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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 3, 1886.

McLEOD & O'BRIEN, are opening up a restaurant at Calgary.

W. A. HAYES is about to open up a hotel at Vancouver, B. C.

BUTTON & GODWIN, plumbers, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

ROBERT MATHESON, job printer, has opened up business in Vancouver.

TAYLOR BROTHERS, from Birtle are opening a butcher shop at Minnedosa.

R. H. BRATNOBER has opened a branch harness and saddlery house at Battleford.

A. K. FRANCIS, from Calgary, has opened up business as a photographer at Edmonton.

ELLIOTT & McDOWELL, hotelkeepers, Brandon, have dissolved; McDowell retiring.

DUNCAN McLAREN, blacksmith, Neepawa, has sold out his business to Alvan G. Grant.

HENRY & WHITNEY, livery men, Lethbridge, have dissolved. Whitney continues the business.

JACQUES BROTHERS, have opened up business in furniture and musical instruments in Calgary.

MRS. MELVIN from Winnipeg, is about to open up in millinery and fancy goods at Neepawa.

COLE & SANDERS, dry goods merchants, Brandon, are about to dissolve partnership. J. E. Sanders retiring.

R. W. DULMAGE, late of Saskatoon, has located in Battleford and opened up as a tinner and dealer in that class of goods.

ROWE & NEWTON, handling bankrupt stocks in Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business will be continued by C. H. Newton.

A. C. PERRY, stationer, formerly of Winnipeg, has reached Vancouver, B. C., and is about to locate there in the same business.

F. and J. SKELDING, dealers in hardware, advertise that they are going to dissolve partnership and close out their business in Neepawa.

S. WARDEN, who has run the stage line between Swift Current and Battleford for some time has been compelled to abandon the route, as he found it was not paying.

HORNE BROTHERS have opened up in groceries at the former stand of John A. Locke, Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, the latter having decided to go out of business for a time.

S. F. JOHNSON, of the former firm of S. F. Johnson & Co., hardware merchants, Winnipeg is at present in Brandon arranging for the purchase of the hardware business of J. A. Smart, of that place.

THE Birtle Observer publishes the statement, that Mr. Barker, of Minnedosa, and Mr. A. McDonald, of Strathclair, have struck two petroleum wells near Lake Dauphin. The wells are said to be equal to any in the United States or Eastern Canada for flow or quality. A great deal of prospecting for oil has been carried on in this locality, and it is satisfactory to know that all search has not been fruitless.

MORDEN butchers are quarreling and are now selling beef steak at three pounds for twenty-five cents. Each should start a branch in Winnipeg, where the extortionate prices charged would enable them to even up a little.

A LINE of railway is about to be built from Kootenay Lake to the junction of the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers, B. C., and when completed boat communication between the latter point and the C.P.R. at Farwell will be established.

JOYNER BROTHERS & ATHERTON of the Qu'Appelle Valley hotel, Fort Qu'Appelle, have arranged their dissolution of partnership, A. Atherton and H. B. Joyner, being the retiring partners, and the business will be continued by A. W. B. Joyner.

ALEX. DOUGLASS, H. M. Howell, and other prominent citizens of Winnipeg are organizing a company to start hog butchering and packing in the city. The paid up capital of the company is to be \$75,000. They have applied to the City Council for a \$10,000 bonus, besides exemption from taxation.

It is stated that three car loads of anthracite coal from the Cascade mine in the Rocky Mountains are now on their way to this city. This coal is said to contain from ninety to ninety-five per cent. of carbon, and the results of a test on an extensive scale of its properties will be anxiously watched by those here interested in the fuel question.

THE effort of the corporation of Portage la Prairie to reach a settlement with the creditors of the town has failed, several of the creditors having refused the offer made by the town, which was that the debt be reduced from \$265,000 to \$200,000, interest on the reduced total to be 3½ per cent for the first 6 years, 4 per cent for the next nine years, and 5 per cent thereafter. One creditor has suggested that the principal be held intact, and that the interest be fixed at 3 per cent. for the first six years and 3½ for the next nine. The proposal the Portagers will not agree to, and the matter is now at a dead-lock. It is to be hoped however, that some arrangement will soon be reached, and that the town will be saved from an experience like that of Emerson.