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WINNIPEG, MAY 19, 1885.

—GRADY has opened up a tin-shop at McLeod's N. W. T.

EMILE RICHARD, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, is about to give up business.

JOHN ENNIS, contractor, Winnipeg, is reported to have left the city.

C. R. LUNDY has commenced business in the photographic line at Manitou.

CAMERON & CUMMINGS, general storekeepers, at Brandon, have assigned in trust.

J. MODELAND has bought up Roger Bell's milk business at Portage la Prairie.

—NEVINS, of the Rossin House, Portage la Prairie, has sold out to Henry Adams.

JOSEPH CLEMENTSON, general storekeeper, Broadview, N.W.T., has assigned in trust.

FRANK WHITE is about to start a sheep-ranch on the McDonald lease, at Ghost River.

SPENCER & HUNTER, have commenced business at Manitou as house, sign and carriage painters.

GEO. CRAIG, general storekeeper, Portage la Prairie, is about to retire from business owing to ill health.

JONES & Co., Cattle dealers at Bird's Hill, have dissolved partnership. A. Stokes retires from the firm.

J. W. McLAREN, of Nelson, intends opening up a law office at Maritou, which will be placed in charge of H. Pew.

SMITH & MITCHELL, Port Arthur, will act as agents during the season for the *Campana*, the Lake Superior steamer.

A CHEESE factory will be immediately built at Balmoral, the machinery for which has been ordered and is now ready.

McVITTY, DR. HENDERSON, ST. COCHRANE & FRANK WHITE are about to erect a saw-mill at Big Hill, 30 miles west of Calgary.

MORROW, barrister, has entered into partnership with S. W. Hawkesworth at Rapid City, and will carry on the law business in that town.

WM. BARTLETT, trading as Bartlett & Co, general storekeepers, Portage la Prairie, has made an assignment to J. H. Bent, who is hopeful of paying a large dividend, if not in full.

ARMOUR & BRADEN, proprietors of the *Calgary Herald*, have sold out to Cayley late editor. Braden intends establishing another paper at the second crossing of the Columbia river.

A MAN named Hill, from St. Boniface, has offered to build a woolen mill at Portage la Prairie, if the council of that town will give him a bonus of \$2,000, and exemption from taxation for three years.

It is reported that John Brown, of the firm of Denmark & Brown, general storekeepers at Shell river, is dead. This is erroneous, and must have been mistaken for some other person of the same name as deceased.

THERE are already indications that there will be cheaper fuel this coming winter. The Dominion Coal & Coak Co., have given notice that after the 1st. of June, they will take orders for car lots to be delivered on track in Winnipeg, text fall, at the following prices: anthracite, \$9.50 and Pennsylvania bituminous, \$7.50 per ton.

E. CORDINGLY, cigar and tobacco dealer, Port Arthur, has sold out his business to Howitt & Co., who have leased the premises and will dispose of the entire stock, and transform the establishment into a jewelry store, which trade they will continue.

It may now be concluded that the rebellion has been crushed in the lower valley of the Saskatchewan, from Clarke's Crossing eastward to Lake Winnipeg, and that that district is now practically open to trade. The telegraph line is being repaired, and direct communication between Prince Albert and Winnipeg may be expected before the close of the week.

NAVIGATION on Lake Superior is now opened up—the steamer *Campana* being the first to arrive at Port Arthur with a general freight of merchandise and a large number of passengers. Large fields of broken ice is reported to have been met with all the way. The traffic promises to be equally as great as it was last year, and the numerous lines plying between that port and more eastern points will be largely augmented by additional craft, and on the whole the season which has just been entered on will, it is expected, be the busiest ever seen in the district.

A MISUNDERSTANDING has arisen in the minds of some people regarding the new Inspection Act grades for spring wheat, as published in our last issue. The information there contained is taken from the new act, but grades are there taken in, which may never be required in Manitoba, the act being intended for the whole Dominion. The grades which are specially made for the Northwest are Extra No. 1 Manitoba Hard, No. 1 Manitoba Hard, No. 2 Manitoba Hard, No. 1 Northern, No. 2 Northern, No. 3 Northern, the latter added at the suggestion of the Winnipeg Board of Trade. If we exclude Rejected and Goose wheat, we have thus six out of the eleven merchantable grades specially framed to suit the wants of this country, which is an amount of legislative consideration the Northwest seldom receives at Ottawa. There is a provision, too, against any admixture of Goose wheat in our Northern grades, although we did not include it in the extracts from the Act we published. The greatest trouble seems to be that the Government have taken their information from recognized sources, and not from blustering demagogues.