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**WINNIPEG, AUGUST 6, 1888.**

THE COMMERCIAL is issued this week one day earlier than usual to allow of the staff attending the Winnipeg printers' and publishers' picnic, held on Saturday.

Mrs. A. M. Chester, dealer in seeds, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

R. J. DICKINSON is adding another story to the Queen's hotel, Brandon.

DAVID FRASER will open up a flour, feed and grain business at Virden, Man.

A NEW fruit store has been opened at Morden, Man., by A. E. Sinclair & Co.

A MEAT market has been opened at Battleford, Sask., by Daunais & Barker.

W. C. KENNEDY, hotelkeeper, Manitou, has been succeeded by Arthur Rountree.

T. G. POYNTZ, saloonkeeper, Winnipeg, contemplates going into wholesale liquors.

THE by-law to raise \$13,090 for public improvements at Calgary, has been carried.

J. SCHMIDT has bought out A. McDonald's interest in the firm of McDonald & Bolton, blacksmiths, Virden, Man.

HOFFMAN & Co., Greta, Man., have assigned in trust to Jas. Redmond, of Winnipeg. Bessie Hoffman is the only partner in the concern.

H. WOOD, stationer, Birtle, Man., has purchased the stock and business of Gibson & Johnston, general merchants of the same place.

QUIOLEY & McLAURIN, traders, of Savanne, east of Port Arthur, have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on by G. A. McLaurin.

THE Regina board of trade to-day received a certificate of incorporation from the Secretary of State.

H. H. MILLIE, Battleford, Sask., has sold out his stock in trade and will in a few weeks return to Ireland.

BEN ZIMMERMAN and Hersch Woretzinoff, Jew shop, have dissolved partnership, the last named partner retiring.

TENDERS for clearing, grubbing and grading the Portage la Prairie extension of the R. R. V. R. are called for by the Provincial Government.

THE appointment of ex-Governor Dewdney of the Territories as Minister of the Interior was definitely announced in the despatches on Tuesday last.

W. P. LESLIE, customs officer at Greta, Man., has gone to the United States, leaving a shortage of \$1,500 in his accounts. When last heard from he was in St. Paul.

NELSON & URICH, butchers, Morden, Man., have dissolved partnership, Ulrich retiring and Snowden, of Winnipeg, succeeding him, under the style of Snowden & Nelson,

RUSSELL & IRONSIDE, of Brandon, shipped recently a car of hogs to Carveth & Co., pork packers, Winnipeg. The hogs were the finest lot of animals received here for some time.

It is said the Dominion Bank will open a branch at Port Arthur in time for the movement of the crop this year, if crop prospects in Manitoba continue favorable. The establishment of a strong banking agency at the Port, will be a great convenience to grain shippers.

F. S. MAY, formerly a bucket-shop keeper at Winnipeg, and more lately agent for Chicago provision firms, is reported to have departed for the U. S. He handled goods for Fairbanks & Co., and Libby, McNeil & Libby, and sold the goods consigned to him without making returns. He is reported to be short about \$1,800.

THE Winnipeg banks decided that commencing August 1st, they would only receive United States bills at 3 per cent. discount. The reduction on United States silver was to be as follows: one dollar taken at 95c., half dollar at 45c., quarter dollar at 20c. The arrangement, however, has fallen through, some of the banks having withdrawn from the compact.

APPLE buyers in Ontario are now offering \$1.75 per barrel for apples in the orchards. Buyers furnish the barrels and pack the apples, and the growers haul the apples to the nearest railway station free of charge. The price being paid would indicate a short crop, as it is considerably above the average. About \$1 per barrel is sometimes considered a fair price for apples in the orchards.

THE amount to be raised this year for city purposes in Winnipeg is \$340,396.01. The whole rateable property of the city is placed at \$19,523,890; and the rate required is .137 mills on the dollar, as against 14 mills last year. The amount required for Protestant schools in addition to above is \$70,000, and for Catholic schools, \$4,101. The property assessed for the support of Protestant schools is valued at \$18,603,500, and for Catholic schools, \$891,600.

THE first farmers' excursion from Ontario to Manitoba leaves for Winnipeg on the 7th inst.

The fare has been fixed at \$23 for the round trip and tickets are good on the main line to Moosomin, and from Winnipeg to points on the branch lines and return single fare will be charged.

A PARTY of 250 Icelanders arrived at Winnipeg on Wednesday morning and took up temporary quarters at the old immigration sheds. Employment will be found for the men on farms in various parts of the Province. Another party of 1,500 Icelanders it is said are en route to Manitoba.

A HANDSOME poster in colors has been issued, announcing that the third exhibition of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Society will be held on October 3rd, and giving the prize list for the same. What is remarkable about the poster is, that it is made to do duty as an immigration agent, the attractions of the district being given in smaller red type, between the lines in blue type, concerning the exhibition. Saskatoon is situated on the South Saskatchewan river, north of Moose Jaw, and is the centre of the famous Temperance Colony.

OUT of five applications for liquor licenses from Emerson, Man., only three were granted, the Commissioner holding that under the law the population of the town only warranted the issue of three licenses, which were granted to the Russell House, Emerson House and Carney House. The applications of H. Weixelbaum of the Anglo-American, and A. V. Becksted, of the Manchester House, were refused. Why the Commissioners should have selected the Anglo-American Hotel for sacrifice is not understood, as the place ranked as one of the leading hotels of the town.

THE following statement show the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption at Winnipeg with duty collected thereon during the month of July last, and compared with the same month of 1887:

Description.	Value 1887.	Value 1888.
Exported.....	\$71,707	\$42,234
Imported, dutiable.....	116,565	141,311
Imported, free.....	15,236	19,420
Total imported.....	\$131,801	\$160,731
Entered for consumption, dutiable.....	115,937	142,746
Entered for consumption, free.....	15,236	19,420
Total for consumption ..	\$131,173	\$162,166
Duty collected.....	33,681.19	42,085.92

THE Inland Revenue receipts for July at Winnipeg were:

License fees.....	\$ 755 00
Tobacco.....	7,507 00
Cigars.....	297 00
Spirits.....	9,064 47
Petroleum inspection.....	54 00
Malt.....	433 01
Total.....	\$19,110 48

THE transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Bank at Winnipeg for the month ending 31st July were:

Deposits.....	\$33,562 00
Withdrawals.....	33,236 56
Deposits exceed withdrawals by ...	325 44

THE transactions at the bank for the same month last year were:

Deposits.....	\$29,106 00
Withdrawals.....	34,855 49
Withdrawals exceed deposits by ..	5,749 49