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**WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 16, 1889.**

J. COHEN, hotelkeeper, Vancouver, has assigned.

J. F. McFARLANE, baker, Vancouver, B. C., has sold out.

CARSON & COETTS, lumber, Miami, have dissolved partnership.

G. LACROIX, general storekeeper, Mats Yui, B. C., has assigned.

BOORNE & MAY, photographers, Calgary, have dissolved partnership.

E. J. COLLIER has opened a grocery and butcher shop at Regina.

A. F. ANDREWS, general store, Stockton, has sold out to R. McLachlan.

JOHN THOMPSON has been appointed agent at Ripid City, Man., for A. Harris Son & Co.

A. J. Osment is buying pork for packing at Indian Head, at 6½c per pound

F. E. BIRD, books and stationery, Winnipeg, has sold out to Geo. Douglas Rice

WALTON & POLLENER, liquors, Vancouver, B. C., contemplate giving up business.

J. T. WHEELER, boots and shoes, Glenboro, have opened a branch at Wawanesa, Man.

FERRIER, land roller and pump maker, Shoal Lake, has removed his business to Portage la Prairie.

McGREGOR, Man., wants a doctor. There is no physician within many miles of the settlement.

CLUTTERHAM & Co., hardware, Portage la Prairie, have sold out to H. S. Brown, a Toronto man.

E. H. IRISH, saddler, Birtle, Man., has assigned for the benefit of his creditors to W. N. Johnson, of Winnipeg.

THE engineers of the Regina & Long Lake railway have reached Prince Albert with their first trial line.

A CAR load of butter was shipped last week from Scott's creamery at Shoal Lake, Man., to British Columbia.

ABOUT 70,000 bushels of wheat have been marketed up to date at McGregor, Manitoba, so far on this crop.

CHERRY & CREECH, furniture and upholsters, Victoria, B. C., have suspended and the sheriff is in possession.

THE big pile of C. P. R. coal at Fort William is on fire from spontaneous combustion and it will be some days before it can be put out.

A. W. E. THOMPSON, furniture, Winnipeg, has giving up retail furniture business and contemplates going into the wholesale business.

A FIRE in the basement of J. L. Blair's dry goods store, Winnipeg, last week, did considerable damage to the stock, mostly from smoke.

THE Massey Manufacturing Company are erecting a large implement warehouse at Regina, under the supervision of C. J. McCascker, local agent.

IT is reported that E. L. Drewry, of the Redwood brewery, Winnipeg, will double the capacity of his establishment. Plant for this purpose has been ordered.

THE new hotel which has been erected at Carman, Manitoba, for Fred Starkey, late of the New Douglass house, Winnipeg, will be opened this week.

G. T. MARSH reports the sales of town lots in Regina this year made by him for the Town Site Trustees as amounting to \$50,000, against \$20,000 last year.

B STEELE and P. Woolley have made arrangements to go into the agricultural implement business at Deloraine and will handle F. Fairchild's goods.

OWING to the bad crops in Dakota, quite a number of people of that state are moving into Manitoba. Quite an influx from Dakota is expected in the spring, as a good many prospectors have been here looking for locations for parties of settlers who purpose leaving Dakota.

MANAGER McKAY, of the territorial experimental farm, Indian Head, Assa., says that last spring 15,000 forest trees were set out and many varieties of fruit trees, including apple, plum, cherry, pear, etc. Trees that were planted last year wintered well, but some of the fruit trees were killed by the spring frosts.

MAJOR BOULTON, of Shell River, Manitoba, has been appointed Senator to fill the place vacated by the appointment, some time ago, of Hon. Mr. Schultz to the position of Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. J. A. Loughhead, of Calgary, has also been appointed to the Senate in the place of the late Senator Hardisty, of Edmonton.

THE Calgary Tribune says: "The Midnapore woollen mill is fast approaching completion. The manager, W. H. Dyson, has now returned from the East, bringing with him all the necessary machinery for finishing all classes of woollen goods. The first lot of blanket will probably be ready in a week's time, followed by flannels, shirtings and tweeds in quick succession. It will now be possible to obtain in the district, woollen goods free from any admixture, made from wool of a very high class."

W. WIGNON, general agent for the Watson Manufacturing Company, visited Minnedosa, Man., recently, and appointed R. B. Rook agent for his Company.

W. R. BROCK, of the wholesale dry goods firm of W. R. Brock & Co., Toronto, was a visitor in the city last week. This is his first trip west since the year 1882, and he is pleased with the progress made since that time, and expresses his confidence in the future of the country.

THE board of trade of Macleod, Alberta, held its annual meeting recently and elected the following officers: President, D. W. Davis; 1st vice-president, F. W. G. Haultain; 2nd, H. Taylor; secretary-treasurer, D. J. Campbell; council of five, Messrs. Wood, Quail, Kennedy, J. Black and C. Craig. It was resolved to send a memorial to the Minister of the Interior, asking that no charter be granted for a railway through the Crow's Nest Pass, unless the said line shall pass through the town of Macleod.

THE option which the English syndicate had on the anthracite coal mines near Banff, expired last week, and the deal is off. The expert sent to examine the mine for the syndicate reported it is said that the distance of the property from centres of population was a great drawback, and until there was a larger population in the country the mine could not be worked to advantage on a large scale. It has been since reported that another offer has been made by the English syndicate, which is being considered. The offer is stated to be £175,000, whereas the sum first named was £300,000.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE Tribune, Dec. 11: The buyers on the wheat market are having a soft snap these days as the wheat is only coming in at the rate of a thousand bushels a day. The highest figure buyers will quote for No 1 hard is 75c, but it has to be an extra sample to fetch that price they say. From 65 to 70c seems to be the ruling price. Oats as usual are scarce and are quoted at 35 to 40c. Butter is quoted at 18 to 20c; eggs 25c; potatoes 75c; chickens 8c; turkeys 15c; geese 15c; beef dressed 4½ to 5c; dressed hogs 5 to 5½c; hides 2c; wood, dry poplar, \$3 per cord, oak \$4; hay \$6 to \$7 per ton.

ACCORDING to the Calgary Tribune, \$282,900 have been expended in improvements in that place this season. Some of the principal items in the list are as follows, Court house, \$38,000; Critchley's block, \$5,000; Catholic church, \$16,000; Alexander block, \$20,000; Alberta hotel, \$35,000; Methodist church, \$4,200; Loughhead's block, \$11,500; Bank of Montreal, \$25,000; Lineham's block, \$3,500; barracks, hospital and guard room, \$30,000; Eau Claire Lumber Company, \$40,000; Hodder's houses, \$5,500; steam laundry, \$850; A. Ross, cottage and stables, \$1,500; other residences, job work, \$20,000; market, \$1,000; sidewalks and street gradings, \$3 500; Calgary electric light, \$12,000; Telephone Company, \$400; McNaughton's block, \$1,500; agricultural society, \$5,500. The expenditure of the Eau Claire Lumber Company has been in putting in electric light plant and additional motive power. Real estate has also moved freely at Calgary. W. F. Ramsay, agent for the townsite trustees, has sold 502 lots, for over \$60,000, against sales equal to \$20,000 last year. Other real estate agents estimate their aggregate sales at \$160,000.