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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 23, 1886.

—DERY will open a bakery at Battleford.  
 W. A. KOKK, hardware dealer, Crystal City, has assigned.  
 Mrs. FERRETT, jeweler, Winnipeg, is selling out by auction.  
 J. CARBERRY, warehouse, Winnipeg, has given up business.  
 NELANDS & Co., druggists, Winnipeg, are giving up business.  
 G. R. F. HARRIS, broker, Emerson, has sold out to D. McArthur.  
 Jos. THOMPSON, general storekeeper, Carberry, was burned out.  
 Mrs. NAOLE, fancy goods, Winnipeg, advertises giving up business.  
 H. A. MELSON, fish and poultry, Winnipeg, has sold out to C. A. Breach.  
 JOHN LAW has purchased the hardware stock of F. & J. Skelding, of Neepawa.

DAVID COWAN, general storekeeper, Battleford, Sask. has admitted E. Richard as partner.

ESTATE of Thompson & Palmer, butchers, Rat Portage, has been sold to Holmes & Bulze.

BLACKWOOD & Co., aerated water manufacturers, Winnipeg, will open a branch factory at Calgary.

C. F. EWER, late of the *Manitoba* of this city, will start a paper at the Banff hot springs, Alberta.

WILSON & EMMETT have purchased the meat business at Calgary, carried on as a branch store by Dunn & Lineham, the latter firm continuing their main business.

MANITOIA 5 per cents. have risen a half per cent. in the London market, and are now quoted at 1.084. Winnipeg 6 per cents. are quoted at 1.20, and Winnipeg 5 per cents. at 1.12.

THE Massey Manufacturing Co., will erect a warehouse at Calgary to replace the one recently destroyed by fire. T. J. McBride, of Winnipeg, has gone to Calgary, to arrange for the new building.

THE steamer D. L. Mather, lying at Rat Portage, Lake of the Woods, was damaged to the extent of \$1,000, by fire, last week. Captain Hooper and Chas. McMurdie are the owners of the steamer, which was insured.

A COMMITTEE appointed by the Northwest Council has ascertained that \$31,193 worth of property has been destroyed in the territories by prairie fires, divided as follows: White-wood district, \$7,100; Broadview, \$2,338; Wapella and Moosomin, \$13,500; Carlyle, \$5,235; Wolseley, \$2,000.

THE Winnipeg pork dealers have memorialized the Dominion Government to allow them to participate in supplying the Indian department with bacon. Hitherto these supplies have been purchased east exclusively. The bacon supplied to the Indians has always been composed of short clear, whilst only long clear is produced here, which is said to be the reason local packers have been overlooked. The idea is said to prevail that the short clear has better keeping qualities in the Northwest climate, but the packers, who should know whereof they speak, ridicule such a belief, and claim that

the home-cured product is equal to the best in keeping qualities.

MILLER & Co have taken possession of the stock of Cameron & Cummings, of Brandon.

SMITH & BURTON, wholesale grocers, Brandon, commenced business on Monday of last week.

S. J. EMANVELS, late of the Grosvenor Hotel, Moosomin, has bought out T. Gillman's interest in the Queen's Hotel of the same place.

A FIRE at Carberry has caused the following losses: Smith & McColl, building, \$8,000; insurance \$1,000. — Thompson, general storekeeper, loss \$15,000; insurance \$2,000. — Dickey, loss \$800; Spiers, loss \$600; Maxwell, loss \$600.

The *Morden News* characterizes the report published in a Winnipeg paper regarding wheat becoming damaged from the smoke of the prairie fires as "too thin." The *News* says: "Probably the true explanation of the smoked wheat is that some one or more farmers had had their full granaries burned, and after the fire was extinguished, were able to gather from the inside of the scorched grain piles considerable quantities which seemed none the worse. This had been taken to market and sold without the buyer noticing the smoky odour which one would naturally expect such grain to have."

"A heavy failure is reported in the Winnipeg provision trade, Griffin & Douglas having suspended with large liabilities. The chief cause of the trouble is attributed to the speculative dealings of one of the partners in Chicago." The above paragraph from the *Toronto Monetary Times*, is true with the exception of the fact that there has been no failure in the Winnipeg provision trade, nor has the late firm of Griffin & Douglas suspended, with large or small liabilities. A disagreement among the members of the firm led to a dissolution of the partnership, and the closing of the business, a subsequent audit of the books showing that a very profitable trade had been done. The statement that one of the partners had engaged in speculation in Chicago is also untrue, though it is understood that a member of the firm had come out behind in some real estate transactions.