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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 17, 1890.

RAY has opened a general store at Newdale, Man.

THE new hospital at Medicine Hat, Assa., has been opened. It is a credit to the place.

THE Fort Qu'Appelle farmers are arranging to give a bonus for the establishment of a creamery at that place.

W. A. CRISP, jeweller, of Minnedosa, has moved to Portage la Prairie, where he will open in business in his line.

D. J. ROBERTSON, late of J. D. Sibbald & Co., Regina, will open out in the furniture business at Regina in a few weeks.

THERE were 367,389 bushels of Manitoba wheat in store at the Lake Superior elevators at the time the last export was made.

J. & G. BROWN, wagon shop, Qu'Appelle Station, have purchased the blacksmithing business carried on by Frank Marwood, at that place.

THE rural municipality of Portage la Prairie is clear of debt, has \$3,000 in the bank and \$1,000 of back taxes to collect. Its assessment is \$1,800,000.

A GRANT'S old stand at Calgary has been transformed by F. Marriaggi, who has opened a restaurant, which will be called the Restaurant Marriaggi.

THE Winnipeg Free Press says that a letter has been received here from Ottawa stating that the Government has decided to establish a fish hatchery at Selkirk.

THOMPSON & ARMSTRONG have completed their contract for putting up the telegraph line along the completed fifty miles of the Northwest Central railway.

I. COOKMAN, writes to deny the report that he intends opening a general store at Basswood.

He, however, contemplates starting in business as a general merchant, at Minnesota.

SOMERVILLE & McKELVIE, general merchants, Brandon, Man., have made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand. A meeting of the creditors will be held at Winnipeg, on Wednesday the 19th inst.

THE Vancouver World devotes quite a space to a description of the business opened there recently by Carscaden, Peck and Co., of Winnipeg. J. D. Carscaden will have charge of the business of the firm at Vancouver.

JAMES CUNNINGHAM, hardware dealer, New Westminster, B. C., recently burned out has decided not to resume, and the goodwill of the business has passed over to the firm of H. M. Cunningham & Co., in the same line of business at the same place.

Snow has enjoyed the reputation of being a good fertilizer, and as there is so much of it this year the farmers will naturally look for a big harvest next autumn. This winter is distancing the memory of the "oldest inhabitant" in the amount of the snow fall.

MESSRS. Mawhinney and Butchart, stoves, tinware, etc., Holland and Glenboro, have, after a long and successful business career together, decided to dissolve partnership. Ed. Mawhinney continues the Holland business and Marsh Butchart the Glenboro store.

REGINA Leader: W. A. Seed has sold at a handsome figure his property on Scarth street, (opposite the old Methodist church building) to D. J. Robertson, who is preparing to open up a general furniture business. Mr. Robertson will commence as soon as possible the erection of a large and commodious building on the property bought of Mr. Seed.

CALGARY Tribune: It is a matter of sincere congratulation to be able to record the satisfactory manner in which stock is wintering in the Territories. A cowboy from Mosquito Creek arrived in town to-day, and says that cattle are doing well, and that he has not seen a dead beast this season on the prairie. A private letter was received by to-day's mail from Dixon Bros., Maple Creek, who stated that this has been a most favorable winter for stock and that there will be little if any loss.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE has a new lumber firm. This will be welcome news to builders if "opposition is the life of trade." S. R. Marlatt, late manager for Dick, Banning & Co., at this point, has formed a partnership with Mr. Housser, late manager of the same company's Winnipeg business, under the firm name of Marlatt & Housser. In their circular announcing their business, they say: "We intend to carry a complete stock of Canadian, American and British Columbia well seasoned lumber which we are sure will be appreciated by those wishing to build."—Portage Review.

THE Portage la Prairie Tribune reports the markets at that place as follows: There is little or no wheat coming in since the big storm of last week. The figure quoted for wheat is 70c. There is a large amount of rough grain such as oats for seed and corn for feeding purposes being imported from the States. Beef, live weight, from 3 to 3½; pork, 5½ to 6c; mutton, 10c; fowls are very scarce, 10c would be paid for chicken; butter, 16 to 18c; eggs, 30c; potatoes, \$1 per bushel; hay, \$10 per ton; wood, poplar, green, \$2.50, dry, \$2.75 to \$3, oak, dry, \$4.

A PARTY of gentlemen, of whom J. A. Mura, J. F. Hume, Wm. Cowan, Jno. Irving, Robt. Sanderson, and F. S. Bernard, are the leading spirits, are applying for a certificate of incorporation for a company to be called the Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation Company, with the object of running passenger, freight and towing steamers on the Columbia and Kootenay rivers and Kootenay Lake in British Columbia. The headquarters of the company will be at Revelstoke, and the capital stock will be \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$100 each.

R. SCOTT, general merchant, of Shoal Lake, Man., has returned from British Columbia, where he went a short time ago with a carload of butter from his creamery at Shoal Lake. He says he had the butter sold to a Vancouver party before he left Manitoba, but the Vancouver dealer backed out of the bargain. He was therefore delayed some time, but he claims that he eventually disposed of the whole lot at about as good a price as he would have realized had the first sale been carried through. He has arranged, he says, for the sale of all the butter he can turn out next season, at good prices.

THE estate of Draper, the absconding Winnipeg dry goods dealer, showed a surplus in goods of ten or twelve thousand dollars over liabilities. Draper was considered an excellent buyer, and he was also very popular as a salesman, so that his chances of success were good. But instead of endeavoring to build up a business, he deliberately throws away his reputation, and beats his creditors out of fifteen or sixteen thousand dollars, in order to get away with a few thousand dollars in cash, not exceeding the amount of surplus in his business. In the light of a business transaction, his escapade seems remarkable, as the surplus stock which he abandoned, should have been worth as much as the money he took with him. Verily, the ways of some men are past comprehension.

THE Vancouver World says: "The mines at Field, B. C., and all the assets belonging to the British Columbia Smelting Company, were sold by Sheriff Redgrave recently and were purchased by the Vancouver syndicate who purchased the smelter a short time ago in this city, and the lands and chattels connected therewith. The mines, etc., at Field, it is said, cost in the vicinity of \$30,000, and were knocked down to our local men for \$7,500. Vancouverites now control the smelter in this city and the valuable mines at Field. No doubt active operations will soon be commenced to develop these valuable mines and operate the smelter. It is the intention of the new company to secure the services of competent and capable men to take the management of the smelter and who will take an interest in the proper working of the concern."

THE Dominion Illustrated for February 8th announces that every subscriber or purchaser of that paper is insured against death by accident for \$500 in the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Company. The number is of more than usual interest as to its portraiture, its illustrations of Canadian scenery, and its original artistic features. The Speaker of the House of Commons, Hon. Col. J. A. Ouimet, Q.C., has the place of honor. Other provinces are represented by Senator Grant, Mr. Paterson, M.P. and N. F. Davin, and P. B. Casgrain. Office, 73 St. James street, Montreal; price, \$4 a year.