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WINNIPEG, JUNE 10, 1899.

MOUNTAIN CITY post office has been closed.

BELL BROS., bakers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

P. BROWN, wholesale liquor dealer, Minnedosa, has closed up.

T. C. KITELEY & Co. have opened a tailoring business at Lethbridge.

THE Customs Department has refused to make Donald a port of entry.

LE JEUNE & SMITH, of Regina, propose opening a private bank at Moosejaw.

W. H. MALLITT, watchmaker and jeweller, Deloraine, has sold out to E. E. McKee.

A RAILWAY exploring party has left Calgary in connection with the Red Deer Valley enterprise.

W. D. RUTAN, general storekeeper, Manitou, is adding dress and mantle making to his business.

NABOVALANSKY & RIPSTEIN are erecting a building and purpose opening a general store at Moosejaw.

W. J. HAMILTON, hotelkeeper, Neepawa, has sold out to E. Ducken, of Glendale, and gone farming.

J. W. H. WILSON is said to have secured the position of deputy registrar for the Portage la Prairie district.

MESSRS. LE JEUNE, SMITH & Co., have purchased the business of Lafferty & Smith at Moosomin and Regina.

\$10,000 in new buildings is said to be the amount now and about to be under contract this season at Neepawa.

A Post Office Savings Bank branch was opened at Portage la Prairie June 1.

THE C. P. R. have opened a city freight office at the telegraph and ticket office.

THE Manitoba Lumber and Fuel Company, (limited), Winnipeg, have disposed of their retail business to J. W. Sorsoloil.

EDWIN R. ROGERS & Co., hardware merchants, Calgary, have transferred their business to J. H. Ashdown by virtue of a bill of sale.

MORDEN is to be the location for the Torrens Title Registration land office, for that part of Southern Manitoba between Deloraine and Emerson.

THE June number of the New York *Fur Trade Review* is a good number and the embellishments of fur producing animals, etc., exceedingly good.

THE Great Northwest Telegraph Company have notified the brokers of Montreal that in future the price for tickers will be \$100 per year instead of \$10 as formerly.

RICHARD R. CAMPTON and George R. Camper, trading under the name of Campton Bros., general storekeepers, Oak Lake, have dissolved partnership. R. E. Campton continues.

BARRETT, Inspector of Inland Revenue, seized the plant, stock, building, etc., of Allaa's brewery, in Moose Jaw, on May 29th, for an alleged infraction of the Inland Revenue Act.

THE partnership existing between A. W. Everest, J. L. Vining and F. Starkey, hotelkeepers, Winnipeg, under the firm name of F. Starkey & Co., has been dissolved. J. L. Vining continues the business.

A PARTY of tourists composed of twenty persons from below Montreal, driving in two double and two single rigs, are making for Moosejaw, N. W. T. They had been on the road three weeks and had only reached Belleville.

THE Northern Pacific & Manitoba Ry. received tenders on Saturday last for the grading from the 80th to the 125th mile of the Morris and Brandon branch, the contracts being in sections of five miles each. The bridging required between the 20th and 125th mile was also tendered on.

THE Manitoba Electric and Gas Light Company have petitioned the Government not to incorporate the Northwest Electric Company and the Electric Light and Power Company, alleging that great damage would result to their plant should the lines of these companies become fouled with their own, and also represent that the powers sought by the rival companies, seeking incorporation, are too large and sweeping in their character.

ON Wednesday evening last, just after midnight, a fire was discovered in Brown's livery stable at Morden, and before being extinguished had involved a loss of about twelve thousand dollars. Snowden & Nelson, butchers, and Miss Chambers, millinery, were also burned out. The losses are: Brown's livery, \$5,000; Snowden & Nelson, \$2,000; Miss Chambers, \$1,000; Topley, \$1,000; Meikle & Coppinger, store, \$250; Haley & Sutton, \$250; Stoner, \$200; Spencer, \$100. The only insurance carried was by Brown, who had \$1,100.

G. W. FULLER & D. R. CLARKE, plasterers, Vancouver, B. C., have dissolved partnership. G. W. Fuller continues.

A. F. MARTIN M.P.P., and Wm. McNaught, right of way agent for the N. P. & M. R., have left on an exploring trip over the proposed route of the Great Northwestern Railway, intending to go as far as Battleford or Edmonton, for the purpose of examining and reporting on the land grant of that road.

REAL ESTATE business is good in the city, and also at several outside points. Transactions having been made at increased prices, it is said the H. B. Co. have sold about \$45,000 worth of lands monthly. The C. P. R., H. B. Co. and Canada Northwest Land Co. have raised their prices within the past two weeks.

THE Northwest Electric Light Company have let the contract for the central station building, at the foot of Water street, a frame building 40x80 feet, with boiler and engine room of brick. Power will be supplied by a 300 horse power Crcliss engine. The company have about 2,000 prospective customers.

SURVEYORS are engaged in the Souris extension of the C. P. R., and report that on the 160 miles proposed to be built, the grading will not be difficult, almost the entire distance being composed of prairie land, with little bridge building and no cutting. The road course is almost in a direct line southwest from Brandon, passing through or near the village of Plum Creek.

THE petition of the N. P. & M. Ry. to the city council to close certain streets and lanes came before the board of works committee and they recommend that the railway secure the city against loss by making a cash deposit sufficient in any event to cover whatever awards are made against the city. If by a method indicated, by reaching Main street, the city and the company can secure as little inconvenience to the property holders interested as possible, the committee would be willing to meet specially and make an early recommendation to the council.

THE *Empire's* Ottawa correspondent says: "From all that can be learned the Canadian Pacific is about to enter with energy upon a scheme for building branch lines in Manitoba and in the Territories. The initial step is the undertaking to build a branch southward of Brandon to Melita, in the Souris district, and to continue the Pembina branch from Deloraine to Melita, thereby forming a junction of these two roads. The extent of the undertaking, however, has not, as it appears, been really understood. The company is not resting at Melita, but will push the line across the boundary of the province into Southern Assiniboia, the Government having the company's pledge that the extension will be completed and in running order by the end of December, 1899. It is within the bounds of possibility, also, that when these extensions are consummated the company will extend the Southwestern branch from Glenboro, its present terminus, to a point on the proposed new line from Brandon south. With these extensions Southern Manitoba will possess railway facilities equal to any section of Canada."—Sun.