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**WINNIPEG, APRIL 22, 1889.**

CHAS. LANGE, of Macleod, will open a wagon shop at Lethbridge, Alberta.

THE new Northern Pacific bridge across the Assiniboine river at Winnipeg was completed last week.

THE Rat Portage board of trade will ask the C. P. R. Co. to provide better depot accommodation at that place.

JAMES McEWEN has been appointed agent at Fort Qu'Appelle for the Patterson & Bro. Co. farm machinery.

THE general stock of Pelkey & Co., merchants, Glenboro, Man., is offered for sale by tender, up to April 22.

D. McARTHUR, banker, Emerson, Man., has been appointed U. S. consular agent at Emerson, vice C. S. Douglas, resigned.

McCUBDY & TUCKER have been appointed agents at Moosomin, Assa., for the Patterson & Bro. Co., agricultural implements.

HALL, general merchant, of Rapid City, Man., not having succeeded as he expected in disposing of his stock, will continue his business as usual.

THE close season for pickerel in Manitoba begins on the 15th of April, ending on the 15th of May; for sturgeon from May 1 to June 15.

THE Calgary board of trade has apparently ceased to exist, as nothing has been heard of it for some time. It is peculiar that the largest town in the Territories is unable to support a board of trade, while many of the smaller towns have energetic organizations of this kind.

THE municipal council of North Qu'Appelle has decided to purchase \$50 worth of strychnine and dispose of it in dram lots to farms for the extermination of gophers.

IT is not generally known that maple sugar is made in Manitoba, but nevertheless the article is made here, by Indians and others, from the sap of our native maple.

IT is reported from Ottawath at the old settlers of Manitoba are to be given an opportunity of presenting their claims before a commission, to be appointed for the purpose.

W. B. WRIGHT has bought out the general store business carried on by Palmer Bros. at Broadview, Assa. Mr. Palmer will move to Vancouver, to join his brothers there.

C. H. SHERA, dry goods and furnishings, Port Arthur, has taken Andrew More, late train dispatcher on the C. P. R., into partnership. Mr. More will look after the office work of the firm.

ACCORDING to the Rat Portage News, that place wants: A port of entry, the Lake buoyed, lighthouses on the lake, lower insurance, better station accommodation, and better freight rates on lumber.

A BILL for the consolidation of the Northwest acts has been introduced in Parliament at Ottawa. An important feature of the bill is that it will give the territorial legislature control of liquor legislation.

THE general stock of McLennan & Nelson, merchants, Treherne, Man., was sold by auction April 12, owing to a dissolution of partnership of the firm. The stock was purchased by J. K. McLennan at 52 cents in the dollar.

W. J. RICHARDSON, general merchant, Birtle, Man., whose assignment was noted last week, has been placed in charge of the stock by his creditors, with instructions to sell it out as quickly as possible. Great confidence is placed in Mr. Richardson by his creditors, hence the peculiar action in this case.

THE board of trade of Maple Creek, Assa., at its annual meeting elected the following officers: H. A. Greely, president; John Dixon, 1st vice-president; E. Fearon, 2nd vice-president; L. Rankin, secretary; A. J. Smith, treasurer. Council: J. C. Dixon, J. Claustre, J. Harvey and J. G. Fanquair.

THE partnership existing between W. H. Lyon, K. Mackenzie and E. Powis, under the style and firm of Lyon, Mackenzie and Powis, wholesale grocers and provision merchants, Winnipeg, terminated by limitation of time on 1st April last. The business will be continued by Kenneth Mackenzie and Edmund Powis, under the style of Mackenzie, Powis & Co.

O. E. MARCEY has lately been appointed general manager in Western Canada for the sale of Evans Bros.' pianos, and the Doherty organs. He will establish his headquarters at Winnipeg, whence he will make occasional trips through the country as far as the Pacific coast, calling on the agents at the different points, receiving reports from them and giving them assistance, appointing new agents, etc. He is now on a trip over the main line of the C. P. R. His reports having met with great success since his arrival here from the East a short time ago.

A BOARD of trade will be formed at Manitou Man. At a public meeting held there for the purpose, the following motion was carried: "That it is desirable to form a board of trade in Manitou, with a membership fee of \$1, and that Messrs. Foley, Huston and Ruttan be appointed a committee to obtain sufficient signatures for incorporation."

HONEY bees have been experimented with to some extent in Manitoba and the Territories, with good results. Though the summer season is short here, yet the days are long and clear, and the bees can work almost continuously. There is very little damp, cloudy weather in this country, consequently the bees are able to get in as much work here in the course of a summer as they could in some countries where the summer season is considerably longer. The natural flora of our prairies is also very favorable to bee culture. No doubt honey will soon be produced in this country in abundance.

WEEK before last an article appeared in THE COMMERCIAL under the heading "Neglecting an Important Industry," in which attention was called to the profitable opening to our farmers in hog raising. A number of our provincial exchanges have copied this article, and it will therefore be brought largely to the notice of Manitoba farmers with, we hope, good results. Our provincial exchanges circulate among the farmers much more largely than does this journal, and they can do a great deal to draw the attention of our agriculturalists to this important matter. There is every reason to believe that raising hogs is one of the most profitable branches our farmers could take up. A short article on the same subject appears in this issue.

THE report from Ottawa that the projectors of the Alberta railway had failed to finance the scheme, has been partially contradicted. A telegram from Ottawa last week says:—Satisfactory arrangements have now been completed subject to the approval of Parliament, for the construction of the Alberta & Northwestern railway. It is understood that the Government will offer a land subsidy of 10,000 acres per mile. This is a larger amount than has been previously given to any western railway, but in view of the assurances that the promoters are prepared forthwith to go ahead with the construction, and the increased land grant is conditional on the speedy completion of the road, in the interests of the country it has been deemed advisable to make this concession.

THE progressive town of Moosomin, Assiniboia Territory, has been incorporated. The first council was elected last week as follows: Jos. Daniel, mayor; F. F. Forbes, W. H. Maulson, L. D. Kowen, J. C. McArthur, N. G. McCallum and J. White, councillors. Moosomin is on the main line of the C. P. railway, and is the first point reached after crossing the western boundary of Manitoba, going west. It is one of the solid towns of the Territories. The site of the present town of Moosomin was first occupied in the summer of 1882, when a tent or two were erected on the open prairie. Now it is a busy little embryo city, with about fifty business places, including a newspaper, bank, flour mill, grain elevators, etc. It has probably the largest farmers' market of any town in the Territories.