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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 21, 1884.

Geo. Squibb, baker, Calgary, has given up business.

Mr. Moulton, hotel-keeper, Calgary, has given up business.

There is still some talk of starting a cheese factory at Nelson.

Halse & Davis, blacksmiths, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

Messrs. Riley & Martin are about forming a partnership, and are opening a hotel at Clagary.

C. Costello, dealer in clothing, Calgary, has removed further west to the end of the C.P.R. track.

Thirty thousand bushels of wheat have been purchased in Emerson by the Ogilvie Milling Co.

The mill on the Shell River, the property of the Assensippi Milling Co., is being converted into a roller mill. The machinery and mechanics are expected to arrive at Moosomin in a few days.

S. Costello, general store keeper, Calgary, has removed his business west to the end of the C.P.R. track.

The stock and other effects of the late firm of J. O. Davis & Co., Prince Albert, are now offered for sale.

It is the intention of Mr. W. J. M. Pratt to put the Marquette mills in operation again as soon as possible.

The firm of J. Sinclair & Co., general store keepers, Edmonton, has been dissolved, C. raser retiring from the business.

Ogilvie & Co. are turning their grain warehouse at Emerson into an elevator. It is their intention to run the machinery by horse power.

A gang of nineteen men are at work on Thompson's elevator, Emerson. It is intended to put it in condition for receiving grain about the 27th.

Last Thursday the first car arrived in Winnipeg from the Plum Creek mill. It is, we believe, the first car load ever received from that part of Manitoba.

F. T. Bolmer's saw mill, Rat Portage, has shut down for the season having sawed all their logs. They have fifty men at Crow Lake under Mr. Thompson cutting timber for next year.

During the past month the Portage la Prairie Milling Co. have ground about 20,000 bushels of wheat and have purchased about 40,000 bushels already this season, and the new storehouse in connection with the mill is almost completed.

We have to notice the opening of a new industry in the Northwest. It is the shipment of buffalo bones to St. Paul. Forty-eight tons valued at \$312 have been shipped by Mr. Tims of Regina, to M. L. McKenzie, St. Paul. The bones are used to manufacture a fertilizer.

A new enterprise has sprung up at Emerson and Dominion City in the shipment of large quantities of snakeroot, or as it is better known in the east, seneca root, to points in the States. It is a very valuable drug and is used in large doses as an emetic and in small doses as an expectorant or diuretic. Its principal virtue is due to the presence of a very acrid substance.

Dredging of the Kaministiquia at Port Arthur has been suspended, according to tele-

graphic reports, the sand filling up as quickly as the dredger can remove it. Port Arthur people will not be sorry at this, as it prevents Fort William's rivalry as a port.

The contract for 107 miles of road from Medicine Hat to the Galt mines has been awarded to Donald Grant, the St. Paul contractor, and has entered into partnership with Mr. J. M. Ross. A small gang of men will be put on the work by next August. The men and teams will be sent into the mountains this winter to get out ties.

There is war once more among the trunk lines running east from Chicago, and passenger rates between that city and New York are down to \$5, with the prospect of lower figures being reached. Cutting on freight rates will doubtless come next, and the different companies will show as much sense as school boys in a fight. How long the struggle will last no one can say, but it is to be hoped that it will be of short duration, as the public pay in the long run for such folly.

To-morrow afternoon a convention of citizens, called under the direction of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, will meet in the old Holy Trinity church to nominate a mayor and council for the ensuing year. The board have been persuaded to take this action at the request of numerous ratepayers outside of their own membership. A representation of the active business element of the city in keeping with the magnitude of the same will probably be the aim of the convention.

The trading community of Winnipeg were rather startled last week by the rumor that Frank Rigney, of Rigney & Haverty, wholesale wine and liquor merchants, had absconded. The rumor proved to be too true, and among the unpleasant remembrances he left behind are several forged notes discounted at the Merchants' Bank. It was known for nearly two years that Rigney was in straitened circumstances, but he possessed the confidence of the entire mercantile community and had therefore no difficulty in perpetrating his foolish and criminal fraud without being suspected by any person. His disappearance under such circumstances has caused great astonishment with all who knew him.