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WINNIPEG, JULY 1, 1880.

HUGH DENPSE will open a hotel at Naniamo, B. C.

ROBERT KEE, grocer, Brandon, has given up business.

S. KNIGHT has opened a butcher shop at Gladstone.

WALLIE has opened a hardware store at Saltcoats.

T. G. POYNTZ, wholesale grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out.

CONNELLY BROS. are erecting a fine hotel at Pincher Creek.

JOHN CURRIE, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out to J. Agrnovich.

ELINGSWORTH & Co., barbers, Winnipeg, have sold out to W. J. Lythe.

THE charter of incorporation of the Northwest Electric Company, limited, has been granted.

A BRICK YARD will be put in operation near Virden, a fine seam of clay being available in the vicinity.

A PETITION has been addressed to the Minister of the Interior for the establishment of a land office at Moosomin.

THE Sultana Mine dispute at Rat Portage has been settled by Snow taking an equal share with the stockholders and paying all back assessments.

THE two hotelkeepers at Minnedosa advertise that they have closed the boarding department of their respective places, but that they will run their bars on temperance principles and the billiard table will be available as of yore.

J. A. HOBBS has sold out his drug business at Killarnoy to John Williams.

A. E. HOUSE, general storekeeper, Nicola, B. C., advertises his business for sale.

A. McDUGALL, general storekeeper, Fort William, has sold out to Wm. Phillips.

H. J. HOLMES dealer in hardware and contractor, Rat Portage, has assigned in trust.

T. B. PEARSON & Co., manufacturer's and commission agents, Victoria, B. C., have dissolved partnership.

SEVENTY-THREE homestead and pre-emption entries were made during the month of May at the Calgary land office.

HOBBS & DANK, hotelkeepers, Winnipeg, are giving up business and selling household effects and furniture by auction.

E. PENNER, of the firm of E. Penner & Co., general storekeepers, Gretna, has formed a partnership with J. P. and Julius Siemens, and gone into the banking business at that place.

A COMMISSIONER has been appointed by the Provincial government to settle the disputed claims and other matters in the vicinity of Rat Portage and Keowatin, and commences work this month.

FROM Pilot Mound the export of fat cattle this season already total the magnificent sum of \$30,000. These figures speak more than words of the capabilities of the district for cattle raising.

THE brewery of A. Pendola, at Savonas Ferry, B. C., was destroyed by fire recently. It is reported that the proprietor loses almost the entire outfit, valued at \$10,000, the insurance being very little.

THE Higgenbotham Machine Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of agricultural implements, etc., Sarnia, are sounding the Portage la Prairie town council as to what amount of bonus would be available were they to establish a branch of their business at that town that would give employment to between 25 and 50 hands.

OPERATIONS began on Friday last on the Winnipeg and Southeastern Railway. Egan Bros. have a portion of the contract. The road starts at a short distance from the St. Boniface exhibition grounds and will take as straight a course as possible to the northwest angle of the Lake of the Woods, the road being a connecting link from Duluth.

THE C. P. R. telegraph company have established a call box system and placed in those houses of business whose transactions with the company are of sufficient amount, 75 to 100 being put in position. The latest improvements are embodied in the system, which works well. Both closed and metallic circuits are worked and a duplex register records the signals in the central office.

THE first fair of the Reaburn Stock Association, held at that place on June 26th, was attended with fair success. Various live stock were out in good assortment. City buyers were not well represented, which was probably owing to a misunderstanding. A fair amount of business was put through at satisfactory prices and the institution is destined to be a great convenience to both buyer and sellers.

N. H. TAYLOR has opened a fruit and confectionery store on Alexander street, Winnipeg.

WM. MALLETT has sold out his jewelry business at Deloraine and purposes opening out at Plum Creek.

THE Montreal Herald has issued a special edition devoted to the Maritime Provinces. Its usual style is maintained but is placed in a lithographic cover. The reading matter is of an interesting nature.

THE two threshing machines seized at Gretna have as yet not been destroyed and the Government are thinking of sending them back over the line. Remple has taken action against the Government for damages.

THE Manitoba Gazette of the 22nd June, published the long looked for Settlement Act of Emerson, and comes in force from that date. The old town of Emerson and that of West Lynne is united with the former. W. W. Unsworth of the latter place is appointed receiver and will also act as clerk and treasurer. To-morrow is made election day for mayor and councillors as well also that for school trustees.

THE Dominion Government has appointed a number of experts to investigate and report on the recent oil discoveries in Athabasca. A gentleman who has returned from the Field district reports that there was lately discovered seventy-one different springs of this article within a radius of five hundred acres and the indications are that the quantity is inexhaustible and the quality first-class, two or three separate analysis having shown ninety-one per cent. of lubricating oil. The position of these springs is not, as was generally supposed, in the Crow's Nest Pass, but within a short distance thereof and about sixty miles from the railroad. Two or three gallons of the crude petroleum just as it was scooped off the water was brought in to be tested.

AT the quarterly meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade to-morrow, the election of boards of grain examiners, flour and meal examiners, hide and leather examiners and the general grain committee will take place. The Winnipeg board will this year, for the first time, be the convener of the annual meeting to fix the grain standards for all grain grown west of Lake Superior, and its three representatives at this annual gathering will have to be chosen from the board of grain examiners, the selections of the members is a matter of great importance. The board of flour examiners will this year for the first time send a representative to the Dominion flour examiners' meeting, which is annually held in Montreal. The committee have taken steps to enter into correspondence with the Montreal and Toronto boards of trade regarding the definitions given to certain terms used in the grain and flour trade. Toronto and Winnipeg have adopted practically the same terms and definitions, but considerable differences exist between these and the official terms adopted by the Montreal board. Already many cases of dispute have arisen between men in the grain trade in Winnipeg and Montreal owing to this lack of harmony in the meaning of trade terms, and the committee hope to get the boards interested to agree on some common interpretation. This meeting is the most important after the general annual meeting.