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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 25, 1890.

## Manitoba.

Hugh Steel, blacksmith, Minnedosa, has sold out.

E. B. Holland, fruit and confectionery, Brandon, has sold out.

Some new oats have been marketed at Brandon, and sold for 50 cents per bushel.

New oats have been marketed at several points and have brought about 50c per bushel.

The town of Gladstone has been reorganized and has elected a mayor and council by acclamation.

The plant of the Portage Electric Light Company has been seized by a customs officer for undervaluation.

The board of hide and leather examiners of the Winnipeg board of trade met recently and elected E. F. Hutchins chairman.

G. N. Gilchrist, tailor and gents furnishing, Brandon, has disposed of his gents' furnishings and ready-made clothing business.

The rate of taxation at Brandon has been fixed at 13.31 mills on the dollar. The total assessment of the city is \$2,231,692.

H. C. Ross, general merchant, Rapid City, has sold out to G. L. Stone. Mr. Ross will go into business at Hamiota where he will open a store and buy grain.

The voting at Brandon on the by-law to raise \$45,000 for the erection of a new central school took place on Monday last, resulting in the defeat of the by-law.

J. T. Somerville, of the late firm of Somerville, McKelvie & Co., dry goods, Brandon, has purchased the gents' furnishings, hats and for stock of G. N. Gilchrist, merchant tailor,

of the same place. He has also purchased a new stock of clothing and furnishings in eastern markets.

Application will be made for the incorporation of The Manitoba Wire Company, limited. Capital stock, \$50,000, in \$100 shares. The names of the applicants are: John Bedard, Archibald Chisholm, J. P. Buckle and T. S. Buckle, of Winnipeg, and John A. Chisholm, of Hastings County, Ontario.

At the annual meeting of the Manitou board of trade held recently the election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows:—President, Jas. Huston; vice-president, R. D. Foley; sec'y-treas, W. F. Ellis. Council—Messrs. Cruthers, DePencior, Ruttan, Gordon, Waldie, Kerr, McNamara, Stirton.

The Brandon Sun says: R. J. Whitla & Co. of Winnipeg have purchased the stock and goodwill of Somerville & McKelvie, dry goods merchants of this place. The latter named gentlemen have dissolved partnership. Mr. Somerville intends starting business again here in a short time and is now east on a purchasing tour.

A report from Selkirk states that the steamer Millie Howell and a barge, laden with fish, were caught in a storm on Lake Winnipeg and badly wrecked. About five thousand dollar's worth of fish were lost, belonging to the Selkirk Fish company. There were a number of passengers aboard the steamer, but all were saved.

The Masonic block being erected at Minnedosa will be a handsome addition to the buildings of that town. The building will be a stone structure, and the stone work will be completed about the first of September. S. Fairburn, who has the contract, is doing the work to the satisfaction of those interested.

A Portage la Prairie paper says that many of the farmers in that district have bought from one to three binders extra this year, over the number which they have previously used. They say that cutting the wheat rapidly will produce an even sample and prevent loss from shelling, and this will repay on a large crop for the extra machines.

Hon E. Dewdney, Minister of the Interior, has returned to Ottawa from his annual trip through Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia. He inspected the crops closely on his trip, which included some long drives, and reports everywhere finding crops excellent. One long drive was made across the country from Moosomin to Deloraine.

The Northern Lancet, published at Winnipeg, entered upon its fourth year with the July number. The publication will hereafter be known as *The Northern Lancet and Pharmacist*. It has been enlarged in size and the additional pages will be devoted to pharmacy, thus making it an interesting periodical for druggists as well as physicians. John F. Howard has taken an interest with the original publisher in the journal, and it will now be published by Pennefather & Co.

In an article on "The Fruit Crop," the Montreal Gazette, with all seriousness, says: "A leading fruit dealer who has returned from a trip through the country states that apples in Manitoba promise very light crop, and also that the same remarks apply to the growth of peaches, pears and plums through the different fruit sections in Ontario." Manitobans

will perhaps admit that the apple crop is a little short, but the Gazette had better make a note of the fact that we draw the line at apples. All our other crops are a big yield, and it would not be safe for the Gazette to intimate otherwise.

Brandon people are talking of organizing a local fire insurance company, on account of the high rates charged by the eastern companies. Discussing this move the Brandon Times says: "It is putting it mildly to say that the rates charged for insurance in Brandon are simply outrageous. There is not a city in Canada of its size that has as complete fire fighting appliances as has Brandon, and yet there is not another place of which we know that pays such high insurance rates." It is to be hoped that the Brandon people may succeed in this move. There really seems to be no good reason why western towns should be charged insurance rates greatly in excess of that charged in towns of the same class in Eastern Canada. Yet it is the practice of the eastern insurance companies to charge very much higher rates all over the west than in the east.

## Assiniboia.

R. and J. R. Campbell will start a store at Sinteluta.

I. Munson, of Bowmanville, Ont., has opened a butcher shop at Regina.

W. C. Asprey, fruits and confectionery, Regina, has sold out to J. W. Young.

Work has commenced on the ironing of the M. & N. W. railway, northwestward from Saltcoats to Yorkton.

Regina will not have waterworks just yet. The by-law to raise \$22,000 for waterworks and drainage has been defeated.

Voting on the by-law to raise a loan of \$10,000 for the purpose of providing a system of water works and fire protection appliances for the town of Moosejaw, will take place on August 30th.

The Bank of Montreal is calling for tenders for the erection of a new bank building at Regina, on the corner of Scarth street and Eleventh avenue. It will be solid brick, three and a half stories high, and will be a fine structure in every respect.

## Northwestern Ontario.

Port Arthur is working for an electric railway to connect it and the suburbs of East Fort William. The elevators and roundhouses there are only distant half a mile from its boundary.

A Port Arthur telegram says that arrangements have been made for the necessary funds to complete the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway to Gunflint Lake on the Minnesota boundary. Twenty miles are now ironed and thirty more ready for the rails which have been ordered from England, and it is a certainty that it will be completed by spring, and next season will witness some active iron mining on both sides of Gunflint Lake.

One of the most important deals ever consummated in the Port Arthur silver district has been closed. Elias F. Drake, of St. Paul, has bought from the West End Mining Company for one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, mining locations, r. 55, r. 56 and r. 57 in the silver mountain camp, known as the West End mine. The property consists of 240 acres with three-quarters of a mile of vein and a well developed mine. The mining force will be increased at once and a silver mill built when the railway reaches there next month.