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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 9, 1895.

Manitoba.

J. S. McCracken, late of Peterborough, Ont., has opened a harness shop at Brandon.

J. F. Galbraith, a former editor of the paper, has purchased the Morden Monitor plant, and will shortly take possession of the paper.

J. E. Birch, hardware, Austin, has sold out to John Stinson.

In the case of the Queen vs. John D. Douglas for fraudulent assignment, the grand jury at Winnipeg, has presented a true bill.

Two further arrests have been made in connection with the Andrew's jewelry store burglary in Winnipeg. The parties are Michael and Tony Egan. A large quantity of the missing goods were found in their possession.

A largely attended meeting of the Winnipeg Retail Association was held Wednesday night when the committee appointed to make arrangements for a banquet and a business men's excursion to Montreal and Quebec, reported satisfactory progress. The banquet is to be held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Hotel LeLand. The committee on early closing made an encouraging report, and were instructed to continue their efforts.

Assiniboia.

McNeice & Barrows, general merchants of Regina and Lumsden, have sold out their Regina business to Dawson & Co.

R. Downey has opened business in fruit and confectionery at Oxbow.

G. B. Ryan & Co., dry goods, etc., Regina, have opened a branch at Indian Head.

Alberta.

D. E. Stewart, general storekeeper, Lacombe, has assigned.

The Edmonton board of trade has appointed a committee to consider the question of freight rates to the Kootenay country.

Boring for oil has been carried to a depth of 1100 feet at Athabasca Landing, north of Edmonton. The outfit will be moved 100 miles further north, in the spring, to Pelican rapids.

Jackson & Grierson, of the Queen's hotel, Edmonton, have purchased the Alberta from L. Kelly, and will move to the latter building.

BARLEY.

Since the new crop began to move in Manitoba, hardly a car load of barley has been offered anywhere in the country. This is as it should be. At present prices farmers should keep all their barley for feeding at their farms, as they can feed it to far better advantage than to sell it. It will prove far more profitable to them to market their barley in the form of pork, beef, poultry, eggs, butter, etc., than to sell it at present prices. Barley is not worth more than 12 to 15 cents per bushel to farmers, at Manitoba points, to ship east, on the basis of present values in eastern Canada markets. It would never pay Manitoba farmers to sell their barley for any such money, when we consider the value of grain for feeding purposes. There is hardly a farmer in the country who would not have some live stock to fatten, or milking cows to keep up, and this is the purpose to which he should put his barley. If there be any who have any quantity of barley and no stock to feed (a very peculiar and unprofitable situation for a farmer) it would be profitable for them to buy some stock for feeding, so as to be in a position to dispose of their grain properly.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The members of the Montreal Butter and Cheese association met recently and appointed a committee to draft a circular to be sent the cheese factorymen throughout the country, advising them strongly to discontinue the make of November cheese.

At Woodstock, Ont., on October 28, there were no sales. Ten cents was offered for a few lots of September, but October cheese was not quoted. This shows a considerable decline in the views of buyers.

The government dairy station at Prince Albert turned out 27,108 lbs of butter this season and the Indian Head station 32,322 lbs.

J. H. McConnell has purchased the creamery building, at Hamiota, Man., from Mr. Bousfield, who has taken the plant and machinery of the creamery to Brandon, where it will be placed in Whitlaw's brick block and operated during the winter. It is the intention to have cream shipped in by train from different points. It is the intention of Mr. McConnell to build and have all ready for operation by the beginning of next season a first-class creamery fully equipped with the best machinery obtainable.

Grain and Milling Notes.

Owing to the decline in oats in the east, oatmeal was 5 to 10c lower the first of the week.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. has booked another order for Australia for 5,000 barrels (500 tons) of Manitoba flour. It will be shipped from the company's Portage la Prairie mill.

Oats declined another 1/2c at Montreal, on October 30, to 25 to 27c.

Malting barley advanced 1c at Montreal on October 30, to 45 to 46c.

Robt. Muir, of Winnipeg, grain dealer and miller, has been appointed a member of the board which meets annually at Montreal in connection with the flour grades.

New wheat crop of Argentine is now offered for spring shipment, but is held at higher prices than formerly.

The Montreal Gazette of October 31, says: "In the flour market there has been some shading in the price for Ontario straight roller, and sales are reported at \$1.40 to \$1.65, which is a decline of 10c per barrel. The demand for Manitoba grades continues fair and millers in some cases state that they are largely oversold, consequently prices are firmly held."

The total receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1st to date are 19,036,641 bushels, against 16,159,841 bushels in 1895 and 25,180,582 bushels in 1891. The total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since August 1st, the beginning of the crop year foot up as follows: Minneapolis, 24,427,100 bushels; Duluth, 23,408,700 bushels; Chicago, 11,124,111 bushels; Milwaukee, 4,074,460 bushels; making a total of 63,034,481 bushels, against 62,316,542 bushels, during the same time last year and 55,225,819 bushels in 1891.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Oct. 28, 1895.	Nov. 1, 1895.
Flour, straight spring	\$3.90 to \$4.25	\$3.00 to \$3.40
Flour, straight winter	\$4.10 to \$4.20	\$3.00 to \$3.50
Wheat, No. 2 red	83c	69c
Com, No. 2 mixed	30c	37c
Oats, No. 2	22c	24c
Rye, No. 2, Western	46c	47c
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	47c	50c
Cotton, mid. upld.	7 15-16c	00
Print cloths, 64x64	2c	3c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X	17c	17 1/2 to 18c
Wool, No. 1 comb.	20 to 22c	22 to 23c
Pork, mess new	9.50 to 9.00	\$9.75 to 10.25
Lard, westn., stm.	4.00	\$3.05
Butter, creamery	20c	23c
Cheese, ch. east fr.	1 1/2c	10 1/2c
Sugar, centrif., 90°	31c	34c
Sugar, granulated	41c	46c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	11 1/2c	16c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	\$1.18	1.20 1/2
Petroleum, rid. gal.	7c	7.10
*Iron, Bess. pg.	\$11.25	\$13.75 to \$14.50
*Steel billets, ton	\$20.25	\$21.00
Ocean Steam Freights—		
Grain, Liverpool	5 1/2d	2 1/2d
Cotton	39c	7-01d
	* Pittsburgh.	

There was a stronger feeling in the egg market at Montreal on Monday for choice candled stock, and prices advanced 1/2c per dozen to 18 to 20c for new laid and 14 to 14 1/2c for choice candled.

It is rumored that a company is likely to be formed to erect a line of cold storage warehouses between Montreal and Winnipeg and possibly as far west as Calgary. It is said assistance will be asked from the Federal government.

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