placed in charge of the new field. This gentleman comes from Ontario,

where he has been in the service of the bank as manager of its branch at Alexandria. With this previous experience he will be competent to handle the business of Boissevain and district to the best advantage.

E. S. White & Co., of Carberry, have purchased the general stock of the estate of Geo. McCuaig, Medicine Hat, and will continue the business. They are putting in a new stock.

The question most energetically discussed at the recent annual meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade, was the infamous postal facilities afforded to a large section of Manitoba. The board has taken action on this matter before, and it proposes to follow it up until remedied. The supreme contempt shown for the interests of many important districts in the west, in the matter of affording reasonable mail accommodation, is the greatest grievance the people have at the present time against the Dominion government. THE COMMERCIAL has written as strongly as possible upon the subject on different occasions. The government has certainly acted unwisely in not remedying these grievances before dissolving Parliament, as the situation in central southern Manitoba and at Emerson and other points, in the matter of mail accommodation, is calculated to so exasperate the people as to lead them to overlook other questions and vote against the government.

Notice is given in the last official *Manitoba Gazette*, that an application will be made at the next session of the legislative assembly, by the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association, for an act to continue and increase the powers of said association; to authorize an increase in the number of directors thereof; to admit to membership without subscription for or payment on the stock, delegates from other societies or corporations organized for the promotion of agriculture, stock raising, dairy, art or other forms of industry; to enable said association to lease, purchase or acquire lands for the purposes of the association; to enter into all necessary contracts to make the association exhibitions valuable and attractive; to charge admission fees and fees upon entries for competition; to receive and collect subscriptions to the prize list and the guarantee or other fund established for the prize list or for the purposes of the association; also power to increase the capital stock and for other purposes.

A. Clearihue, of J. & A. Clearihue, wholesale fruits, produce and commission merchants, Victoria, B. C., dropped in on THE COMMERCIAL last week. Mr. Clearihue has been on a visit to his old home in Quebec, and on his return is transacting business at Manitoba points. The firm of which he is a member was the first British Columbia house to advertise in THE COMMERCIAL, and the card has appeared continuously in this journal since. The firm does a large trade in Manitoba produce, and they are well satisfied with the result of their advertisement in this paper which has now been continued for years. Mr. Clearihue reports business brisk in British Columbia. He states that \$2,000,000 were expended in buildings in Victoria last year, and still buildings for rent are scarce. As soon as the foundation is laid for a new building, there are applicants to rent it. Population is increasing fast and a year of general progress is the outlook for 1891. A new sewerage system has been started at Victoria, which alone will cause a large expenditure this year.