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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 24, 1890.

J. H. HARTNEY has opened a lumber yard at Plum Creek, Man.

C. B. BURGESS, furniture, Virden, has sold out to Frame & Miller.

THE Kaye Company has bought out G. L. Wainwright, butcher, of Calgary.

LAWRENCE & GRAHAM, general store and cabinet makers, Maple Creek, have assigned.

BOSSEVAIN, Man., wants a local paper, and is offering inducements for such an institution.

E. S. RUTLEDGE, grocer, Fort William, will reopen business having arrived at a settlement with his creditors.

LAFFERTY & MOORE, bankers, with head office at Calgary, have opened a branch at Moose Jaw.

THE Port Arthur board of trade has resolved to memorialize the Government as to the deepening and improvement in the canals.

WALTER BLANCHARD has sold his interest in the stable at Morden, Man., occupied by Wm. Riddell, for \$1,300 to C. R. Dunsford.

A. E. BANBERRY has been appointed by the agricultural society to go to Ontario in the interest of Welseley as emigration agent.

N. BAWLF and C. N. Bell, who went to Ottawa as members of the millers' deputation, returned from the east on Thursday last.

CLANWILLIAM people are moving towards the establishing of a cheese factory in their district, a settlement north of Minnedosa, Man.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made to hold the proposed retailers' convention for Manitoba and the Territories, at Winnipeg, commencing on Monday evening, March 3rd. It is to be hoped that all merchants will endeavor to be present. Unless a largo gathering takes place little can be accomplished.

W. T. HILL, wagon maker and wood-worker, has gone to Washington Territory, leaving a good opening in Neepawa for a man of that trade.

A DELEGATION from Rat Portage interviewed the Ontario Government last week asking for a substantial grant towards the erection of ore crushing and smelting works at that place.

W. H. DAUBNEY, printer and publisher of the *Deloraine Times*, states that he does not contemplate selling out, though a report to that effect has been circulated freely of late.

THE last *Dominion Illustrated* contains views of Rapid City, Edmonton, Fort Pelly, and the Saskatchewan river. It also contains portraits of Senator Boulton, of Manitoba, and Lougheed, Calgary.

WM. DUNCAN and N. F. McKay, of Regina, contemplates forming a partnership for the purpose of carrying on business as general merchants at Saskatoon, where they expect to open business early in the spring.

W. D. KUTTAS, general merchant, Manitou, Man., has made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand, official assignee, Winnipeg. A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of the assignee on the 25th inst.

THE vote on the flour mill bonus in the municipality of Rosedale was sustained by about twenty majority. This is for the erection of a mill at Neepawa, Man. Other municipalities in the vicinity will be asked to vote bonuses to assist the same project.

A TELEGRAM from Calgary reports that Fred. G. LaPenotiere, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, Calgary, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors to James Geddes. Liabilities about \$7,000. LaPenotiere lately came into possession of this hotel, formerly conducted by Riley.

THE committee appointed by the Port Arthur board of trade to take up the project of holding a professional regatta on the bay in August next, has decided that the scheme can be made a practical success. A public meeting has been called before which the plans of the committee will be laid.

A TEN per cent. reduction has been made in both freight and passenger rates on the Galt railway; and, though the road has no competitor in the territory it occupies, it has decided to issue round trip tickets at only \$1.90 more than what the single fare costs. This is the first railway in this country to adopt the return ticket system.

THE Port Arthur *Sentinel* says: "Ontonagon harbor, on the south shore of Lake Superior, is now as wide open for business as it was in mid-summer. Thunder Bay is only carrying a light coating of ice, and just outside of the Welcome Islands the open waters of Lake Superior are glistening in the rays of a February sun, while the bold fishermen are lifting their nets in boats." From this it is likely that navigation will open very early this spring.

THE following is the new freight tariff which has gone into force from Winnipeg to points on the Galt railway. The rates given are per one hundred pounds:—

Winnipeg to	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
Winifred.....	1 78½	1 50	1 21	93	84
Grassy Lake....	1 85	1 56	1 26	98	87
Woodpecker....	1 92	1 61	1 31	1 00	91
Lothbridge....	1 98	1 68	1 34	1 04	93

A weekly newspaper is to be started at Nelson, Kootenay district, early in April. Allon and Houston, formerly of Westminster *Truth*, have the scheme in hand.

A. C. FEEBORN, drugs, etc., Virden, Man., has secured a settlement with his creditors, and thus the business will be continued as formerly. The unsecured creditors are to receive forty cents in the dollar, to be paid out of the business. Feeborn is generally considered to be a good business man, and with this arrangement it is hoped he will pull through.

THE merchants of Vancouver, B.C., have found it necessary to curtail credit business. The *Vancouver News* says: "Since the beginning of the year a good many of the merchants have inaugurated a better system, whereby credit is less extensive. Although as a consequence the volume of business has been reduced somewhat, that transacted is of a much more satisfactory nature, and it is confidently expected that the result will be the falling in line of the business men generally when they see the benefits to be derived by systematic adherence to an organized arrangement of this kind." It is evident the evils of promiscuous credit business is becoming more generally recognized, and it is to be hoped that the movement to haul in the lines will be continued, until a better system has been established.

THE long cherished desire of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway to run trains into Winnipeg is about being realized. General Superintendent Baker has been in the city all week making arrangements with General Superintendent Whyte to have his passenger trains run into Winnipeg over the C. P. R. from Portage la Prairie, making this the eastern terminus for M. & N. W. passenger traffic. The details have not yet been settled, but the new service will go into effect shortly. The Manitoba & Northwestern passenger trains will leave here three times a week after the arrival of the Pacific express and will run through to Langenburg without change. Every alternate day the trains will arrive here from Langenburg and in time to make connection with the Atlantic express which leaves here at 4.30. At present passengers, express and baggage have to be transferred at Portage la Prairie. The new arrangement will obviate that work and will be a great convenience to travellers.—*Free Press.*

AT the annual meeting of the Regina board of trade held last week all the officers were re-elected as follows: President, Daniel Mowat; vice-president, P. Lamont; secretary, R. J. Steel; treasurer, R. B. Ferguson. The new council is composed of Joseph Jackson, Henry Lejeune, Mayor MacCaul, ex-Mayor Smith, John J. Young, Wm. C. Asprey, Charles H. Bayne, R. J. Tinning, J. F. Steenshorn and Robert Martin. The board of arbitrators of the council are Daniel Mowat, Andrew Martin, Rembler Paul, J. A. Padden, and John D. Sibbald. Seven new members of the board were elected. President Mowat presented an exhaustive report. The statistics collected show that the entire trade of Regina for the past year was thirty per cent. increase over the previous year. A statement was made showing that of live stock in the Regina district, there are 5,500 cattle valued at \$35 a head, 4,500 horses at \$100, and 1,450 sheep at \$5. This progress in the Regina district is pleasing.