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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 3, 27, 1888.

J. L. POWELL, stationery, Winnipeg, offers business for sale.

JAMES MURPHY has opened out a blacksmith shop at Bridge Creek.

W. CLARKSON, trailer, Winnipeg, contemplates moving from city.

MRS. R. WEST, Golden Eagle Hotel, Winnipeg, offers business for sale.

GEO. BARNES, general store, Rat Portage, Ont., is closing out his business.

MCKNIGHT, general store, Boissevain, Man., has sold out to W. G. McLaren.

C. F. McPHERSON, of the Royal Hotel, Binscarth, Man., offers his business for sale.

DAWSON, BOLE & Co. will open a branch drug and miscellaneous store at Moosomin, Assa.

WM. M. CUSHING, general merchant, of Elkhorn, Man., has assigned in trust to F. W. Stobart.

THOS. BOOTH, fruits, Brandon, will open up a tobacco store in connection with his other business.

ROBINSON & McAULEY, dry goods and groceries, Portage la Prairie, Man., have dissolved partnership.

JAMES GILMOUR and K. H. MacNulty, general merchants, Banff, Alberta, have dissolved partnership.

THE machinery of the biscuit factory at Portage la Prairie has been purchased by a party and shipped to British Columbia. The building will be fitted up as a hotel, by Wm. Lyons.

MOAR & McDONALD, merchants, Kinross, Man., have assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand, of Winnipeg.

LIMOGES & DEJOURNEL, general store, Cochrano, N.W.T., have dissolved partnership. Each continues alone.

REAL estate dealers report quite a number of recent sales of farm lands to actual settlers in the vicinity of Winnipeg.

E. H. REILEY & Co., clothing and groceries, Calgary, N.W.T., are being closed out under chattel mortgage.

T. JONES, butcher, Virden, Man., shipped a car of hogs to Calgary recently. He will bring back a car of sheep from Calgary.

It is said that the C. P. R. intend running an excursion from the Maritime Provinces to Manitoba and the Territories this fall.

CRAWFORD, formerly with Thompson Bros. & Forrest, Winnipeg, has opened a shop in Stonewall for the repairing of watches.

HUMBER & BOYD, hardware dealers, Minnedosa, Man., will erect an addition to their premises, to be used as a show room for stoves.

THE license has been withdrawn from the Central hotel, near the C. P. R. station, Portage la Prairie, and occupied by D. Ferguson.

S. HARTFORD, general merchant, of Minnedosa, Man., is having a store built at Bridge Creek station, and intends to remove his stock there.

WRIGHT GARLAND, brother of W. Garland, of Portage la Prairie, will open a store at Carberry as soon as the building is completed. He will carry gents' furnishings.

W. ALEXANDER, formerly in the dry goods business at Winnipeg and who left here for the Sates some time ago, has returned. He will open an establishment in the Coltart block, Winnipeg.

LAND appears to be getting valuable around Brandon. A Mr. Selby sold last week 50 acres of his farm, which is situated about seven miles from that town and close to the experimental farm, at \$10 per acre.

EX-GOVERNOR DEWDNEY publishes an address to the electors of Eastern Assiniboia. The probabilities are that he will be elected by acclamation, as with the prestige given him as Minister of the Interior, opposition would be futile.

BANFF *Life*, the paper published in the National Park, is dead, and a new journal has been started in its place, called *Mountain Echoes*. It is a spicy little paper, and gives lots of information concerning the doings at the great health and pleasure resort.

S. S. HUNTER appeared before the police magistrate, at Brandon, last week, on a charge of taking orders for the tailoring establishment of R. J. Hunter, Toronto, having taken out no license as provided for in those cases by a city by-law. He was fined \$10 and cost.

H. N. BAIRD, of the firm of Craue & Baird, grain and flour merchants, Toronto, lately returned from a business trip to the Northwest. He was on the Toronto board of trade and regaled the members with his impressions, speak-

ing in glowing terms of the condition of the crops throughout the Northwest.

THE anti-liconse by-law was carried by a large majority in North Dufferin, Man.

HALEY & SUTTON, general merchants, Morden, Man., have enlarged their premises and added a tailoring and hardware departments to their business.

PEOPLE living right here in Morden would hardly suppose that there has been nearly 200 binders sold here this season, and 25 steam threshing machines, but such is the case and still more coming. So says the *Morden Monitor*.

W. J. SMITH the well-known druggist and general merchant, of Wapella, Assa., has met with a severe loss in the destruction of his store and stock by fire, valued at \$6,000; insured for \$3,000. Mr. Smith will open out at once with a fresh stock, and is having his grain warehouse fitted up for a store.

THE tracklaying of the extension of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway is completed to Saltcoats, which will be the end of the track for another year. Saltcoats is within seventeen miles of Yorkton. A regular train service to the end of the new track will be put into operation as soon as possible.

THE "Birtle Milling Co." has been granted letters patent. It is proposed to establish a flour mill at Birtle, Man. Following are the persons connected with the company:—A. Manwaring, John S. Crawford, Henry G. Wilkinson, George S. Hallen, W. W. Miller, J. J. Miller, Ed. J. Wilson and John Haines, all of Birtle.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE *Liberal*:—The *Nee-pawa Register* says:—The following item appeared in the *Winnipeg COMMERCIAL* of last week:—"An idea of the extent of the crop on the big plains surrounding Carberry may be gathered from the fact that the agents there of the different implement firms have sold in the aggregate 104 binders." We felt sure that Nee-pawa could beat this and so made inquiries from our implement agents. This elicited the fact that 127 binders have been sold and delivered here this season. The *Liberal* immediately on reading the above sent a reporter to interview the five firms represented here and found out that there have been sold here so far this year 173 binders and 172,000 lbs. of cord, besides what has been sold by the hardware men.

At a special meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade, at which the railway situation was discussed at length, the following resolution was passed: "Whereas the Red River Valley Railway is being constructed by the province of Manitoba for the purpose of affording much needed competition in freight rates to the people of this country; and whereas this province proposes to aid lines of railway from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie, and from Morris to Brandon; and whereas the Government proposes to transfer these lines of railway to a corporation known as the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway Company; Resolved, that in the opinion of this board the control of said lines of railway should not be abandoned without arranging for ample facilities being given, upon reasonable terms, to every road wishing to enter our province to compete for our trade."