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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 10, 1885.

JAS. E. LAW has rented the Darlingford hotel at Manitou.

W. D. RUTTAN intends to open up a general store at Manitou.

B. JACOBS, fruit dealer in Rapid City, has gone out of business.

J. W. BROUTHST, printer, Neepawa, has gone out of business.

FRANCIS MCKELLER, intends erecting a photographic studio at Calgary.

GEO. NOLPH, livery stable keeper, Pembina, has sold out to one White.

MARPLES & McDONALD, butchers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

W. E. COWAN, dealer in drugs at Rapid City, is about to remove from there.

THE Central hotel, Portage la Prairie, has been re-opened by Ferguson.

J. B. RUTTER has opened up as a furniture dealer and auctioneer on Main st., Winnipeg.

JOHN ROWE has leased the feed stables at Morden formerly conducted by Harry Leech.

THE Glenora saw and grist mill at Rock lake, owned by Blair & Co., has been burned to the ground.

A. E. RUTLEDGE, baker and storekeeper, Neepawa, is about to give up the bakery part of his business.

THE stock belonging to the estate of Mrs. E. Chapman, fancy goods dealer, Brandon, is to be sold off to-day.

MCCLOY, CHIPMAN & RITCHIE, proprietors of the Rideout House at Rat Portage, Ont., have made an assignment.

JAMES G. HARVEY, of Winnipeg, has opened up in the grain and produce commission business on Market street.

SMITH BROS., saw millers, Turtle Mountain, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Samuel Smith.

J. A. PELKEY, general merchant, Port Arthur, has left that town and is opening up in dry goods and clothing in Winnipeg.

HUME, DOBSON & Co., general storekeepers and traders at Farwell, B.C., have dissolved partnership. The style is now Hume, McNulty & Co.

THE proprietors of the Manitoba Woolen Mills, St. Boniface, are applying to the authorities of that town for exemption from taxation.

THE Cochrane Manufacturing Co., of St. Thomas, Ont., have moved their Northwestern headquarters from Portage la Prairie to Winnipeg.

T. L. BRAY, of Bray Bros., lumber dealers, Wolsley, has severed his connection with that firm and is opening a general store in that place.

NAVIGATION on lake Winnipeg closed for the season on Tuesday last, when the Ogema arrived at Selkirk with a cargo of whitefish and two barges of lumber in tow.

It is expected that the elevator being built by D. L. McKenzie in this city will be com-

pleted in a few weeks. It will be 75 feet high, 125 in length, and 50 in width. The engine house will be brick, 20x26 feet.

WINNIPEG was startled yesterday on receipt of the news that the C. P. R. company's steamer Algoma had been totally wrecked off Isle Royale, Lake Superior, early on Saturday morning, and that quite a number of lives had been lost. It seems that the terrible accident took place during a blinding snowstorm, so that probably no blame can be attached to any person. The steamer herself, with the Alberta and Athabasca, were decidedly the finest and most seaworthy that ever floated on our American lakes. Particulars are being eagerly waited for.

ON Saturday the conventional last spike of the C. P. R. was driven away in the mountains of British Columbia, the finishing blow being given by the Hon. Donald A. Smith. This does not finish the main line of the road, but it completes the railway link between the Pacific and Atlantic provinces of the Dominion, and practically accomplishes the greatest railway undertaking ever attempted in any part of the universe. There was no flurry nor great ceremony about the driving of this last spike, and it was a plain iron one, and not forged from either silver or gold, as some enthusiasts suggested it should be.

ON Tuesday last a meeting of the joint committees of the Winnipeg Board of Trade and Winnipeg City Council with the local Board of Fire Insurance Underwriters and Mr. Taylor, a representative of eastern insurance companies, was held in the council chambers. The representatives of the City and the Board of Trade urged the reduction of premium rates in this city, and used conclusive arguments in favor of such a course. Although there was an evident determination on the part of some of the Underwriters and the eastern representative, to oppose any concession in this way, there was an utter absence of reasonable argument in favor of the ground they took. We hope the meeting may be productive of some liberal move on the part of fire insurance men, otherwise some united action of our citizens will be necessary to relieve themselves from the burden of the present system of exorbitant premiums.