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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 8, 1885.

— STRATTON is building a blacksmith shop at Brandon.

J. H. FRASER, miller, Nelson, is building a mill at Morden.

SHUTE & BARRY, hotelkeepers, Port Arthur, have gone away.

E. W. NORTON fruit dealer, Port Arthur, has been closed by sheriff.

J. A. BROWN has opened a livery, feed and sale stable at Neepawa.

SUTTON, HALEY & LAFFERTY, bankers, Nelson, are giving up business.

HALEY & SUTTON, general storekeepers, Nelson, are removing to Morden.

BROWN BROS, tins and hardware dealers, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust.

W. A. ALLEN, liquor dealer, Manitou, contemplates moving to another point.

D. N. EMBRES, general storekeeper, Mountain City, is offering his business for sale.

OLE BRAND, hotel and storekeeper, Port Arthur, has sold out to Bowly & Blanchard.

J. T. CAREY, lumber dealer, Emerson and Manitou, is about to sell out his Manitou branch.

SHAW & MASTERMAN, commission and produce merchants, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust.

THE partnership existing between Quail & Scott, merchants, at MacLeod, has been dissolved.

J. D. HANNAFIN has commenced business at Prince Albert as commission merchant and auctioneer.

G. W. McLAREN, dealer in drugs and stationery, at Morden and Nelson, intends to close up his Nelson branch.

HENDERSON & HANSON, hotelkeepers, Port Arthur, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Hanson.

THE partnership existing between Cable & Cozens, carrying on business as ranchers, in the district of Alberta, has been dissolved.

HOWELL & SCARRY, Selkirk, have completed their beautiful little steamer the "Millie Howell," and intend using her during this fall, for conveying shooting and fishing parties to different parts of the lake.

THE partnership existing under the style of Millar and Campbell, carrying on business as hardware merchants, at Moosomin, has been dissolved. The business will in future be carried on by Millar, under the firm name of Millar & Co.

THE annual election of the officers of the Portage Milling Co. took place at Portage la Prairie last week, with the following result: James McLenaghen, president; Dr James Cowan, vice-president; and Chas Hay, manager and secretary.

MR. F. FREDERICKSON, of Selkirk, in company with some other gentlemen of that place have for some time back been experimenting on the canning of Lake Winnipeg white fish, and our representative has been informed by him that he believes he has now succeeded. A fish canning industry would certainly be a valuable one not only for Selkirk but for the whole province.

A NEW Winnipeg journal devoted to the interests of the English speaking Catholics of this country and named the *Review* has made its appearance, and asks for patronage. It is to be hoped that it will have better success than the *Herald*, a sheet published in the same interests about three years ago, and which had a few months of a very sickly existence.

As announced in our wholesale report, coal can now be had in this city in car lots on track at \$9 for anthracite and \$7 for Pennsylvania bituminous. What will be the lowest figure of the fine western coal from the Galt mines we probably do not know yet, but we may with safety assume that we are going to have cheap fuel this winter. Wood fuel will no doubt receive a heavy knock from these reduced coal prices, and poplar over \$3.50 a cord or tamarac over \$4 will doubtless be unsaleable stock.

THE report in our last issue on the recent frost in some portions of the Northwest has since been corroborated by farther reports from different districts. Southern Manitoba has escaped with almost no injury, as has also the country from Winnipeg and Selkirk west to Brandon. West of Brandon some damage to late grain has taken place, but the trouble has run in streaks, affected only the latest of the grain, and the aggregate damage will be trifling compared with the enormous yield. Another week of the present fine weather will put everything out of further danger.

THE first issue of the *News*, a Winnipeg evening daily journal, published by Messrs Thompson & Dennis and others of the staff of the defunct *Times*, made its appearance on Saturday last, and announced itself as an independent organ. It is a seven column folio sheet, and judging by its initial numbers, has commenced with a fair advertising patronage. In many respects the first issue showed signs of hurry in getting it out, and from a literary standpoint was below the recognized standard of Winnipeg dailies, and certainly far short of what its publishers are able to produce, if they will put forth the effort. The absence of telegraphic reports was one marked feature, which is certainly better than publishing clothes-line messages as has been done in the past. We have no doubt but the boys will improve, and we wish them every success.