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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 9, 1889.

THE Nanaimo, B.C., *Courier* has ceased publication.

W. J. CARGILL, liveryman, Vancouver, B.C., has sold out.

W. TUCK, grocer, Winnipeg, offers his business for sale.

THOMAS & Co., cigars, etc., Winnipeg, is giving up business.

SOLOMON VENNE, trader, Batoche, has retired from business to his ranch.

A. L. SIFTON, late of Los Angeles, Cal., has opened a law office at Calgary.

GLEASON, of the firm of Gleason & Walker, livery, etc., Deloraine, is dead.

DR. LUCAS, has commenced the practice of his profession, at Cartwright, Man.

ED. MCCARTHY, boot and shoe dealer, Regina, will add clothing to his business.

THE Vancouver, B.C., Wharfage and Storage Co., have been sold out under judgment.

RAT PORTAGE school debentures have been sold to G. A. Stinson, of Toronto, for 101.

F. T. STUART, of the firm of A. B. & F. T. Stuart, bankers and brokers, Deloraine, is dead.

J. C. BANKS has sold out his fruit and confectionery business at Port Arthur, to A. Gazley.

B. AARANSON & Co., clothing and gents' furnishings, Nanaimo, B.C., are seeking an extension.

THE good crops which our farmers are now reaping, says the *Calgary Tribune*, ought to insure a very successful fall fair, which will be held in Calgary on October 9th and 10th.

SIMON, of the firm of Scuitto & Simon, bakers and grocers, Vancouver, B.C., has retired.

R. H. SWINERTON, of the firm of Chas. Green & Co., real estate brokers, Victoria, B.C., has retired.

WM. BROWN, of Balgonic, has opened a wagon and wood repair shop at Qu'Appelle Station.

MESSRS KIRKLAND have sold out their blacksmithing business, at Gladstone, to McNeill, of Brandon.

T. J. LAKE, of Moosomin, Assa., has moved to Rat Portage, where he goes into the butchering business with Philips.

W. E. COWAN, druggist, and O. C. Smith, general merchant, of Deloraine, Man., are recovering from recent illness.

CHALMERS, BROS & BETHUNE have purchased the grist mill at Pilot Mound, Man., and will complete and operate the mill.

J. C. KEITH, manager of the Bank of British Columbia at Vancouver, has started for England on a four months leave of absence.

BLACKBURN & DIXON, merchants, are erecting a store building at Dunmore. At present they carry on business in a portion of the hotel.

THOSE interested in the sealing industry at Victoria, B.C., have formed an association to be known as the Sealers' Protective Association.

POSTERS are out announcing the intention of the Stirling agricultural society of holding their first annual exhibition on Sept. 24th, at Saltcoats, at the terminus of the Northwestern Railway.

ROSS, HALL & BROWN, of Rat Portage, are negotiating for the sale of the debentures granted them by the municipality of Rat Portage as a bonus in aid of their saw mill and spur track at that place.

NOTICE is given that the partnership subsisting between Erdman Penner, Julius Siemens and Jacob B. Siemens, as bankers, Grtna, is dissolved by mutual consent, so far as regards the said Erdman Penner.

THE loss of Sheriff & Davies, brewers, Minnedosa, Man., by the recent fire, is placed at about \$2,500, with the insurance to the amount of \$1,500. A stone building is to be erected at once to replace the burned building.

A CORRESPONDENT at Newdale, Man., writes on Aug. 30:—There are excellent prospects of good crops yet if the frost holds off for another two weeks. The grain that the hail cut down about six weeks ago, is now over four feet high and ripening fast.

A COPY of the *Japan Gazette* advertising paper published at Yokohama, Japan, has been received at this office. It contains a special supplement, giving "News of the Word," received by mail from Vancouver, by the C. P. R. steamship Abyssinia.

AT a general meeting of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange a committee was appointed to arrange all the details regarding shipments of grain via Duluth, so that when shipments are ready no hitch will occur in the transportation of the grain by that route.

A MEETING was held recently at Fort William East, in the interest of the Port Arthur, Du-

luth and Western railway. A resolution was unanimously passed by the meeting declaring it to be in the interests of the municipality of Neehing to grant the road a bonus of \$15,000.

CALGARY *Tribune*: R. A. JAMES, who was out to his son's rancho at the mouth of High River, brought in a fine sample of fall wheat grown there. A small piece was sown last fall as an experiment, but owing to the dry fall it did not look very promising this spring, although it did not seem to the winterkilled. It looked very backward until the rain came in June when it became to pick up, and it developed into a very good crop and fair sample.

St. Paul *Pioneer Press*: President McNaught, of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba roads, returned yesterday from a trip to Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg. Thursday he made a trip over the country between Portage la Prairie and Lake Manitoba. Yesterday he stated that a line through this section of the country has been decided upon and would be built at once. The distance is about fourteen miles, and the road will be opened for business by Jan. 1st. The object of this line is to develop the business of the lake. In addition to the increased number of fish taken out of the lake each season, the country surrounding is exceedingly rich in timber and marble. When the road is built a line of boats will be put upon the lake. The company will also possibly build in a north-westerly direction from Portage la Prairie to Lake Winnipegosis, a distance of over 100 miles. If built, this line will run between the Manitoba & Northwestern and Canadian Pacific for a distance of about 35 to 40 miles, and then bear off in a northerly direction to the lake.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption at Winnipeg, with duty collected thereon, during the month of August, 1889, together with a comparative statement for the same month of 1888:—

DESCRIPTION.	VALUE	VALUE
	1888.	1889.
Exported.....	\$ 98,710.00	\$ 94,408.00
Imported dutiable....	184,575.00	217,655.00
Imported free.....	30,529.00	34,239.00
Total imported.	\$215,104.00	\$251,894.00
Entered for consumption dutiable.....	\$187,100.00	\$210,792.00
Entered for consumption free.....	30,528.00	34,239.00
Total for consumption.....	\$217,628.00	\$245,031.00
Duty collected.....	55,217.24	62,545.58

The Inland Revenue collections at Winnipeg for August were:

Spirits.....	\$9,015 33
Malt.....	2,361 35
Tobacco.....	8,270 90
Cigars.....	483 00
Licenses.....	120 00
Petroleum Inspected.....	152 10
Seizures and Fines.....	50 00
Total	\$20,452 68

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Banks at Winnipeg during the month of August were as follows:

Deposits.....	\$19,907 00
Withdrawals	30,762 58

Withdrawals exceed deposits by...\$10,765 58