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WINNIPEG, MARCH 12, 1888.

TENDERS have been asked for completing the bridges on the line of the Red River Valley Railway.

E. P. BLAIRKLOCK, fruit and fish dealer, Emerson, Man., has sold out his business to Charles A. Whitman.

DUNCALF, late of Morden, is making preparations for opening out in the drug and stationery business at Killarney, Man.

ALEX. MILLS, of the Neepawa house, Neepawa, Man., has moved to his farm, and Andrew Buchanan will take charge of the hotel.

RAT PORTAGE council has given the Hudson's Bay Company 10 per cent. rebate on taxes on unsold lots in blocks 3, 4 and 5 in that town.

THE North American Life Insurance Company, of Toronto, has made arrangements with F. L. Patton to represent the company in Winnipeg.

THE proposed transfer of the Lethbridge House, Lethbridge, Alberta, has fallen through. Henderson will continue to own and manage the house.

W. R. LLOYD has given up the lease of the Hotel du Canada, at Edmonton, Alberta. The proprietor, X. St. Jean, has taken charge of the house.

THE firm of Brousseau & Co., merchants at St. Albert, Alberta Territory, has dissolved. The business will be continued by E. Brousseau.

JOSEPH BERGERON has sold out his flour and feed business at Emerson, Man., to Paquet, in the same business at Emerson, and it is said intends to go to California.

HENDERSON'S Pocket Gazette and Traveller's Guide for March has been issued.

BRASIER & FISK, lately of the turf club in Calgary, are entering into the saloon business at Anthracite, Alberta.

COLE & SAUNDERS, merchant tailors, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. N. N. Cole will carry on the business.

MR. HOLMES, representing Wyld, Graset & Darling, wholesale dry goods, Toronto, has returned home after a trip through the west.

THE Ottawa hotel, a new brick building on the main thoroughfare, has been opened at Port Arthur, by Basil Guerard. It is said to be a very good building.

DYKE & ACTON have purchased the stock of the estate of J. G. Mills, teas, etc., Winnipeg, and will continue the business. They are well known city tea merchants.

LEITCH BROS., general merchants, millers and grain dealers, Oak Lake, Man., have sold out their general store department to Henderson & Burton, of Carberry, Man.

D. McARTHUR, banker and broker, Emerson, Man., has been appointed agent at that place for the Dundas Mortgage and Investment Co., in place of G. E. Beemer.

R. J. OGBURN purposes turning his Palace club rooms at Calgary, into an hotel. He will remove the bar and billiard room down stairs, which will give him about twenty bedrooms up stairs.

MCLEAN BROS., general merchants, Moose Jaw, Assa., have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by J. J. McLean, the senior partner in the late firm, and founder of the business.

A CAREFUL estimate made by the board of trade of the business done at Regina last year shows \$1,100,000, of which \$110,000 was in building improvements. This exceeds last year by \$240,000.

T. B. WINNETT has closed out his branch furniture business at Medicine Hat, Assa. Winnett was recently burned out at Banff, Alberta, without insurance, but he will again resume business at the latter place.

W. BENNETT, of the New Douglas hotel Winnipeg, will open the large McKenzie hotel on Portage Avenue, about the first of next month. The splendid house is now being put in shape and it is the intention to thoroughly furnish and fit up the place.

J. DEAN, hardware dealer, Gladstone, is burned out building insured for \$900 and stock for about one-third its value. The pest office building adjoining, owned by Rose, and valued at \$500, without insurance, was also destroyed. Dean will resume business in rented premises in the meantime.

A HANDSOME lithographic engraving of the elegant new warehouse of Wyld, Grasett & Darling, the well known wholesale dry goods firm, of Toronto, has been received at this office. This massive structure is situated on the corner of Wellington and Bay Streets. It is built of stone and brick, five storeys and basement, and handsomely finished throughout, providing one of the finest and most convenient wholesale warehouses in Canada.

There is, it was said lately, in the storehouses at Solsgirth, Man., sufficient grain to load about twenty cars.

IT is said there is a good opening for a merchant tailor and furnisher at Lethbridge, Alberta. According to the local paper the town has a population of 1,100, and 45 business places. This is slightly in excess of the estimates lately published in this journal. A town of this size should certainly support a merchant tailor.

THE Commercial Hotel, Qu'Appelle Station, owned by Mrs. E. Shore, and run by Richard Shore, was burned on Saturday, March 3, together with the livery stable in connection with the hotel, and an adjoining dwelling, owned by J. W. McLane. Hotel insured for \$2,700, Other buildings not insured.

ERASTUS WIMAN has notified the Winnipeg Board of Trade that he will be here on the 19th inst., and will be happy to lecture at that time under its auspices, on commercial union. He will probably arrive on the 18th and spend two days in Winnipeg. Though the board has invited Mr. Wiman to lecture here on the subject, the board desires it understood that it is in no wise committed to commercial union.

IT is again stated that the C. P. R. Co. will erect very extensive workshops at Fort William next season. Another mammoth elevator will also be erected. The foundry, car and general repair shops will be located on a triangular plot of ground adjoining the railway, just north of the present elevator, and the new elevator will be erected east of and close to the present one, so that both can be run by the same power. The erection of these buildings will involve the expenditure of a large amount of money and the employment of much labor, so that the little town will enjoy lively times this summer.

A CORRESPONDENT at Rapid City, Man., writes:—Humber & Boyd, hardware and tins, of Minnedose, have concluded arrangements for establishing a branch of their business here. A building 20x40 will be erected at once on Fourth street for their accommodation. It is rumored that Geo. Munro, of Brandon, also hardware dealer, will start a branch here by purchasing the stock of James White. A Masonic hall will also be constructed, the plans being in the hands of the contractor. The lower story will be used for public purposes. The stock of drugs has arrived and Crookshanks & McCormack will have their business in full operation this week. The above operations show a steady and healthy improvement in our town.

A CORRESPONDENT gives the following list of business places at the new town of Anthracite, Alberta, the mountain coal town:—McKenzie & Wellington, general store; W. Arnott, general store; L. French & Co., general store; Dr. R. G. Brett, drug store; Joseph A. Nesbitt, fruit and news depot; Brewster & Sheppard, contractors and builders; W. B. Campbell, physician; Canada Anthracite Coal Co.; Isaac Bacon, fruit store; Ross, shoe shop; Tom Lee, Chinese laundry; A. McLeod, restaurant; E. Donohue, hotel; J. Gorman, saloon; Brasier & Fisk, saloon; J. Hooton, Mikado saloon. Besides the C. A. C. Co's large hotel, boarding about 150 men, there are many private boarding houses.