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WINNIPEG, JUNE 23, 1885.

THE Union Hotel, at Gladstone, N.W.T. was burned out.

At Moose Jaw, the Thomson and American hotels, were burned out.

A SHINGLE mill is now run by one John Orr, a few miles east of Minnedosa.

J. NELSON is about to open up a fruit store and ice cream saloon at Manitou.

ALEXANDER & CLAU'S, printers and publishers, Rat Portage, are about to sell out.

THE new flour mill at Indian Head commenced grinding operations a few days ago.

E J PELKEY, gents' furnishings dealer, Port Arthur, is about to give up business.

A. CARMICHAEL, general storekeeper, Rat Portage, is about to give up business.

THE stock belonging to the estate of Wm. Robert & Co., general storekeepers, Portage a Prairie, was bought by Rodgers & Co., of Winnipeg.

— FRASER, a miller in Minnedosa, is about to start a flour mill at Fort Benton, Montana.

MERK & HARRINGTON, gents' furnishings dealers, at Port Arthur, intend giving up business.

KILPATRICK, of the Union House, Fort William, has taken one Rushon into partnership.

THE stock of Bartlett & Co, general storekeepers, Portage la Prairie has been sold by the sheriff.

THE business of J. Mc.G. Otty, florist, Winnipeg, has been leased by Thomson & Fraser of this city.

JOS. REAUBIN, fruit dealer and restaurant keeper, St. Boniface, has given up business at that place.

MR. G. C. MORTIMER, has purchased the business and stock of Mr. Alex. Kennedy, Stationer, Winnipeg.

THE stock belonging to the estate of P. A. Giatton, general storekeeper, Carman City, is being offered for sale.

THE firm of Jarret Bros, planing mill owners, Port Arthur, has been dissolved. Wm. Jarrett continues the business alone.

GEO. A. PRIEST & Co. lumber dealers and mill owners, Port Arthur, have sold out their business to the Port Arthur Lumber Co.

MCCAVILLY & RYAN, of St. Paul, have a large new saw mill almost completed at Rat Portage, which will be ready for work this season.

THE firm of Alexander & Claus, printers, Port Arthur, has been dissolved. The business is continued under the new style of Claus & Tilley.

THE estate of C. C. Smith, general storekeeper, East Selkirk, recently sold out by sheriff has been bought by G. F. & J Galt of this city.

D. MOORE & SON, of Walkerton, Ont, are about to erect a flour mill with a daily capacity of one hundred and twenty-five barrels, at Oak Lake.

THE firm of Marks, MacKay & Co, dry goods dealers etc., Port Arthur, has been dissolved. Thos. Marks retires, and the business will be continued by J. T. and E. MacKay under same style.

J. A. WOOD, cigar dealer and restaurant keeper, Port Arthur, has gone out of business.

THE Rainy Lake Lumber Co's mill at Rat Portage, is expected to start up within a few days. There is no word as yet of the mills round Winnipeg commencing operations for the season.

ANOTHER most welcome piece of news which has reached this province for some time is the announcement made by Mr. George Stephen, President of the C.P.R., that this year the Manitoba Southwestern Railway would without fail be extended as far west as Whitewater Lake, a distance of nearly 100 miles. Mr. Stephen is no doubt full in the belief of the company's ability to accomplish this work, and it is to be hoped, that no pecuniary troubles will block it. Railway extension is much wanted in many parts of the Northwest, but nowhere is there such necessity for it as in Southwestern Manitoba, and this 100 miles to be constructed will do much to fill the want.

THERE seems to be a determined set made upon the Ottawa Government at present to secure a land grant for a portion of the Portage Central or some other line running from Portage la Prairie eastward and crossing the Red River at Selkirk or anywhere that will keep traffic from passing through Winnipeg. Land grants are usually made to lines that open up a new country, but as this proposed line, would be purely to suit certain property owners near Portage and Selkirk, and would accomplish literally nothing in the way of developing country, it is not at all likely that the grant will be made.

THERE is a movement on foot in Ottawa at present to place the Mounted Police under the Military Act. Something which will make the force of value in case of Indian troubles is necessary. There was a time, when the force were soldiers, but soldiers of the best stuff can be demoralized into sorry poltroons, when their principal duties are smelling for smuggled whisky, annoying respectable travellers by ransacking their baggage, and otherwise carrying on a system of mean espionage, which would be scorned by a Whitechapel detective. Soldiers are soldiers, and sneaks are sneaks, and our paternal Government need not hope to blend the two, for they will not mix.