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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 12, 1880.

RAT PORTAGE is to have a telephone exchange.

FRED. GAW has opened in the liquor line at Morris, Man.

R. KERR has sold out his grocery business at Rapid City, Man.

D. ROBINSON is going into the flour and feed business at Portage la Prairie.

ALEX. BETHUNE invites tenders for the erection of a brick block at Manitou, Man.

TENDERS are asked for grading 80 miles of the Long Lake & Saskatchewan railway.

C. GALLAGHER has gone into partnership in the butcher business at Regina with Wm. M. Child.

The Watson Manufacturing Company will build a large implement warehouse at Neepawa, Manitoba.

The firm of J. J. Smith & Co., general merchants, Emerson, Man., is dissolved. Mr. Heffernan will continue the business.

BERNHART BROS., have purchased the Rossin House and the Woodstock Hotel, opposite the C.P.R. depot, Winnipeg, for \$13,500.

It is said work on the C. P. R. foundry, at Fort William, will be commenced shortly. The Company's engineers are laying out the grounds.

THE COMMERCIAL is issued a little earlier than usual this week to allow of all hands attending the Winnipeg newspaper men's annual picnic.

A PUBLIC meeting will be held in Pioneer hall, Winnipeg, on the evening of August 15th, to consider the matter of erecting a monument in the memory of the late Hon. John Norquay.

THE contract for building the stone foundation of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba depot and hotel at Winnipeg, has been let to J. W. Buchanan.

MR. BENNETT, of the Clarendon Hotel, Winnipeg, is sending out a number of photos. of his fine hotel, which will be quite an advertisement for the city.

Two engines are being fitted up in the C.P.R. shops here to be used in the construction of the Regina & Long Lake railway. A contract for 200,000 ties for the same road has been let to a Mr. McKenzie, and he has gone to Beaver Mouth, B. C., to cut them.

TRACKLAYING on the extension of the spur line of the Southwestern railway from Barnsley to Carman was completed last week. Carman will now become a good market town and as it is situated in a fine agricultural district, the place will no doubt commence to look up.

H. J. WOODSIDE, who for the last nine years has conducted a jewelry business in Portage la Prairie, has disposed of his business to Mc Cullagh & Rost, and will now devote his whole time to the interest of the *Liberal* newspaper, of which he has been managing editor for some months past.

J. DUNSMUIR, President of the Union Colliery, the new coal mining district at Comox, on Vancouver Island, has given orders against the introduction of liquors to the mines. A consignment of about thirty kegs which were sent to the colliery on the last trip of the *Isabel*, were returned in consequence of the mandate.

MACLEOD *Gazette*: I. G. Baker & Co., have imported a hide press from St. Louis, and during the past few days, it has been kept hard at work putting up hides for shipment east. The press is a very ingenious contrivance, and does its work efficiently. From fifteen to twenty hides are put in each bale, the bales weighing at out 600 lbs. each. The result of bailing the hides in this way is that the freight charges are very much reduced.

THE town of Minnedosa, Man., which was without municipal government for some time, owing to financial difficulties, has again renewed business under the terms of the act passed by the legislature. The nominations for mayor and town council took place recently and resulted as follows, all the elections being by acclamation: Mayor—James Jermyn; Councilors—T. A. Cuddy, John Robertson, Fairhair, J. K. Patton, P. J. McDermott, R. A. Cowan.

A. SMITH, provincial government immigration agent, is already arranging for an exhibition of Manitoba products through Ontario at the time of the fall shows. He invites farmers to send him by the first of September their best samples of wheat, oats, barley and rye, in sheaf and also threshed, and of vegetables of all kinds. Not only will the sending be without expense to the senders, as they have only to forward the products by express or otherwise, but farmers will be paid for the collections they send. Mr. Smith is determined to spare no effort to convince the down-easterners by ocular demonstration that Manitoba can raise crops in spite of drouth and gophers. He wants to make his exhibition car this year the best ever sent down, and he is confident that the thing can be done.

THE *Calgary Tribune* gives the following as ruling quotations at that place: Flour, Hungarian, per cwt. \$3.50; flour, S. bakers', \$3.30; gran. oatmeal, \$3.50 to \$4.00; cornmeal, \$3.50; wheat, per bush. \$1.20; oats, 60c to 68c; barley, 60c; hay, per ton, \$8.00 to \$9.00; potatoes, per bush., 40c to 60c; rhubarb, 5c; onions, 6c; beef, by side, 9c per lb; mutton, by carcass, 10c per lb.; fat Hogs, 9c per lb.; bacon, per lb., 15c to 18c.; eggs, new laid, per doz., 35c; butter, 20c to 25c; cheese, 15c to 18c.

THE Minister of the Interior has recently decided that the privilege of converting eighty-acre homestead and pre-emption entries into entries of 160 acres each may be extended to those persons who have had patents issued for their eighty-acre homesteads, or who have been recommended for patent, and have paid for their eighty-acre pre-emptions. The money paid for the eighty-acre pre-emption will be applied by the department on account of the additional quarter section the homesteader is entitled to.

THE *Saskatchewan* is the name of a new paper hailing from the rising town of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan Territory. The paper will be published by the Saskatchewan Printing & Publishing Company. Even without the advantages of railway communication the Prince Albert district has developed remarkably, and with the completion of the Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway likely at an early day, Prince Albert will no doubt take a front rank among our territorial towns.

At a political picnic held at Cartwright, last week, a member of the Manitoba Government announced definitely that the dual or sectarian school system would be done away with in this province. The Minister said: "The double-barrelled system must go. The two superintendents, the two boards and two sets of inspectors must go, and a Minister of Education will be appointed (a present minister taking the portfolio), who would administer the education department and be responsible to the people."

CARBERRY *News*: A meeting of the residents was held last Thursday evening to consider ways and means of providing fire protection for Carberry, and the advisability of becoming incorporated. After considerable discussion on the matter a committee was appointed to consider which would be the cheapest means of getting fire protection, and the meeting then adjourned until the following Wednesday. On Wednesday evening every member of the committee reported in favor of town incorporation, and it was decided that immediate steps be taken to have Carberry a town.

Regina Journal: The departure of F. J. Hunter from Regina to Montreal, was not allowed to pass by our citizens without a proper recognition. Mr. Hunter came to Regina at its very inception in December, 1882, and has filled the responsible position of manager of the Bank of Montreal since 1883. As he was to take his departure on Friday night last, a large gathering of citizens assembled at the Bank and presented him with an address and a beautiful gold watch. In the evening a farewell supper was tendered Mr. Hunter at the Windsor Hotel by his more intimate friends.