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WINNIPEG, MAY 20, 1884.

ROBERTSON & BRYCE, hotelkeepers, Broadview, are about to dissolve partnership.

THE American Lumber Co., of Regina, are negotiating to sell out to James McCaul.

JAMES HAMBLY, furniture dealer, Troy, is removing with his business to Holt City.

The plant of the Brandon *Sun* is advertised to be sold to-day under power of chattel mortgage.

THOMAS BROWNLOW, dry goods merchant, Winnipeg, is making arrangements for a branch at Port Arthur.

W. R. ROBERTS, jeweller, Regina, is leaving that town and starting westward for the end of the C.P.R. track.

W. K. MUNNIS & Co., general storekeepers, Troy, are moving for a new location near the end of the C.P.R. track.

JAMES ROSS, dealer in tinware, Edmonton, has admitted his brother as partner, and the new firm name is Ross & Ross.

WM. McDONALD, grist miller, Milford, has been succeeded by McConnell & Lunsburg.

T. B. MURDOCH, dealer in liquors, Brandon, contemplates removing to Portage la Prairie.

THE Winnipeg branch house of C. McCallum & Co., wholesale druggists, of London, Ontario, will be closed out during this week.

ABE. BURNS, loan agent, Brandon, has admitted John Patterson as partner, and the new firm will be known as Burns & Patterson.

W. ALEXANDER, dry goods merchant, Winnipeg, has advertised a clearing out sale, and his intention of leaving for Australia.

JAMES H. SCHOFIELD, general storekeeper, Pincher Creek, has admitted — Hyde as partner. New firm style is Schofield & Hyde.

ADAM PATERSON, of the firm of Paterson Bros., Iverymen, Winnipeg, is likely to join interests with James Bathgate in the Grand Union Hotel.

C. & W. PLAETON, dealers in tinware, Winnipeg, are about to admit their brother John as a member of firm. The latter comes here from Barrie, Ontario.

MR. BROWN, from the Toronto branch of the Bradstreet's Mercantile Agency, has been in Winnipeg during the past week looking up the records and standing of our business men.

A. A. ANDREWS, agent for the Magnesocalcite Safe Co., has located in snug new quarters in company with Fred Cusack, agent for the Royal Route, in the Leland House Block.

ARRANGEMENTS are about completed for the erection of the masts for the proposed additional electric lights in this city. They will be put down as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

THE past week has been probably the one in which immigration to the country has been heaviest since the first settlement. The number of new settlers arrived must have been over fifteen hundred. England contributed about 800, and Scotland about 250 of that number.

PARTIES who have just returned from Calgary report business very dull there, and merchants there expressing great disappointment at the state of affairs. An improvement is looked for as soon as all departments of the work of railway construction through the mountains is fairly under weigh.

S. A. ROWBOTHAM & Co., real estate agents of this city, have recently effected the sale of lot No. 15, Notre Dame street east, 50x108 feet, with three buildings, for the sum of \$4,500, also of lot 662, Hudson Bay Reserve, 50x120 feet for \$1,300.

SAM KYLE, of the Nickel Plate Hotel, Winnipeg, is in trouble at present. The cause of the trouble is an old real estate matter falling back upon him through the failure of some Ontario parties to carry out their agreement. It is to be hoped that he will soon get over the difficulty, and glide once more into smooth water.

MAJOR WALSH, of the firm of Bell, Lewis, Yates & Walsh, is busy enlarging the docks at Port Arthur, to accommodate the coal fleet of the firm. The importations have already commenced to arrive. Machinery is being put up to facilitate the unloading of the black diamonds. Up to Saturday 9,400 tons of coal have been unloaded at the docks.

MR. KINGSLEY, one of Winnipeg's oldest business men, has resigned his position as manager of the Cartage Company, and carries with him the best wishes of a host of friends among the business men of the city. He will be succeeded by Mr. W. Harder, late Assistant Traffic Manager of the C.P.R., a very wise appointment on the part of the Company, and one that will be very satisfactory to the business community of Winnipeg.

ON Saturday last, at Stony Mountain, the first trial was made of Captain Colquhoun's steam plow, with the new appliances of Mr. Ingleton. The test was of the most satisfactory nature, and plowing from one to four inches depth of cut on prairie sod was accomplished. The plow cuts a swathe about twenty-five feet in width and proceeds at the rate of from half to three-quarters of a mile an hour. The fixing now necessary to set the plow fairly at work can be done by any village blacksmith. Once it gets to work it will plow from 25 to 40 acres a day, and do the work in first-class style. That the plow will create a revolution in Northwestern agricultural affairs there can scarcely be a doubt, and Captain Colquhoun is entitled to great credit for the persistency with which he followed up the work of perfecting it, even when the majority of his friends considered him a monomaniac on the matter.