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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 11, 1897.

Manitoba.

Lynch & Badgoun, grocers, Winnipeg, are out of business.

Rogers Bros., general merchants, Treherne, are giving up business.

J. W. Platt & Co., general storekeepers, Greenway, have assigned.

Kilgour & Rimer, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, are applying for incorporation.

Rayner & Co., have purchased the marble works of J. A. Drysdale & Co., of Portage la Prairie.

The stock of Hoover & Co., general merchants, of Franklin, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, on January 9.

The legal firm of Sifton, Philp & Cameron, Brandon, has been dissolved. Hon. Clifford Sifton retires from the firm.

The Winnipeg Swedish newspaper has changed its name to "Canada," and it has been enlarged in size considerably.

The partnership existing between Wm. Crosby and B. J. McConnell, woolen manufacturers of Morden, has been dissolved.

Alex Stewart and R. H. Myers lawyers, of Minnedosa, have formed a partnership, under the firm name of Myers and Stewart.

H. N. Halpanny & Co., hardware merchants, Minnedosa, have the thanks of the Commercial for a copy of their handsome calendar.

The new by-law regulating dairies in Winnipeg, has met the same fate as its predecessor and has been quashed by Chief Justice Taylor, on appeal by the dairyman.

The factory of Emerson & Higue, tent manufacturers, etc., Winnipeg, was damaged by fire Thursday morning. The building was slightly damaged, but there was considerable damage to stock, which is covered by insurance.

Geo. H. Rodgers & Co., wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, have moved their stock from 217 McDermott avenue to the Cheapside block, Main street, where they will continue their jobbing trade.

J. A. Lindsay, who for several years has been connected with James Robertson & Co., wholesale hardware, Winnipeg, closed his engagement with that house at the end of the year, and has accepted a position with J. H. Ashdown, in the same line. He was presented with a watch, suitably engraved, and an address, by the employees of the

former house, as he was about to take his final leave of his position there.

James Mundie, an old and popular employee of John W. Peck & Co., wholesale clothing, Winnipeg, served his connection with that establishment at the end of the year, and has connected himself with the Sanford Manufacturing Co., of Winnipeg. Mr. Mundie was presented with a silver tea service by the employees of John W. Peck & Co., and was also entertained to a supper at a city restaurant, on New Year's eve.

Alberta.

Thos. Bellamy has opened a general store at Edmonton.

F. Bedard & Sons have started a tannery at South Edmonton.

From the official report on the efficiency of various coals used by United States war ships from 1893 to 1895 inclusive, prepared by the bureau of equipment, Washington, it appears that Canadian bituminous coal the product of the Canmore mines, led all others in point of percentage of fixed carbon, and also in the small quantity of ashes left after combustion. In the boiler tests of coal at New York and Navy Island navy yards the Canmore also led all competitors. This proves what has been claimed for the Canmore coal since its discovery, that it is one of the best steam coals in the world, if not the very best.

Northwestern Ontario.

The Rat Portage Trading Co. is opening business at Rat Portage, in general merchandise.

Though navigation closed early at Fort William on account of the severe weather in November, Lake Superior has been open practically all winter. A report from Port Arthur the other day says Thunder Bay is open as far as King's elevator, and fishermen have been working in the open bay.

Assiniboia.

Clarke's boarding house and confectionery and stationery stores at Yorkton, were burned down on Dec. 31. The inmates escaped in their night clothes. The stock and furniture are a total loss. The building was insured in the Commercial, and was owned by Mr. Thornton, of Rosslund, B.C.

British Columbia Trade Items.

Joseph Hillard, Victoria, grocer, is dead.

Kootenay Mercantile Co., Rosslund, has been incorporated.

The Sinclair Canning Co., New Westminster has been incorporated.

Northay & Jones Rosslund, publishers, have dissolved. W. H. Jones continues.

The stock of S. A. Cowley & Co., Chilliwack, hardware, has been sold to C. B. Reeves.

G. B. McDermott & Co., Golden and Windermere, general store, have and their Windermere business to C. C. McKay.

Bailey Bros. & Co., Vancouver and Kamloops, stationery, etc., are offering their Kamloops business for sale.

Gilker & Wells, Revelstoke and Nelson, general store, have dissolved. Gilker continues at Nelson and Wells at Revelstoke.

Seventeen vessels are loading in British Columbia against eleven last week.

The Inland Revenue returns for the year for Vancouver amount to \$133,469.31, an increase of \$27,000 over last year.

Two train loads of flour for Australia from the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. are being transferred to the trans-Pacific steamer.

Three hundred and thirty-six mining companies were incorporated during 1896, with a capitalization of about \$335,000,000. The lowest capitalization being that of the Quilly mine \$75, and the highest that of the Olive Mining and Smelting Co. \$29,000,000.

The salmon pack for 1897 for B. C. is 591,409 cases and for the entire coast 2,570,000 cases. The following is the pack since 1876:

	Cases.		Cases.
1876	9,817	1886	161,261
1877	67,387	1887	201,083
1878	113,601	1888	181,016
1879	61,093	1889	414,291
1880	61,819	1890	409,464
1881	177,274	1891	314,892
1882	255,061	1892	223,470
1883	193,292	1893	50,129
1884	111,212	1894	191,371
1885	108,517	1895	566,895
		1896	591,409

The output of treasure from the province in the shape of mine profits through all avenues is estimated at over 5,000,000.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19	Dec. 26	Jan. 2.
Extra Man. H'd	8	27	12	11	7
No. 1 hard	53	107	87	74	40
No. 2 hard	31	47	39	33	15
No. 3 hard	8	23	20	11	4
No. 1 North'n.	6	11	4	2	0
No. 2 North'n.	3	2	1	0	0
No. 3 North'n.	1	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 white type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	2	1	1	0	0
No. 2 Spring	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frost'd	17	12	14	1	6
No. 2 frost'd	16	16	14	4	4
No. 3 Frost'd	2	2	4	0	0
No. 1 Rejected	5	9	7	4	5
No. 2 Rejected	0	4	4	0	2
No Grade	2	2	2	3	3
Feed	1	0	2	0	0
Total	167	203	211	146	95
same week last year	233	251	357	332	133

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

Hardware Trade Notes.

A Toronto report says: "Nails have been reduced 15c. per keg; churns have advanced in price, a combination having been formed. A new association has also gone into effect in the matter of white lead, and prices are now 40c per 100 lbs. higher than last week. In metals, trade has been quiet, but prices are firm. The prospects for spring trade seem quite bright. Horse shoes have been reduced 25c per keg."

At London on December 28, the market for cattle was of a holiday character, and in consequence prices declined to per lb. Choice United States cattle sold at 11c and sheep at 10c.

At London, on January 4, there was a moderate advance in cattle, owing to an improved demand and smaller supplies, and prices for choice cattle advanced 3c per lb. as compared with that day week. Choice United States cattle sold at 11c, secondary at 10c and Argentines at 10c. The market for sheep was steady at 10c.