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PASSENGER traffic westward is heavy.

S. A. CLARKE, contractor, Regina, is giving up business.

L. LUSTED has gone into the butcher business at Stonewall.

A. MCKENZIE has opened a bakery at Qu'Appelle station.

DIER has sold his interest in the Virden flour mill to F. Koester.

JAS. LAWRENCE, JR., will open a hardware store at Stonewall.

W. GISS, general storekeeper, Dominion City, is out of business.

JOHN DOUGLAS has started a blacksmith shop at Penrith, near Virden.

The new time table on the C.P.R. will go into force on the first of June.

MEIKLE & COPPINGER, general storekeepers, Morden, have removed to Nelson,

A. J. McGUIRE & RRO. have commenced the manufacture of cigars in Winnipeg.

W. WILKINSON has started in the produce commission business, at Port Arthur.

THE Bill to incorporate the Manitoba Dairy Association has passed its third reading.

ABOUT 1000 head of cattle arrived at Medicine Hat last week for ranches in that district.

LAKE Winnipeg is said to be free of ice. Steamers will commence running this week.

SIXTY tons of freight was started by flat boats last week from Medicine Hat bound for Prince Albert.

Two tug boats are being built at Sandwich, Ont., for Gauthier's fishing industry on Lake Manitoba.

THE H. B. Co.'s buildings at Portage la Prairie will be moved to the vicinity of the post office.

IT is said that an elevator will be erected at Wapella, in connection with the proposed flour mill at Moosomin.

ANDERSON & COLLINS, of Brandon, have received the contract to supply the Stoney Indians with beef at 9c per pound.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE now has a telephone service, at rates of \$30 per year for business places and \$25 for residences.

THE C.P.R. directors will erect several hotels along the line. Vancouver and Banff hot springs are the two points so far selected.

S. J. McLAREN, dealer in clothing, Port Arthur and Winnipeg, has closed his Winnipeg branch and moved the stock to Port Arthur.

THE Manitoba Sun Publishing Co. will shortly commence the publication of a weekly edition. The daily Sun is already achieving great success.

THE American Plumbing Co., of Winnipeg, are arranging a dissolution, N. D. McDonald being desirous of withdrawing from the business.

THE Rapid City cheese factory will have double the capacity this year that it had last. The factory has been in operation for some time.

THE Blackfoot Indians at Gleichen shipped a car of potatoes to Calgary last week, and are

going extensively into oats and potatoes this year.

DURING the six months ending May 1st, there were shipped from Virden 250,000 bushels of wheat, 13,000 bushels of oats and 5,500 of barley.

THE Hudson's Bay Co's saw and grist mill at Strathelair, were destroyed by fire, on Monday of last week. The lumber was saved but the flour was consumed.

WHITEHEAD, of the firm of Whitehead, & Whith, general storekeepers, Brandon, has withdrawn from the partnership, and his place will be taken by J. R. Strome, of the late firm of Strome & Henderson, of Portage la Prairie.

THE Industrial News, a weekly journal to be published in the interest of labor, made its first appearance in this city on Friday. It is a neat little paper typographically, and no doubt will receive a liberal support from those in whose interest it will be published.

THE last Manitoba Gazette contains a notice of application for the incorporation of the Manitoba Free Press Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The applicants are, W. F. Luxton, Arch. McNee, W. F. Alloway, Alex McDrald, D. H. McMillan and D. L. McIntyre.

THE Northwest Miller of Minneapolis says:—The Pray Manufacturing Co. has recently secured the service of Geo. F. Wescott, a gentleman well known to the milling public, having for several years held a responsible position with the Noye Manufacturing Co., and he will pay particular attention to the Pray Company's trade over the line. He departed Monday for Winnipeg, Man., and will make that place headquarters.

IN the Local Legislature the Budget speech of Premier Norquay was the feature of the past week, but it was a rather uninteresting one. The honorable gentleman with a display of considerable ingenuity showed how a revenue of over half a million could be expended on a civil service and other details, without grappling with any point connected with the development of the province. Mr. Norquay congratulated Manitoba upon being able to support a system of Government, and eulogized his own efforts of a year ago in connection with the so-called "better terms."