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WINNIPEG, APRIL 7, 1885.

W. P. NOLAN, provision merchant, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

JOHN LADBY, hotel-keeper, Port Arthur, has sold out to G. M. Francis.

W. F. SMITH, of the Li-Quor Tea Company, Winnipeg, has sold out his business to Ede & Christie.

THE Portage la Prairie paper-mill is to resume work again this summer, and will be running before May 1.

The council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade meet this afternoon to make arrangements for the quarterly meeting of the board, which takes place on Tuesday next.

THE American Plumbing Company, of Winnipeg, has been dissolved. Robert Muir retires, and the business will be carried on by Neil McDonald and D. R. McCallum.

News from all over the province goes to show that seeding operations have commenced in every municipality on high-lying lands, and before the end of the week will be general all over.

GEO. H. ROGERS & Co. have purchased the dry goods stock of Thomas Bennie & Co., Winnipeg, and will continue the business.

THE Dominion Land Department have issued an order to all the agents in the Northwest, to the effect that all homesteaders who volunteer for service during the rebellion will have their time of service allowed in fulfilment of their homestead conditions of residence.

THE Caechon Block, Winnipeg, came near being destroyed by fire on Friday last. Considerable damage was done, and among the sufferers are J. Nott, plumber, and Feilde Haffner & Co., commission merchants, and agents for the Dominion Organ Co.

THE Winnipeg Board of Trade report for 1884, with a statistical record of the city's trade during that year and a sketch of its commercial growth since 1870, has been published in pamphlet form by order of the board. Members and other business men can have copies of the same by applying to the secretary.

THE Minnedosa Tribune is responsible for the statement that one John Ralston, a few miles from that town, is about to start a small pottery on his farm. Clay to make common pottery is to be found in abundance in the north-western part of the province; and if Mr. Ralston has struck a particularly good seam, his proposed industry should be a paying undertaking.

D. H. McMILLAN & BROTHER, of the City Roller Mills, Winnipeg, have been negotiating for some time for the erection of a roller mill at Qu'Appelle. The arrangements are complete, the machinery is ordered, and the erection of the mill is about to be commenced, with the intention of having it running by next fall. It will have a capacity of 150 barrels in 24 hours.

FROM Portage la Prairie the news comes that all the grain buyers in that town have stopped purchasing, and at very few other points in the province will any buying operations be carried on during the present month, as the seeding movement and bad roads will almost entirely shut off receipts. There is still a large quantity of wheat in the hands of farmers, which will be marketed after seeding is over.

C. J. STILWELL has again embarked in journalism, this time at Fort William, which promises to become a dangerous rival of Port Arthur. His new journal is named *The Echo*, and let us hope that it will always be distinctly heard when the interests of the Northwest are at stake. May Mr. Stilwell have success with his new paper.

THE new time-card of the Fargo & Southern Railway, which went into force on the 1st of this month, shows two through trains a day between Fargo and St. Paul. This company have adopted the new style of sleeping-car, which gives a complete section to each sleeper, and have in many other ways improved Northwestern travel. It is worth the trouble for Manitobans going south to change at Fargo and try this new route on to St. Paul or Minneapolis.

W. CLOUGH, late of the English Restaurant, has opened up a new establishment of a similar character on Main street, near Owen. The place is the most comfortably and elegantly fitted up of its class in the Northwest. It will have a bar, lunch-room, and spacious dining-room, so that anything can be supplied from a fifteen-cent lunch to a first-class dinner. The whole arrangements show that it is meant for a first-class lunch and dining-house, and not for a groggery, as the majority of our licensed restaurants in the past have been. The institution is a good proof of the progress of Winnipeg in the right direction.

THERE was considerable excitement on Sunday last over the enforcing of a by-law of the City Council against Sunday labor. The Chief of Police had a number of barbers, hotel boot-blacks, electric-light inspectors, newspaper printers, and others arrested, much to the annoyance of such people. It is claimed by supporters of the by-law that the chief has been stretching its provisions; but it is evident that it requires amending. There is some kind of a by-law wanted to keep in order a certain low grade of Hebrew hand-me-downs, whose lawless practices are condemned by none more strongly than by respectable people of their own race, who are among our best citizens. Along with these the refreshment-shanty might be dispensed with on Sundays.