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WINNIPEG, JUNE 20, 1887.

A PARTY of 25 Germans have settled at Langenberg, on the Manitoba & Northwestern railway.

TALL crop reports are now all the rage. Wheat and oats are getting well up in the three feet list.

The postal car service on the Manitoba & Northwestern railway has been extended from Birtle to Binsearth.

MARQUETTE & CAREY, hotelkeepers, Oak Lake, Man., have dissolved partnership. Marquette continues the business.

—Smith, late in the employ of J. R. McPhail, at Prince Albert, Sask., has opened in the tinware business at that place.

THE Sanford ranch at Westbourne has been stocked with a number of very fine imported cattle and horses, of the best breeds.

THE liquidators of the Rainy Lake Lumber Co. have settled their disputed tax claims with the Rat Portage council. The amount to be paid over, including costs, is \$2,242.50.

THE stock of H. B. Rose, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, will be sold by tender on June 24th.

THERE is talk at Calgary of moving the C. P. R. depot further west, and building a more handsome and commodious station house.

WALTERS & BAKER, general merchants, Prince Albert, Sask., advertise selling off at cost, with the intention of making a change in the business.

STEVENS & PALMER, lumber dealers, Oak Lake and Virden, Man., have dissolved partnership. Henry Stevens will continue the Oak Lake business.

A. McLEOD, storekeeper, Cypress River, Southern Manitoba, was burned out on Monday last. Loss \$3,000; insured in the Glasgow and London for \$2,500.

JOHN RIDDELL, of Moosomin, Assa., has received a private letter from a capitalist in England asking what prospects there are of starting a flax mill in Moosomin. He is expected to arrive here some time in August, and we should, therefore, hold out every inducement within our power to get this industry established in our midst.

A WAREHOUSE occupied by Wishart, Bishop & Co., furniture dealers, Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire Monday morning last. Loss about \$4,500; insured for \$2,000. The building belonged to the Scottish Mortgage Co., and was partially insured. The ice house of D. O. Bricker was also burned at a loss of about \$600, not including the ice, a large portion of which will be saved.

S. R. PARSONS, doing business in Winnipeg, as wholesale stationer, etc., under the firm name of Parsons & Ferguson, has admitted into partnership with him Henry Bell and W. E. Hazley; and hereafter the business will be carried on under the firm and style of Parsons, Bell & Co. The new partners have both been connected with the business lately carried on by Mr. Parsons for some time back, Mr. Bell in the capacity of traveller, and Mr. Hazley at the head of the office and financial department. The new move will undoubtedly increase the popularity of the firm as well as to place it in a better position for handling its steadily increasing business.

JAS. HERALD lately in the general store business at Stonewall, Man., but who went east a short time ago, has returned and again entered business at Stonewall.

BEFORE proroguing the Manitoba legislature passed a resolution providing for the construction of the Red River Valley road by the railway commissioner, even in the event of disallowance by the Dominion Government, and also for an appeal to the Privy Council in the event of further disallowance.

NATIVE hard coal, from the Anthracite mines, west of Calgary, will shortly be placed on the Winnipeg and other provincial markets. H. G. McMicken has been appointed agent for Winnipeg. The advent of this coal will probably reduce prices of hard coal. With the development of this new mine of anthracite coal, and the plentiful supplies of soft coal to be had, there should be little trouble in filling our markets entirely with the native coal. The only thing required to supply Manitoba with really cheap fuel, is less exorbitant freight rates. As it now is, it takes such an exorbitant rate to satisfy the railway, that there is little profit left for the dealers, notwithstanding the fairly high price at which the coal is sold.

THERE is great need of a little more enterprise on the part of the C. P. R. authorities in supplying better accommodation to shippers of perishable articles to and from this market. A refrigerator car service is very badly needed. During the present warm weather there is no proper mode of shipping butter and other commodities either to or from the city. The express car has to be taken advantage of, and a few packages of butter, etc., are occasionally shipped west, but freight rates are such as to render this mode of transport almost prohibitory. The railway authorities were to have a refrigerator car for the shipment of a lot of butter to British Columbia lately, but the car failed to materialize, and the proposed shipment had to be abandoned. This is a poor way to encourage our farmers to produce butter and other similar commodities. A refrigerator car service should be arranged for at least once per week each way on the main line and branches, during the warm weather, and it is a shame that some adequate service of this nature is not furnished.