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WINNIPEG, MARCH 11, 1889.

THE Edmonton Bulletin notes the arrival of fur buyers at that place.

STERS are being taken to organize a board of trade at Edmonton, Alberta.

THE Manitoba Legislature was formally prorogued on Wednesday morning.

EMMOND & Co., furniture, Treherne, Man., are adding confectionery and fruit.

J. F. HOLLAND, drngs and fancy goods, Holland, Man., is adding furniture.

JAS. BOLE and J. W. Smith will leave for the east in search of settlers for the Regina district.

JAMES MAWHINNEY, builder and furniture, Holland, Man., is giving up his furniture business.

KELLY, fruits, Winnipeg, lately damaged by fire, has given up business and moved to Ontario.

MRS. J. D. ALLAN, bakery, of Neepawa, Man., is giving up business, and will remove to Winnipeg.

A CORRESPONDENT writes that a branch of the Commercial Bank, of Manitoba will be established at Minnedosa, Man.

MAWHINNEY & BUTCHART, hardware and tins, Holland, Man., are advertising selling out their business at Glenboro.

SAUNDERS & MCKINNON, general storekeepers Deloraine, Man., have effected a compromise with a majority of their creditors.

A. M. McLANE and Joseph Craig were appointed immigration agents by the Qu'Appelle board of trade to proceed to Eastern Canada in the interest of immigration to that district.

THE stock of Madoll & Robinson, wall paper, etc., Winnipeg, which was sold by the sheriff recently, brought 55 cents on the dollar.

THE Bank of British North America at a meeting in London on March 5th, approved of a dividend of 4 per cent. for the half year.

THE Calgary Tribune says that A. Ferland & Co., general merchants of that place, will dispose of the whole of their stock by auction.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE Review:—Draper & Co., of Drayton, Ont., will open up their new gent's furnishing and tailoring establishment here on the 11th inst.

S. HARTFORD, general merchant, formerly of Minnedosa, Man., who moved to Bridge Creek some time ago, will, it is said, move his business back to Minnedosa.

THE Spectator, Rapid City, Man., says:—John Ross, late of Port Arthur, was in town last week. He has some intention of buying out a general store here.

THE first annual banquet of the Brandon board of trade was held on March 7. About 100 of the leading business men of the city and district were present. The banquet was a success.

A BY-LAW to provide for the early closing of stores, in accordance with the Act passed by the Manitoba Legislature about a year ago, has been adopted by the council of Portage la Prairie.

CHAS. A. LEMIEUX, lately with J. D. Burke, grocer, Winnipeg, has entered into partnership with C. D. Anderson, grocer, Winnipeg, and the name of the firm in future will be C. D. Anderson & Co.

THE Dominion Grocer, of Toronto, says that the sugar combine is on its last legs, as Kingston, Toronto, and other western merchants are sick of it. Cutting is said to be taking place all along the line.

THE C.P.R. is furnishing free railway passes to representatives from the different districts in the Territories to act as immigration agents in Eastern Canada. The passes are furnished to parties selected by the member of the Territorial Assembly for the district.

MR. DAVIN will ask in Parliament at Ottawa whether the Government is aware that four per cent. beer is now freely imported into the Territories, and that the Inland Revenue department refuses to allow local brewers to make four per cent. beer, and if it is the intention of the Government to do away with the injustice.

DONALD Truth: The Monarch mine at Field continues its ore output, shipping 5 car loads to the Vancouver smelter this week. The Anthracite Coal Company are reported as having struck an 8-foot vein of clean coal in a new mine near Canmore. From their old mines at Anthracite 25 carloads of coal were shipped, via Port Moody, to San Francisco.

THE Dominion Illustrated in its last number gives an excellent engraving of Erastus Wiman, of New York, who is perhaps the best known Canadian resident of the United States. Illustrations and a letter press sketch of that very successful institution, the Canadian Club, of New York, are also given, together with a number of excellent views of Canadian scenery. G. E. Desbarats & Son, Publishers, Montreal.

BENNETT has opened an auction and commission room at Brandon.

THE Royal City mills, Westminster, B. C., have resumed work, after a thorough overhauling and extension of capacity.

THE Moose Jaw board of trade was fully organized on Friday last. T. B. Baker was elected president, Wm. Riddell, vice-president, and a council of ten.

C. W. HAMILTON & Co., is the firm name of the new dry goods house at Port Arthur, which succeeded Strutt. The firm is composed of C. W. Hamilton and Miss Riter.

WELLS, who carries on the hardware business of the late firm of Wells & Dawson, Port Arthur, has formed a partnership with J. T. Emmerson, from Peterboro, Ont.

THE syndicate, which recently purchased the saw mill at Chemainus, B. C., and timber limits, took possession of the property on March 1st. It is understood to be the intention of the new proprietors to largely increase the capacity of the mill.

THE Manitoba Southeastern railway bill passed the railway committee at Ottawa last week. Power was taken to connect or amalgamate with the Winnipeg & Duluth or any other road coming west. Power was also taken to build branch lines from St. Anne to Selkirk, and from St. Anne to Morris.

JOSEPH CARMAN, produce and commission dealer, Winnipeg, received the following important agencies during his recent trip east: F. C. Ireland & Son, Toronto, manufacturers of a large variety of flours and foods; The Hamilton Vinegar Works, Hamilton, Ont., manufacturers of vinegar, pickles, jams, jellies, etc.; J. W. Cowan & Co., Toronto, manufacturers of cocoa, chocolates, etc.; Alfred Savage & Son, Albert toilet soaps, Montreal; and Ellis, Keighly & Co., coffees, spices, etc., Toronto.

THE Port Arthur Sentinel: The West End Silver Mountain mine made another big strike on Friday last. P. Labby has just returned from the mine and brings with him samples of the ore. It looks, and certainly is, excellent, the assayer informing him that it goes \$7,000 to the ton. The pay streak, Mr. Labby says, is a couple of feet wide, and so rich is it that the drills have almost entirely been discarded, the ore coming out with the pick. The strike was made on the drift, about 500 feet from the shaft and has every indication of hanging on good.

PORT ARTHUR Sentinel: Building affairs give promise of being extremely lively during the coming season. At the time of writing the following new brick and stone blocks appear to be assured facts, as most of the material, is either delivered or being delivered:—W. -J. Clarke, brick and stone block facing Cumberland and Arthur streets; R. E. Mitchell, brick and stone block on Cumberland street, between Lorne and Arthur streets; Mrs. Eades, brick block, corner Park and Cumberland streets; Aaron Squier, brick block, Water street, next the Northern hotel; Hastings Bros. & McGaw, six storey flouring mill, foot of Cumberland street. Other buildings are projected, among them being a smelting establishment, to say nothing of the new post office.