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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 9, 1891.

Manitoba.

R. F. Greer has opened a drug store at Alexander.

J. Quinn, baker, Brandon, is adding groceries.

J. A. Palmer has opened a hardware store at Gladstone.

Dr. Lambertson, an Icelandic doctor, Winnipeg, is dead.

J. Symington, grocer, Brandon, has sold out to E. A. Wallace.

J. L. Blair & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, have moved their stock to Carberry.

A. Raymer, books and stationery, Portage la Prairie, is closing out and moving west.

W. G. Brown and Geo. H. Armitage, blacksmiths, Minnedosa, have amalgamated.

T. A. Gurland, of Portage la Prairie, shipped a car load of butter to Vancouver recently.

Manitoba has a lady cheesemaker, a Miss Drewry, who managed a factory the past season at Royal.

A. B. McLeod, implement agent, Brandon, has started in the implement business on his own behalf.

The stock of J. J. Shragge, Winnipeg, which was damaged by fire, was sold by the assignee, by auction, for \$500.

The Lake Winnipeg Fish Company are having a new engine built cast. It is for a new boat intended to ply on Lake Winnipeg.

James Palmer, blacksmith, Carman, has sold out to Emerson Woodruff. The former person will now open a general store at Carman.

THE COMMERCIAL stated last week that Chas. Skelding had opened out a stock of hardware at Virden. There was a typographical error in this, the store having been opened at Arden.

The transactions of the Government Savings Bank, Winnipeg, during October, were as follows: Deposits, \$17,585.00; withdrawals, \$20,256.35. Withdrawals exceed deposits by \$2,671.35.

Body & Noaks' linseed oil mill at Winnipeg, which has been out of raw material for some time, commenced running on new flax seed last Tuesday, two car lots having been received from Plum Coulee, Manitoba.

H. F. Maley, has opened a branch at Brandon in the insurance and general agency business. At the same place, Gray & Davidson, have opened a flour and feed store, and H. Bradford has opened in C. A. Bradford's old stand in groceries.

Robertson, Thompson & Co., commission merchants, Winnipeg, have been appointed western agents for the Barm yeast, a new preparation put up at Toronto. This firm is also introducing in this market a condensed mince meat, for mince pies, prepared by an eastern firm of manufacturers.

The work of grading on the Canadian Pacific railway branch between Deloraine and Napiaka has been suspended for the present, and contractor Dennison has moved his outfit to the Souris branch, the company being anxious to have the grading on the latter completed to the coal region before winter sets in.

A further sum of \$20,000 will be asked for permanent building improvements in the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition grounds, though the directors consider that \$30,000 is necessary to complete all the buildings required. But \$20,000 will be made to do for additions for next year, and the city will be asked to vote this amount.

W. Allen, (late Allen & Brown), pork packers Winnipeg, has brought in a car load of dressed hogs from Ontario, which he is curing at his packing house here. This is the first arrival of dressed hogs from the east this year. It is a great pity, with our immense crop of coarse grains, that Manitoba cannot supply its own requirements in this line.

Carveth & Co, Winnipeg, manufactured and sent out some samples of mince meat last year, with the intention of manufacturing on a more extensive scale should the commodity take well. Prospects appeared favorable, and they are now putting up quite a quantity of mince meat for this season's trade. The meat is put up in 25 pound pails, and is sold to the trade at 12c per pound. The house-wife may now have her mince pies, without going to the labor of preparing the mince.

The inland revenue collections during October for the Winnipeg division, were as follows:

Spirits.....	\$15,563 37
Malt.....	2,291 50
Tobacco.....	14,032 25
Cigars.....	609 00
Licenses.....	140 00
Petroleum.....	317 10
Other receipts.....	114 19
Total.....	\$33,373 01
October, 1890.....	26,334 10
Increase.....	\$7,038 91

A good deal of opposition has been raised against the system recently inaugurated in Winnipeg of numbering the streets, instead of using the old names. No doubt the change will be inconvenient at first for people who have long been used to the names, but nevertheless we believe the new system is infinitely preferable to the old one. If the citizens generally would endeavor to make use of the new system, the difficulties would soon pass away, and the great advantage of numbering the streets would soon become apparent. The new system, when understood, is in every sense more convenient than the old.

The arrest and conviction of Archibald Chisholm, manager of the Winnipeg Barb Wire Works, for a scandalous crime, will in no wise affect the continuance of this industry. The Winnipeg Wire Works has been a very prosperous industry for some years, and the stockholders, who are men of abundant capital and business energy, will continue the business without interruption. While Chisholm will languish in prison, the industry with which he was lately connected, will, it is expected, be more prosperous than ever. The stockholders have recently arranged to begin the manufacture of new lines, and the industry will be continued on a larger scale than heretofore.

The Virden Advance gives the following report of the losses by the recent fire in that town: "The damage will run up to \$50,000—probably more. Frame & Miller, building and stock, \$10,000; insured for \$4,500. Ramsay & Clingan, building and stock, \$15,000; stock insured for \$4,000. S. White, furniture of hotel, stable and several horses and cows, \$3,000; insured for \$500. John Cobb, Ottawa House, stable and store, \$3,000; insurance about \$1,400. Huston Bros., stable and contents, \$1,000; insured for \$350. McLelland, contents of dwelling house and leather stock, partly removed; no insurance. Koester & Son, flour and feed, \$600; no insurance. Sheans and Fisher, 8 horses; no insurance. Wilcox & Co., several thousand dollars damage to building and stock; insured for \$14,000. J. W. Higginbotham, damage to building and stock; covered by insurance. Stocks in most of the other stores, and fronts of the building east side of Nelson street, damaged by fire, water and removal. Mostly covered by insurance.

Northwest Ontario.

The estate of Moir & Mills, of Port Arthur, jewellers, insolvents, will be offered for sale by tender on Nov. 10.

Joseph Johnson, drugs, Rat Portage, has formed a partnership with F. W. Canniff, under style Canniff & Johnson.

A practice that should be abolished by country shippers is that of working low grades of packed butter into roll and packing them in with fresh-made roll, with the intention of palming it all off as fresh-made. The deception is always detected, and such lots are invariably sold at the same prices as low grades of packed command.

The crop of domestic onions is both large and fine, but there is other stock wanted for all that, says the Montreal Gazette. This led to a very satisfactory sale of a cargo lot of 70,000 crates of Spanish onions, which all found buyers at 75 to 80c a crate.