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SEEDING has commenced at Indian Head.

CHAS. BUTCHER, drugs, Millford, is going out of business.

CROTTY & POLSON, real estate agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved.

HAMMOND & MCKIVER, tent manufacturers, Winnipeg, are about to dissolve.

J. T. WEST, jewelry store, Nelson, has retired from business to engage in farming.

WESTBROOK & FAIRCHILD are building an agricultural machinery warehouse at Morris.

CONLEY & CORMICAN, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust to Isaac H. McLean.

M. J. McLEAN, who has been in the commission business in this city, intends removing to Calgary.

C. W. MARLATT, general store, Oak River, has assigned in trust to Alfred McKeand, of Winnipeg.

A. BERGEVIN & Co. have sold their branch dry goods store on Main street, Winnipeg, to P. Rouillard & Co.

Ross & Ross, general store, Rapid City, are about to dissolve partnership, Mr. John Ross retiring to commence farming.

GEO. LEANY, postmaster, Nelson, has removed the post office into his new building adjoining A. M. Champion's store.

R. DIXON, contractor, Selkirk, has not assigned, as stated in last week's issue, and there is no danger of his doing so, either.

Mr. McBAIN has retired from the firm of McBain, Woods & Co., biscuit manufacturers, etc. Alderman Ovens takes his place in the firm.

J. B. CARLILE, inspector of the North American Life Assurance Company, Toronto, is in the city on business connected with the company he represents.

THE Grand Union hotel in this city has greatly improved under its new management. It is now one of the most comfortable hotels in the Dominion.

THE act incorporating the Portage Westbourne and Northwestern Railway has been amended so as to change the name to the Manitoba and Northwestern.

MR. GREGORY, a capitalist from Wingham, Ont., intends erecting at Souris City a grist and flouring mill two stories in height, with a capacity of 200 barrels per day.

THE Acadia gun and blasting powder company of Halifax, N. S., have made arrangements to establish a factory in the vicinity of Winnipeg during the coming summer.

THE taking over of the Thunder Bay division of the C. P. R. from the contractors has awakened some curiosity as to the new freight rates, and many are anxious to know what they will be.

IT is said that the ice on Thunder Bay will break up before the first of May. The C. P. R. will, it is expected, take over the Thunder Bay Branch by that date, when daily trains will be put on between this city and the Landing.

T. J. SKINNER started business in Minnedosa about three months ago, having given up farming for that purpose. He got into financial difficulties, and now numerous creditors mourn over his unexpected disappearance for parts unknown.

THE bottom floor of the Morris dam has been laid, being 25 feet in breadth by 70 feet long; the next floor will be six feet higher, beginning on either side close to the bank of the stream and so continuing throughout the total length of 750 feet.

THE new City Hall has given way in many places, and a committee of architects appointed to report on the condition of the building have condemned it as unsafe, and recommend that it be taken down. Serious loss will be suffered by some one.

THE Minnedosa Tribune, the latest journalistic venture in Manitoba, has made its appearance. It is a handsome sheet, and in every way a credit to the town in which it is published and to the energetic proprietor, Mr. Gibbens. We wish it success.

F. T. GRAFFE, formerly of the Prince Arthur's Landing Herald, has been appointed business manager of the Mining Index, published in this city. Mr. Graffe is a journalist of experience, and cannot fail to make the Index a success. The promotion is well deserved.

A BILL has been introduced in the House of Commons at Ottawa, adding Winnipeg to the other cities mentioned in the Inspection Act of 1874, which gives her a right to appoint an inspector of her own, and also providing that flinty Fife wheat when grown in the Northwest shall be inspected as higher than No. 2.

SHOULD the amalgamation of the Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay, and Nelson Valley and Hudson's Bay Railways be consummated, it is proposed to organize an expedition to explore Hudson's Straits. The proposition is that if the Dominion and Imperial Governments each contribute one-third of the cost, the new company will furnish the balance.

ACCORDING to the current number of the Chicago Railway Age, the construction of railways in the United States during the first quarter of 1883 has fallen away about 36 per cent, as compared with that recorded in a like portion of 1882; the total of main track completed in the past three months being 766, as compared with 1,200 miles in 1882. The Age estimates the construction for the year at 8,000 miles.