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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 29, 1890.

Manitoba.

Tea trains were passing through on the C. P. R. last week.

Edward Arthur Stanley & Co., are opening a general store at Virden.

L. Mitchell, fruits, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out to A. C. McColl.

Noble, of the Northern Pacific hotel, Greenway station, has sold out to Carbonneau.

Potatoes are being purchased all over the province for shipment to the United States.

A. Rea has bought out the Windsor hotel livery stables at Rapid City, from Wm. Basler.

W. A. Douglas, dealer in boots and shoes, Emerson, has assigned in trust to W. W. Unsworth.

R. Douglas, saddler, Deloraine, will open a branch shop at Hartney, with T. Marshman in charge.

Grading was commenced near Winnipeg last week, on this end of the Winnipeg & Duluth railway.

Capt. Mariton, of the Northern hotel, Winnipeg, will be succeeded by his son Edward and John McLaren.

The exhibition to be held at Clearwater has been postponed until October 16 and 17, owing to the late harvest.

W. R. Johnston, of W. R. Johnston & Co., manufacturers of clothing, Toronto, is doing the west in the interests of his house.

Cook, of Newdale, has shipped a couple of car loads of potatoes to the United States, paying 25 cents per bushel for them to the growers.

After the long spell of wet weather, it was almost a novel sight to see the watering carts out on Winnipeg streets again last week.

The estate of Alexander & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, amounting to about \$25,000, will be offered for sale by auction, on October 2, at a rate on the dollar.

The Western Woolen Manufacturing Co., of St. Boniface and Winnipeg, have admitted E. G. Johnston into partnership and changed style to "Western Woolen Co."

The Minnedosa Tribune says: "Nine car loads of cattle went east to Montreal for shipment to England. They belonged to Bell & Head, who have bought over \$30,000 worth on the line of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway this season.

The Minnedosa Tribune proposes that a car load of potatoes be sent to Ireland. It says: "If a consignment of Manitoba potatoes could be sent direct to the suffering Irish, it would, in addition to being a welcome relief, be a good emigration agent."

Major Stewart, of Ottawa, has refused to sign the contract for the erection of the new city hall and market building at Brandon and the contract has been let to the next lowest tenderer, F. Cope, of that place.

The manager of the experimental farm at Brandon will have exhibits from the farm at as many fall exhibitions as can be conveniently arranged for, so as to give the farmers an opportunity of seeing what is being done at the farm.

The general agency and commission business carried on at Brandon by the late E. Fitz-Bucke will be continued under the firm name of Horace W. Bucke & Co. H. W. Bucke, who is at present a solicitor in Glenboro, will be a partner in the firm.

The Rapid City Reporter complains of the poor mail accommodation afforded that place. There is no mail service on the Manitoba & Northwestern railway branch to Rapid City, and the only mail is by stage via Brandon. Rapid City should be entitled to a mail by the railway.

Another fall exhibition prize list comes to hand, this time from the Carman Standard office, giving in pamphlet form the premium list of the Dufferin Electoral Division Agricultural Society, which will hold its eleventh annual exhibition at Carman, on October 7 and 8.

The next regular half yearly examinations of the Pharmaceutical Association of Manitoba, will be held at Winnipeg, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 1st and 2nd of October next. The course of lectures for the season of 1890 and 1891 will commence at Winnipeg on the 1st of October.

While British Columbia papers are just now talking about big peaches and apples, Manitoba is revelling in mammoth vegetables. The Brandon Sun tells of a potato weighing five pounds, and at the Manitoba Government immigration offices in Winnipeg there is a cauliflower weighing fourteen pounds. At the same office there are thirty-two varieties of native grasses on exhibition, the tallest specimens being over ten feet.

Sir Hector Langevin, while in Winnipeg last week, was banqueted in the evening. The following day the Dominion Minister met a number of members of the Winnipeg board

of trade, in the rooms of the organization, and discussed such questions as the Hudson bay railway, improvements to the Red river, etc. Later Sir Hector met the city council, and again discussed these public questions, together with the Winnipeg water power enterprise. The discussions were of course informal and no definite promises were made.

The Brandon Sun of Thursday last reports large shipments of cattle by shippers of that place. Among the purchases mentioned were 100 head on the Manitoba Northwestern railway, for Montreal, by Russell & Ironside. The same firm also secured 200 head of steers in the Wapella and Whitewood districts. Shipments were to be made on Sept. 27 of both lots. Collins, McAdo and Howey are reported to have shipped fourteen cars to Montreal last week, consisting of beef cattle and milch cows. Richard Fowell shipped three cars, bought in the Neepawa district. Burchill & Howey expected to ship on Sept. 27 upwards of one hundred head of cattle, principally stockers, to the Montreal market.

Alberta.

A. Hughes & Co., drugs, National Park, have dissolved partnership.

F. Armstrong, livery, Calgary, has sold out to Wallik & Heberer.

It is reported that J. D. Quail, furniture, Macleod, has sold out to J. Pright.

Kettles & Lebelle, general merchants, Pincher Creek, have dissolved partnership; Chas. Kettles continues the business.

The Alberta Railway and Coal Company will increase the force of men in the mines at Lethbridge by at least 100 hands as soon as the railway through to Montana is completed, as it is the intention to ship coal largely to Montana.

The Macleod Gazette says: "W. H. Adams and E. K. Beeston, of the H. B. Co., Winnipeg, are in town. It is said that their visit is in connection with the proposed transfer of the business of I. G. Baker & Co. to the Hudson Bay Co."

The Edmonton Bulletin reports the first frost in that district on Aug. 15, and then only to touch low districts. The Bulletin sums up the crop for 1890 as follows: "The season of '90 was short, wet and warm. Most favorable to rank growth, but somewhat unfavorable for ripening in the ripening season. The average yield of all crops will be very high and the quality excellent except in the case of from 25 to 33 per cent. of the wheat crop which will be found somewhat damaged as to quality."

Northwestern Ontario.

A seizure of electric light plant at Port Arthur for undervaluation has been reported to the customs department.

The famous Badger mine, Port Arthur district, has over a hundred miners at work and it is said that they will work a hundred right through the winter.

The steel rails for the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway are arriving, and the track will be completed to Sand Lake by the winter.

S. McLeod has secured a monopoly for ten years of the right to light Prince Albert with electricity, and he proposes establishing electric light works shortly.