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WINNIPEG, JUNE 30, 1885.

JOHN PAISLEY, hotel keeper, Winnipeg, has been sold out by the sheriff.

ONE McIntyre, has opened up a boot and shoe shop at Whitewood, N.W.T.

THE St. Nicholas hotel, Winnipeg, has been opened up by W. J. O'Connor.

D. E. PERRY, dealer in stationery, Winnipeg, is about to close out his business.

HODDER & SON, grocers and liquor dealers, Winnipeg, lately giving up business.

G. H. KENNEDY, dealer in hardware and tins, Port Arthur, has sold out his business.

NIGHTINGALE & Co, general storekeepers, Beaver Creek, B.C., have made an assignment.

THE Post Office department has appointed J. M. Grover to the postmastership of Morden.

H. P. TIMMERMAN, has been appointed assistant to General Superintendent Egan of the C.P.Ry. and C. W. Milestone, Chief Train dispatcher, has succeeded to his position.

O'CONNOR & BROWN, proprietors of the Queen's Hotel, Winnipeg, contemplate dissolving partnership.

MOORE & MACDOWALL'S, sawmill at Prince Albert, N.W.T., commenced operations for the season a few days ago.

G. B. CROSS & Co, grocery and produce dealers, Winnipeg, are about to give up the grocery branch of their business.

JAS. H. FRAZER, of Nelson, is erecting a fine roller mill at Morden, and expects to have it in operation in a short time.

THE firm of Markley & Co., general storekeepers, Prince Albert, N.W.T., intend to dissolve the present existing partnership.

THE publication of a weekly new paper at Vanden, which is to be designated the *Advance*, will commence operations on the beginning of next month.

THE partnership existing between Carter Bros., general storekeepers, Prince Albert, N.W.T., has been dissolved, and the business will hereafter be conducted by G. E. Carter on his own account.

THE Prince Albert *Times* is again to hand, and we are glad to see that it has resumed operations and hope that it will not again suffer from such an outbreak as the past rebellion in the Northwest territories.

THE C.P.R. stock yards are undergoing improvements of a practical nature. A solid foundation of ties has been put in, which is being covered with gravel making it high and dry. The prospects of stock business in this city warrants the improvements now being made.

A MEETING of telephone subscribers was held last week, when the cost of construction and operation of a telephone system was discussed, and it was decided to open a stock and solicit subscriptions with a view to forming a new company. It is to be regretted that the Bell Telephone Company could not see its way to make a reduction in their prices when requested by their subscribers. As the starting of a rival company in this city means an open war between, and considerable loss to the companies involved, but we suppose the fight has now begun.

THE petition from this Province against the new Manitoba exemption law has been forwarded for presentation to the Governor-General. Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie, President of the Winnipeg Board of Trade will present the petition, and will be accompanied by deputations from the Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton Boards of Trade, and the Ontario Manufacturers' Association. The total signatures on the petition was 3334. Of these 1032 were obtained in Winnipeg and 2302 in other towns and the country, while nearly 1800 of the gross number are farmers, showing that the agricultural classes ask for no dishonest legislation in their favor.

THERE is some talk about the amalgamation of the Winnipeg *Times* and *Sun*, and a sensible move so far as it reduces the dailies of this city to two, one morning and evening, which is all there is paying room for. By the proposed arrangements the *Times* will swallow the *Sun*, and change its own name at the same time. We fear, however, that it will, like Jonah's whale, be compelled to puke it up again, for the *Sun* contains more evidence of go-ahead enterprise than can possibly be held in the stomach of a journal which will be only a whistle for the Dominion and Local Governments to toot upon. The new evening daily will, we understand, be nominally managed by a Board of Directors, selected by both Governments from the most faithful conservative toadies of Winnipeg.

THERE is a movement on foot by hide and skin dealers, butchers and others interested, to have an inspector of hides and skins appointed at Winnipeg, and one applicant has already put in for the appointment. Like the position of grain inspector this comes under the control of the Board of Trade so far as selecting the candidate is concerned, the appointment being made by the Minister of Inland Revenue. As in all other inspectorships a candidate must be examined by a board of competent examiners, and his efficiency for the position certified by the same, before the Board of Trade can recommend him for appointment. The position will be an important one, and, in a few years, a comparatively lucrative one. The matter will doubtless be taken up by the Board of Trade at their regular quarterly meeting in July.