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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 22, 1888.

E. RECKER has opened a store at Souris City, Man.

G. C. MARSH is opening a real estate office at Calgary, Alberta.

J. A. BROOKS & Co., hotelkeepers, Winnipeg, are selling out by auction.

Henry A. Potter, paper box manufacturer, Winnipeg, is reported away.

WM. MUIR, late with Strome & Whitelaw has opened a grocery store at Brandon.

A. W. THOMPSON, barrister, has commenced the practice of his profession at Winnipeg.

THOS. HOUSTON, general storekeeper, Manitou, Man., has admitted Geo. E. Betts into partnership.

S. B. YULL has purchased the Palace restaurant, Medicine Hat, Assa., from Dempsey & Miller.

E. J. PELKEY, general storekeeper, Glenboro, Man., has formed a partnership with C. D. Anderson.

MR. DICKINSON has disposed of his interest in the Port Arthur Herald. It is understood that D. F. Burk is the purchaser.

MR. COOK, an expert engineer from New York, is at Port Arthur, in connection with the proposed system of water works for that town.

THE safe in the banking office of Allan, Brydges & Co., Carberry, Man., was "cracked" by burglars last week. The Carberry Milling Co. lose \$1,500 which they had in the safe, but the loss of the bank was trifling. No clue to the burglars has been obtained.

MATHER & Co. have opened a merchant tailoring business at Portage la Prairie, Man.

J. KUHN, general merchant, Balmoral, Man., will admit S. J. Kuhn as partner on Jan. 1 next.

G. LESLIE, takes charge as manager of the branch of the Imperial Bank, lately established at Portage la Prairie, Man.

H. F. HOLMES, dealer in hardware, Rat Portage, Ont., has sold out his Norman Mills branch to Clarke & Pearson.

J. A. MITCHELL, grain dealer, Winnipeg, has secured control of the Winnipeg elevator and fitted it up with new machinery.

THERE is a scarcity of houses for rent at Morden, Man., and the local paper advertises for capitalists to build houses for rent.

JOHN HANBURY, dealer in cigars and grain, Brandon, Man., has formed a partnership with E. Evans, under style of Hanbury & Evans.

G. H. MCGREGOR has sold out his restaurant business in Winnipeg to H. Latham, and has leased the Roblin house, which will be opened as an hotel.

G. E. BETTS, station agent at Manitou, Man., has resigned his position, and entered into partnership with Jas. Huston, general merchant of that place.

THE Manitoba Legislature met on Tuesday last, according to the previous adjournment. No business came up for consideration, and the house was at once prorogued.

J. D. MCARTHUR, who laid the rails on the Red River Valley railway, has been given the contract for track-laying on the Portage branch, and will have the track completed in about three weeks.

ROBERT ALLISON, living southeast of Moose Jaw, says the Regina Leader, lately threshed no less than 182 bushels of wheat from three acres of land, this being machine measure. Allison is ready to make affidavit to this yield.

CAPT. HERBERT SWINFORD, of Winnipeg, has been appointed general freight and passenger agent of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railroad company. The appointment gives satisfaction. Captain Swinford has been connected with river transportation in this country since old days of the Kitting Red River line.

THE Dominion Illustrated, published by G. E. Desbarats & Son, Montreal, is keeping well up to the standard of excellence attained in the initial number. This is the only journal of the kind published in Canada, and it is one of which the country need not be ashamed. It is thoroughly national in spirit, and is therefore the more worthy of liberal encouragement and support.

AN Ottawa telegram says:—The Ontario mining commission is sitting here. Dr. Selwyn, director of the geological survey, gave some important evidence. He believes gold mining east of Port Arthur in Ontario, according to his present knowledge, will not be profitable. Mining, he says, is destined to become the greatest industry of the country. He expressed the belief that the deposits of silver and copper ore and marble in Lake Superior and other portions of Northern Ontario are the richest in the world.

FRED. HEALEY announces his intention of opening a store in the premises vacated by J. G. Chalmers, at Moose Jaw, Assa.

WHITEMAN'S store at Emerson, Man., was broken into one night last week by burglars, and goods to the value of \$300 taken.

IN the Northwest Territories Official Gazette a proclamation is issued that the Territorial Assembly will open on the last day of October.

CHAS. A. DEMPSEY and M. L. Miller have started a ranch some fifteen miles southwest of Medicine Hat. It is their intention in the spring to add several car loads of young stock.

R. HEAP, brewer, late of Winnipeg, talks of establishing a brewery at Calgary, Alberta, though some difficulty may be experienced in carrying out the intention on account of the Territorial liquor regulations.

APPLICATION has been made for the incorporation of the Pheasant Forks Cheese and Butter Company, for the manufacture of cheese and butter. All the applicants are settlers in the Pheasant Forks district, otherwise known as the Pimitice Methodist colony, in the Territory of Assiniboia.

A LIVERPOOL cable of Thursday last says: The depressed state of the cattle markets has been harmful to the Alberta ranch cattle venture. It is estimated that from 3 to 4½ pounds cash per head will be lost on the current shipments, though it is believed in normal conditions they would yield a profit.

IN the suit for libel brought by Attorney-General Martin against Acton Burrows, of the Winnipeg Call, the preliminary examination has resulted in the commitment of the defendant for trial at the assize court. Premier Greenway has also instituted suits for criminal libel against W. F. Luxton, of the Free Press, and Mr. Burrows.

THE Northern Pacific railway announces a series of cheap excursions to Eastern Canada. Fare for the round trip, good for sixty days and for stop over, will be \$40. The excursions will leave Winnipeg on Nov. 5, 12, 20 and 27, and Dec. 3, 11, and 17. This will afford our citizens a splendid opportunity of travelling over the new through line from Winnipeg to St. Paul, and enjoying the first class accommodation promised. Palace dining cars and Pullman sleepers will be run regularly between Winnipeg and St. Paul, over the new Northern Pacific route, thus ensuring comfort and conveniences not previously obtainable between the points named.

ADDITIONAL information from Duluth regarding the Winnipeg and Duluth railway is to the effect that the contract let to Foley Bros. is for grading and building the road from Cloquet to the Mississippi, a distance of about sixty-five miles, and not for the first ten miles as published heretofore. Manager Fisher said little was to be said about the road more than the work would begin just as soon as possible and be prosecuted until the road was completed. Steel for twenty miles of the track it is said is already on the way from the east, and more will follow as soon as needed. This would seem to indicate that the scheme is now being taken hold of in earnest.