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WINNIPEG, MAY 20, 1889.

E. PARKER & Co, general store, Treherne, have assigned.

A JOINT stockstore is being started at Austin, Manitoba.

B. AARONSON has opened a dry goods store at Naniamo, B. C.

JAS. MILLER, has opened a boot and shoe store at Oak Lake.

ALEX. WHEELER, dealer in furs, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

BRADEN & BAILIE, printers, Calgary, have dissolved partnership.

BROWN & SHELLE, of Binscarth, are erecting a general store at Russell.

THOMSON PROS., stationers, Vancouver, B.C., are putting in a printing plant.

MOWAT BROS., Regina, announce their retiring from the grocery business.

WISHART, BISHOP & Co., furniture, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

BUDGE & BARTON, contractors and builders, Virden, have gone into partnership.

CANNINGTON MANOR, Assa, wants a medical man to take up his residence there.

J. J. McLEAN, of Moose Jaw, has sold out his grocery stock to E. A. Baker & Co.

J. E. PULFORD & Co., second hand dealers, Winnipeg, contemplate adding hardware.

T. O. DAVIS, general storekeeper, Duck Lake, will open a branch store at Carlton, shortly.

LEMON & HUME, general storekeepers, Nelson, B. C., have dissolved partnership; F. B. Hume continues.

Der Nordwesten is the title of a new German weekly paper issued in this city.

It is said that Strevel, Mann and Egan Bros. will secure contracts on the N. P. & M. Morris branch.

THE town site of Headingly, on the C. P. R., has been removed one mile east from the old location.

A. M. CAMERON is erecting a two-story building on Commercial street, Saltcoats, for a butcher shop.

A. ASHDOWN, of Killarney, has disposed of his hardware business to C. A. Godfrey, lately of Winnipeg.

MOOSOMIN is organizing a hook and ladder brigade, and fire protection for the town is being inaugurated.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE is agitating for a live board of trade as the best means of looking after their commercial interests.

GOODSIR, of the late firm of Williams & Goodsir, of Portage la Prairie, is about to open an upholstery and furniture shop.

M. BANKS has just opened at Saltcoats with drugs and stationery. Mrs. Banks intends opening in the millinery business.

THE money for constructing the extension of the Galt road into Montana, has been arranged for and work will be pushed through this summer.

JAS. ROSS and Andrew Onderdonk, railway contractors, are negotiating for the construction of the projected railway from Calgary to Edmonton.

THE Hutchings Saddlery Co., at Calgary, has been dissolved and a new partnership formed, composed of R. J. Hutchings and W. J. Riley, under the name of Hutchings & Riley.

JAS. ROBERTSON & Co., Winnipeg, have purchased and acquired the stock in trade and book debts, accounts and notes owing and indebted to H. F. Holmes, of Rat Portage.

MEN are engaged in excavating on the site of the proposed Foulds block on Main street. The building will be two stories and a basement high and will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

THE new saw mill at Brandon is now in operation and has a capacity of cutting 30,000 feet per day, employing about 45 men. C. A. Larkin's new planing mill is also in operation.

CHILBEY, DAVIS & Co., grocers, Vancouver, B. C., have dissolved partnership. W. L. Davis and E. D. Burrows will continue the business under the firm name of W. L. Davis & Co.

MOOSOMIN wants the court house and jail and barracks for the Mounted Police erected at once with the appropriation that was made for that purpose by the Dominion Government at the previous session of the House.

THE supply of Canadian anthracite is commencing to make itself felt in the markets. Dealers in American are early in their announcements for the next season, as the following paragraph shows: "Coal dealers are already in a position to promise a reduction of 50 cents per ton on American anthracite coal for next season, on last winter's prices." The inevitable is not far away. American coal in the Northwest will soon be a thing of the past.

AN Electric Light Co. is being formed at Rat Portage and offer to light the town with 60 candle power lamps, incandescent, for \$4.50 per light per month, and any number over 12 lamps at \$4 per light. If the number is under 12, \$5 per month. Arc lights 75 cents per light per night.

THE Argus, of Fargo, devotes an article in a recent issue to warning Winnipeggers of an enterprising individual who seeks to beguile telephone subscribers with a patent(?) attachment for the telephone. Evidently we have an outside reputation as tenderfoot, to be thus imposed upon by the American genius homo.

A LARGE number of tenders were received by the finance committee for the new market building, but the lowest was about \$6,000 in excess of the amount which the people through a vote on a by-law authorized the council to expend, viz., \$16,500. After discussing the matter for a couple of hours the committee decided to report the situation to the council and suggest that Mr. Brown be requested to prepare new specifications, on which new tenders, not to exceed \$16,500, would be invited.

THE Mercury says: "Nothing further has been heard regarding the removal of the land office from Manitou to Winnipeg, and there now seems to be a probability that the office will be allowed to remain here. Agent Young says that about \$7,000 have been taken in since the first order to remove the office was received. A large proportion of this amount represents new sales of land, chiefly to Mennonites. This week about 2,400 acres was disposed of, and the amount of business transacted would appear to be a sufficient guarantee that the office should remain where it is.

THE sanitary condition of the city has at last become so bad that some course of immediate action is imperatively necessary on the part of the civic authorities to at least partially remove the germs of disease scattered so prolifically along every back lane of the city. This existing so late in the season is disgraceful, and does not reflect great credit on the civic health department. While the consideration is being made of the tenders for scavenging now in the hands of the council, it would be in the interest of the city to also appoint an official to oversee the work of the parties to whom the contract is given, and payments made according to his report of the service performed.

MESSRS. G. F. & J. GALT, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, have decided to go into the direct purchase of teas by their own representative in the China and Japan markets, and for that purpose Mr. Herbert Galt sailed by the S. S. Abyssinia from Vancouver on the 14th inst., and will spend the summer in the principal tea-centres of the two countries above named. The firm have arranged with the C. P. R. Company for the delivery direct from Asia of consignments to any point along their line from the Pacific coast eastward, so that customers entrusting them with commissions to buy can have their goods imported direct. This is a piece of enterprise on the part of Messrs. G. F. & J. Galt, for which they are greatly to be commended. It also shows the importance to which the city of Winnipeg is advancing as a mercantile centre. That the arrangement will prove a profitable one is beyond doubt.