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CLEMENTS & DUNOCH, tailors, Winnipeg; style changed to Geo. Clements.

BLACKETT & WHITE, clothing store, Langley, B.C., contemplates giving up business.

LAFFERTY & MOORE are closing the branch banking business at Lethbridge, Alberta.

THE Northern Pacific railway will be completed into Brandon by the beginning of this week.

TIFFIN BROS., Montreal, wholesale tea merchants and grocers, on Thursday last suspended payment.

B. C. BONDY, has erected a shop in the new town of Miami, and has put in a stock of saddlery and harness.

THE Batoche correspondent of the Prince Albert Times says there is considerably more coming in this winter than last and a far better quality.

ANAREW WHITELAW, of Strome & Whitelaw, general merchants, Brandon, Man., is away to the Pacific coast with a carload of Manitoba butter and eggs.

J. E. WRIGHT has again opened up business as auctioneer and general commission merchant. This time he has made his stand at 551 Main street, Winnipeg.

THE Prince Albert Times has entered upon the eighth year of its existence. The paper notes a steady progress in that district since the inception of that journal in 1882.

A NORRIS has bought out the interest of Geo. Lee in the butcher business, hitherto carried on at Edmonton, Alberta, by Wilson & Lee. The new firm will henceforth be known as Wilson & Norris.

BRANDON Times:—A large quantity of material has arrived for the Souris branch, and Mr. Panser is pushing the work in order to have the road completed to Plum Creek this week.

CLUTTERHAM & Co. hardware, Portage la Prairie, Man., who last week were reported to have sold out to H. S. Brown, have since assigned for the benefit of their creditors. Some of the creditors objected to the sale.

AN Ottawa telegram of Friday last says: McLeod Stewart has sailed from New York for London, again taking with him the signed agreement for the transfer of the Banff anthracite coal mines. The affair has been brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

RAT PORTAGE is bound to have its reduction works. At a meeting held there recently it was agreed to take a certain amount of stock in a company to be organized for the purpose, in addition to the \$10,000 bonus formerly voted in aid of the scheme. A Chicago firm promises to put in the desired works.

A GREAT big bundle of paper reached this office last week, which on examination proved to be a copy of the *Manitoba Liberal* in its enlarged form. This paper is published at Portage la Prairie, and the evidence of solid prosperity which it gives is no doubt shared by the entire community of that place. The *Liberal* has been enlarged to an eight-page, sixty-four-column paper, and claims to be the largest paper, outside of Winnipeg, in the country.

THE Portage *Liberal* says: "We are very much pleased to learn that J. C. Paterson, of Paterson Bros., Toronto, Montreal and New York, has made arrangements to reopen the large paper mill here, having purchased the valuable plant and mill from McLenaghan & Co. The mill will be moved from its present site and operations begun at once. The new firm will manufacture a general line of building and wrapping paper. This is good news for the Portage.

AN Ottawa telegram says: Prof. Collins, a London mining expert, sent out by an English syndicate to report upon British Columbia as a field for mining operations, was here last week interviewing officials of the Interior Department. Collins has just returned from the Pacific coast, and he says the prospects in British Columbia are most encouraging. The syndicate for which he is acting will shortly commence washing for gold on Boston bar in the Fraser river.

DAWSON, BOLE & Co, the enterprising wholesale druggists and tobacconists, of Regina, are again out with their fourth annual Northwest Almanac. This almanac is prepared especially with regard to the climatic conditions of Western Canada, and contains astronomical information specially adapted to Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia. Dawson, Bole & Co's almanac has been a success from the start, and it may now be considered one of the institutions of the country.

A WHITEWOOD correspondent writes: "The first consignment of cans arrived by train yesterday and were taken ten miles south to the chicory manufacturing works of Count de Rofignac & Co. Their last year's crop yielded so well as to warrant them in erecting a building for the purpose of curing and pulverizing the root." Whitewood is a village on the C. P. railway main line, 250 miles west of Winnipeg. The successful cultivation of chicory in that

district is another indication of what may be accomplished on the prairies of Western Canada.

SATATISTICIANs claim that the total world's coinage of silver in every one of the past seven years has annually exceeded the entire world's production of silver for the year. The average annual production of silver for the past seven years has been below \$118,000,000. The yield of U. S. mines in 1888 was in excess of \$50,250,000, or over half the total product, whilst the entire yield of Europe does not equal \$10,000,000 per year. China and British India together absorb \$6,250,000 annually, while the industrial arts of Europe and the United States consume \$21,000,000, leaving only about \$33,000,000 for annual coinage.

THE Royal City Planing Mills Company saw mills and sash and door factories at New Westminster and Vancouver, B.C., and the Hastings Saw Mill Company, of Vancouver, are to be amalgamated. Notice has been given that application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly for an act to incorporate a company, to be called the "British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Co." for the purpose of acquiring the shares in the capital, and the business, property and privileges of the two companies named, and to provide for the same companies being merged therein and extinguished. The application also asks for powers to acquire by purchase or otherwise, and to maintain mills, factories, machine shops, steam and other vessels, railways, tramways, canals and ferries; to acquire and construct roads, dams, bridges, flumes, etc.; to acquire timber leases and other lands; to acquire gold, silver and other ores and minerals, logs, timber, lumber and merchandise, and to dispose of the same; to exercise and carry on the business of mill, timber and lumber merchants, manufacturers, wharfingers and carriers, and to conduct and carry on a shipping, towing and general trading business.

H. S. HOLT, contractor on the Regina & Long Lake railway, was in Winnipeg last week. To a *Sun* reporter he said that although it was late in the season when he took hold, the work was pushed with such vigor that 154 miles of road had been graded and 120 miles of track laid. This takes the grading up to Saskatoon, on the south branch of the Saskatchewan. Work has now stopped, and all the men paid off. The line has now been surveyed into Prince Albert. He says that work will be resumed next March and pushed with past vigor until the line is built into Prince Albert, and he is satisfied the work will be completed by the first of October. It could be done much sooner, only there is a big bridge to be built over the Saskatchewan river at Saskatoon, and this will take about two months. The material will be provided this winter, ties got out and rails forwarded, so that no possible delay can occur in the spring. The present contractors have nothing to do with equipping the road. That will be done by the C. P. R., which will also operate it. Mr. Holt says the settlers along the route and the people of Prince Albert are rejoiced over the construction of the road, and Prince Albert looks for a big boom when the line is opened. The country through which the line passes is a capital agricultural one. Over half a million dollars were spent on the work, and settlers were given all the employment they wanted, and all the produce they could furnish was readily purchased from them.