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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 7, 1889.

HAVE you learned to date your correspondence 1889?

THE effects of the Delmonico restaurant, Calgary, were sold by auction last week.

THE Bank of British North America opened its new branch at Brandon, Man., on January 2nd.

THE Whitewood hotel, Whitewood, Assa., was burned last week. Loss about \$2,000. Insured for \$800.

THE Manitoba Legislature opens on the 31st inst., and the Government officials are busy preparing legislation.

J. KUNE, general merchant, Balmoral, has taken his son into partnership, and the business will in future be carried on under the firm name of J. Kune & Son.

THE implement firm of A. Harris, Son & Co. intend putting up a warehouse at Boissevain, Man., in time for the spring trade. It is to be a two-story building, 22x40.

CALGARY has elected the following council by acclamation: mayor, D. W. Marsh; councilors, J. G. Fitzgerald, Joseph Baunerman, Archibald Grant, G. Murdoch, W. F. Orr and G. C. King.

McPHILLIPS & SUTHERLAND is the name of a new law firm just established at Winnipeg. A. E. McPhillips was formerly in partnership with his brother, L. G. McPhillips. Ross Sutherland was formerly a member of the firm of McBeth & Sutherland, but has latterly been practicing alone.

CALVERT & STEVENS, agricultural implements, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

LANGVIN & GARREAU, merchant tailors, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand, official assignee.

THE first train load of coal shipped from the Anthracite mines since the resumption of work, was sent west on Monday last.

J. W. PEDDIE, of Winnipeg, and well known to the trade here, has returned to Windsor, Ont., with his family, where he intends going into business again.

THE N. P. & M. railway have appointed the following agents: at Brandon, W. H. Hillyer; at Emerson, Charles D. Mabee; at Carberry, D. M. McMillan; at Glenboro, Frank Burnett.

AT Brandon the early-closing movement again went into force last week, all the dry-goods, grocery and hardware merchants having agreed to close at 10 o'clock until further notice.

THE new branch of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba was opened at Morden, Man., last week. C. R. Dunsford, of Dunsford & Co., bankers, Morden, has been appointed manager of the Commercial branch.

THE necessary number of names have been secured at Rat Portage for a board of trade, and application has been made to the Secretary of State, for incorporation. The name selected for the board is, "The Board of Trade of the District of Rainy River."

THE Port Arthur Sentinel says:—We understand that a number of gentlemen with capital intend starting a foundry on a large scale to manufacture mining machinery and do general casting in the town of Port Arthur. They will also do the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's work at this end of the line.

It is said that Alberta ranchmen will shortly make the experiment of shipping frozen beef to the Montreal and Toronto markets, and if the venture proves a success, will establish a regular trade for the year round. It is thought that by this means the meat can be marketed cheaper than by shipping live weight.

THE Calgary Tribune says: This morning eleven persons arrived in town from Dakota en route to Cash City, on the Red Deer, north of here. It is said that between three and four hundred people of Dakota will start for the Red Deer country in early spring, providing they get a report of a favourable winter.

AT a representative meeting of the dry goods section of the Toronto board of trade last week it was practically agreed to extend no longer credit than four months from the time of purchasing. Resolutions embodying various agreements were drafted, and it was decided to obtain the signatures of the entire dry goods trade of the city to them.

E. L. SMITH & Co., hardware, Banff, Alberta, have re-opened their branch at the Anthracite coal mines near the former place. Neelins & Wilkinson have also opened a general store at Anthracite. Now that the coal mines have been again put in operation, the town of Anthracite will assume something of its former business appearance.

McNAULTY, merchant, Banff, Alberta, it is said contemplates disposing of his stock before spring and returning to Nova Scotia.

JOHN LITTLE, of Banff, has purchased the machinery and plant of Sparrow's brickyard, at Calgary, and will begin the manufacture of brick in the spring.

A LONDON cable says: The directors of the Commercial Colonization company of Manitoba propose to reconstruct the company, with a view to restrict business to pure finance, taking money on credit at one rate in this country and lending on approved security in the Northwest. With this view negotiations are now in progress with the railway company.

THE Edmonton Bulletin gives the following prices for that place:—Oats are selling at 40c to 50c in trade with supply in excess of demand; barley at 50c in trade with little doing; wheat at 90c to \$1.25 cash, demand in excess of supply; potatoes 40c to 50c; butter 40c; eggs 50c; chickens 75c; turkeys \$2.00; hay \$8 a ton; coal \$3.50 a ton; wood \$2 a cord.

J. L. MURPHY, travelling agent for the Anthracite mines, Banff, Alberta, has recently visited San Francisco, in the interests of the company. The capital stock of the company has been increased to \$500,000 (formerly \$250,000), and arrangements are being made to work the mines on a more extensive scale than previously. The bulk of the coal will go to San Francisco. Dockage accommodation has been arranged for at Port Moody, where the coal will be transhipped to vessels.

THE Morden Monitor says: "A couple of loads of rye straw were brought into Morden on Wednesday, and sold for \$35, to go to Winnipeg. This is a wonder more straw is not shipped to Winnipeg, as it fetches good prices there, on account of the scarcity of hay." The straw referred to by the Monitor would likely be purchased for stuffing collars, or something of this nature, and not for feed. There is abundance of hay on the market here every day, selling at from \$6 to \$7 per ton. A limited quantity of rye straw is in demand for the purposes referred to, as it is more suitable than other kinds of straw.

MR. JOS. WOODWORTH, grain merchant, of Deloraine, Man., who was in the city last week, states that the losses from the recent disastrous fire at that place will in some instances be heavier than reported. In the case of Saunders & McKinnon, the loss was very heavy, as the firm carried a large stock of general goods, and had recently bought out the furniture business adjoining their store, and the entire stock was without insurance. The merchants as a rule saved a considerable portion of their stocks, and all will engage in business again, as soon as premises can be secured or built. The Royal hotel is probably the only place which will not be rebuilt at once, but it is likely a new hotel will soon be established. In several instances the wholesale dealers telegraphed their customers at Deloraine, immediately after the fire, to order all the goods needed. Insurance rates are very high at Deloraine, owing to the scarcity of water, and this accounts for the very small portion of the loss covered by insurance. The insurance rate for the town is about 5½ per cent.