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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 4, 1884.

R. STRACHAN is retiring from the Arctic Ice Co., Winnipeg.

KILPATRICK & AMITT, contractors, Winnipeg, have dissolved.

CROSS & CHESHOLM, hotel keepers, Port Arthur, are reported away.

A post office has been opened at Saskatoon and also at Canmore in the Rockies.

John Woltz & Co., wholesale jeweller, Winnipeg, have removed to New Orleans.

THE Cochrane Ranch Co. has gone into sheep raising and have lately purchased 8,000 sheep.

SNOWDEN & Co., hardware merchants, Winnipeg, have announced their intention of giving up business.

It is the intention of the Northwest Cattle Raising Co. to increase its capital from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

A NUMBER of miners have been sent out to Gold Island in Yellow Girl Bay by Mr. Strohn, the manager of the company. It is their intention to commence operations at once.

ST. PAUL and Minneapolis will be connected in a short time by an elevated railroad which will be run by electricity.

RIVER navigation is now about over for this season and the different steamers are making for their winter quarters.

FIFTY-NINE miles of road has lately been taken over from the contractors by the C. P. R. between Sudbury and Pagawassing.

MCDONALD & NEVINS of the Rossin House, Portage la Prairie, have advertised their intention of dissolving partnership on November 21st.

A REGULAR mail car has been placed on the M. & N. W. railway this week which will prove a great boon to postmasters west of Portage la Prairie.

THE first load of silver ore has arrived at Port Arthur from the Twin City mine. The Silver Mountain finds are attracting a great deal of attention.

THE Brandon Assize Court opens to-day, Mr. Justice Taylor presiding. The docket is not a heavy one although embracing a few serious criminal charges.

THE lines between St. Paul and Chicago have fixed their grain rate for the coming winter at 13c per 100 lbs. General freight rates will be the same as were in force last spring.

THE change to snow all over Manitoba has hastened many farmers to hauling their grain to market. Railways will undoubtedly be over crowded with freight in consequence.

THE Ogilvie elevator at Minnedosa is in running order. Grain is being taken in at Johnstone, Roche & Co.'s elevator; it is not quite finished yet but is expected to be in the course of a week.

LOOK at these grain figures of Duluth. The wheat receipts for September and October were 6,527,000 bushels and the shipments 9,535,000. Still it is only a few years since the wheat trade of Duluth was less than that of Winnipeg now.

WHILE some people may regret the early advent of winters snow, it must be borne in mind that it has put a sudden stop to the numerous prairie fires which have brought so much destruction of late.

THE promoters of the Portage la Prairie Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company have received their warrant from the Local Government constituting them a company. They will hold their first meeting on the 11th for the election of directors.

MAYOR McDONALD, of Portage la Prairie, visited Winnipeg last week in order to raise funds for the building of the county buildings of Beautiful Plains. He did not succeed as financial houses here held that a judicial board has no power to borrow money.

As Mayor Logan has now retired from the mayoralty contest it would be folly for any man now to oppose Mr. Hamilton. The Citizens' Ticket will probably meet with very little opposition when it comes to the polls as the citizens generally are well satisfied with the action of the Board of Trade and its results.

THE statement of Woltz Bros., jewellers, of Toronto, made by the trustee, shows a deficiency of \$32,000. The head of the firm attributes his failure to indorsing for his brother John Woltz of this city, whose total liabilities, however did not exceed the figures of the above deficit. Mr. Woltz has evidently taken his cue from the general manager of the Merchants' bank and saddled Manitoba with all his misfortunes.

STATEMENT showing value of goods imported and entered for consumption during the month of October, 1884, compared with the same month 1883.

DESCRIPTION.	VALUE.	
	1883.	1884.
Goods imported, dutiable.	\$197,051	\$225,443
" " free....	17,588	26,120
Total imported	214,639	251,563
Goods entered for consumption, dutiable and free	215,616	253,928
Canadian goods passing through the United States	218,468	198,035
Goods exported	154,101	300,235

The duty collected on the above goods entered for consumption during October, 1884, was \$55,802.62, and was \$50,884.82 for the same month, 1883.