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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 12, 1891.

Manitoba.

B. M. K. Gunn, has opened a butcher shop at Selkirk.

Hillstorm & Carlson have opened a woodyard at Brandon.

The partnership existing as Hughes and Atkinson, Souris, has been declared terminated.

J. Burke, of Morris, has built a store at Rosenfeld, and is filling it with general merchandise.

C. M. Farney, of Winnipeg, will open business in books, stationery and toys, at Calgary.

The city of Brandon is written up and illustrated in last Saturday's issue of the *Toronto Globe*.

John G. Stacey, formerly in business at Frankville, Ont., has opened up a general store at Crystal City.

Barchill and Howey have shipped a car of live hogs, which were purchased in the Brandon district, to Vancouver, B. C.

R. Davidson and J. Gray will open in the flour and feed business at Brandon, under the firm name of Davidson & Gray.

H. L. Langelier has been appointed western agent for Matthews, Towers & Co., Montreal, gents' furnishing house, and is now on the ground with his samples.

The frost of October 6 was the first of the season to blacken tender plants such as balsams, nasturtians, tomatoes, etc., in many of the gardens in Winnipeg.

A. Galbraith has closed up his fruit and confection business at Portage la Prairie, and has formed a partnership with J. W. Draper. The new firm will do business in musical instruments and sewing machines.

Thomas Baker, one of Moose Jaw's merchants, spent the Exhibition week and a portion of last week around his former haunts in Winnipeg. He reports the crop good and the business prospect bright at that place.

The Deloraine branch of the Canadian Pacific will be extended from its present terminus at Deloraine, to Napinka, where connection will be made with the Souris branch. Work was commenced on the extension last week.

The lowest temperature registered at Winnipeg, according to the official report, for the week ended October 3, was 31 05, on October 3. The total rainfall for September was 1.21 inches. Same month last year 3 06 inches.

Tom Dexter, representing Howland, Sons & Co., wholesale hardware merchants, of Toronto, started east on his way home, finishing up a very successful three months' journey in Manitoba, the Territories, and British Columbia.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating Wm. Logie, William Rogers, James Henderson, John Stinson, John Anderson and S. J. Thorp-son, all of Carberry, under the name of "The Carberry News Printing Publishing Company, Limited."

The total attendance at the Winnipeg Industrial was about 20,000 people, which is not bad, considering the disagreeable weather which prevailed most of exhibition week. The receipts from entrance fees for exhibits were very greatly in excess of previous expectations.

G. H. Campbell, immigration agent at Winnipeg, received a telegram last week from Aberdeen, South Dakota, advising him that six car loads of settlers with their effects and 120 head of stock had left for Winnipeg, to settle in western Canada. They will locate at Yorkton.

J. M. Robinson, Robert C. Lipsett, Eliza Robinson and George Thomas Lipsett, all of Brandon, and William J. Robinson, of Portage la Prairie, are seeking incorporation as "The Brandon Times Publishing Company, Limited." The amount of capital stock is to be \$20,000.

The receipts of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition association were \$5,750, from the following sources: Gate receipts, \$4,301.00; grand stand, \$250.40; dog show, \$419.20; Little World show, \$778.50. Notwithstanding the bad weather the gate receipts were larger than the estimate.

One thousand men, says the *Winnipeg Free Press*, are wanted for railroad and other work in this country. Three hundred can be placed on the railway between Winnipeg and Port Arthur, and 200 on the Souris extension. It is said that labor was never so scarce in this country as it is to-day.

Ernest Taaffe, formerly in the clothing business at Lethbridge, Alberta, who was compelled to give up retail business owing mainly to partial loss of hearing, and take to the road in hopes of a cure, is now in Winnipeg with samples, representing Glover & Brais, gents' furnishings, Montreal.

Almost every train from the south brings

settlers from Dakota, with their effects to settle in Manitoba. A regular boom is setting in, in emigration from Dakota to Canada. Quite a number of car loads of settlers and effects arrived at Winnipeg last week. Next spring the movement will probably be larger.

Mr. Melhenger, a coal mining expert of Reynoldsville, Pa., arrived at Winnipeg on Monday. He has been sent by the Dominion Coal Company to their coal mines at the Souris coal fields. He left for the Souris Tuesday in company with Major Walsh for the purpose of carrying out his work. The place decided on by Mr. Melhenger for the mines will be the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Souris branch railway for the present.

The new Winnipeg wholesale house of Redmond, Greenleese & Co., has secured premises in the Gerrie block, Princess street, and the apartments are being fitted up as rapidly as possible. The business will be confined to hats, caps and fur goods. The firm will have ample room in the Gerrie block, where they have four floors and basement. The first consignment of goods was received last week. Mr. Redmond, of the firm, is now in the far west with spring samples, and F. H. Lyons, a well known western traveller, has been engaged by the house, and is also out with samples. Messrs. Redmond and Greenleese are both well known to the trade in the west, and they will doubtless soon come to the front.

A correspondent writes: Speaking of Melita, one must see the town to appreciate what has been done. Where half a dozen houses composed the town six weeks ago, now stand over three hundred buildings, and dozens of others in course of erection. From morning to night one is deafened by the crashing of saws and the pounding of hammers. All is push and hustle. Everyone you meet is happy and jolly. Property is being bought up with wonderful rapidity, and everything points to the rise in the long neglected Souris district of a large and prosperous town. Two elevators are receiving grain, and another is in course of erection. The wheat coming in is the finest your correspondent has seen. No. 1 hard is the rule and nothing lower than No. 2 has yet been offered. The yield in this district is simply enormous, and as a consequence peace and good will dwell in the hearts of the happy people of this grand Souris river country.

A meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association was held last week for the purpose of hearing a proposal for the amalgamation of the above-named association with the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada. There were present M. R. O'Loughlin, J. O'Loughlin, Rublee, Chiccott, Church, Gillespie, M. H. Miller, H. Miller, and H. Bedlington, the latter a delegate from the C. T. A. C. Mr. Bedlington presented the basis of the proposed union. He stated that the C. T. A. C. would credit the Northwest Association with three times the amount of insurance the N. W. A. now holds, subject to a reduction of ten per cent. per year. In addition to this they would credit the N. W. A. with \$120 per year. The question was very fully discussed, after which Mr. Bedlington withdrew, and the representatives of the N. W. A. considered the proposal and decided, so it is understood, to lay the scheme before the next annual meeting of the association.