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WINNIPEG, APRIL 7, 1890.

A MR. WELSH, from Charlottetown, is opening a store at Moose Jaw, Assa.

ELLEN LYALL, merchant tailor, Portage la Prairie, has made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand.

THE estate of W. G. Watts, boots and shoes, Regina, was sold to G. H. Rogers & Co., Winnipeg.

THE Commercial Bank of Manitoba has declared a dividend at the rate of seven per cent. per annum.

MR. CORNELL, of Cornell, Spera & Co., wholesale small wares, etc., Winnipeg, went east last week.

THE estate of Van Blaricon & Clark, general store, Arden, Man., was sold to G. H. Rogers & Co., Winnipeg.

J. S. CRERAR has been appointed managing director of the Saltcoats Creamery Association, Saltcoats, Assiniboia.

CAMPBELL & STEVENS, lumber, Glenboro, have sold out to R. Logan & Co., and are moving to Carman, Manitoba.

BURKE & CASS, contractors, resumed work on the Northern Pacific hotel at Winnipeg last week, upon which work was discontinued a few months ago by the advent of winter.

LAST week, at Brandon, a traveller, representing a Toronto tailoring establishment, was fined \$50 for canvassing the city for clothing to be manufactured in Toronto, without procuring a license.

THE Winnipeg board of trade has entered a strong protest against the proposed removal of the Land Board from Winnipeg to Ottawa, as such change would cause endless annoyance and delays to settlers who wished to transact business with the board.

C. H. BLACK, stationer, Regina, will build a brick store this year on the corner of Railway and Ross streets.

JOSEPH W. CAMPBELL, saddler, Portage la Prairie, Man., has made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand.

PRESS drills seem to be all the rage this season. The implement dealers are handling large numbers of them.

LAYCOCK & BOLTON, general merchants, Fox-warren, Man., have dissolved partnership. A Laycock will continue the business.

A. W. BLEASDEL, druggist, Winnipeg, is giving up his Winnipeg business, but will continue his drug stores in Alberta Territory.

HUGH FERGUSON has succeeded to the possession of the Ottawa Hotel, at Moose Jaw. H. Bates, the late proprietor, has taken up farming.

A NEW brewery has been established at Minnedosa, Man., to replace the one burned last summer. C. L. Davies is connected with the enterprise.

MR. LASHER, who represents W. R. Johnson & Co., wholesale clothing, Toronto, in Manitoba, arrived from the east last week with his spring samples.

BROADVIEW is to have a creamery and a cheese factory this year. W. Thorburn will conduct the former, and a Mr. Deldridge the latter enterprise.

AT the annual meeting of the Medicine Hat board of trade, Geo. McCuaig was elected president, M. Leonard, vice-president, and W. T. Finlay, sec.-treas.

THE woolen mill near Calgary, owned by Shaw & Co., is now turning out blankets, flannels and yarns, made from the fine mixed merino wool of Alberta.

R. R. FERGUSON, late of Rat Portage, has purchased the watchmaking and jewelry business of P. E. Durst, carried on under the management of W. E. Ingraham.

ANDREW ROBERTSON, formerly the head of the firm of Robertson, Linton & Co., of Montreal, and one of the best known merchants of this country, died at Montreal last week.

Geo. W. LEISHMAN, who represents the Ogilvie Milling Company in British Columbia, has been paying his friends in Winnipeg a brief visit. He returned to the coast last week.

A. W. LAWE, of Winnipeg, and W. H. Hall, Souris, have entered into partnership under the style of the "Souris Banking Co.," to do a banking and brokerage business at Plum Creek, Man.

THE Regina Journal will shortly pass into the hands of a joint stock company. Enlargements and improvements in the paper are promised. The Journal is already a very good paper.

FAIRCHILD & Co., wholesale implements, carriages, etc., Winnipeg, have just issued a very handsome illustrated catalogue of the goods handled by them. The catalogue is of large size and artistically prepared, with a handsome lithographic cover.

H. HOLT, who has charge of the construction of the Regina & Long Lake railway, arrived in Winnipeg last week from Montreal and went on to Regina. He says that work will be resumed on the road at once, and that the line will be completed and opened up for traffic about the first of October.

THE Portage la Prairie Review gives market quotations at that place as follows: Wheat, 75c; pork, 0½ to 7c; veal, 7 to 8c; beef, 3½ to 4½c; butter, 18 to 20c; eggs, 20c; potatoes, 75c.

THE Port Arthur Sentinel says: "There are fifty men at work storing ice at No. 5 dock and 10,000 tons are ready for shipment to Lake Erie ports, the transportation of which will require boats on the opening of navigation.

A PRIVATE telegram from Ottawa says: "The Dominion Government has definitely decided to subsidize the Calgary and Edmonton railway. One hundred miles will be built this year. Jas. Ross is the contractor. The bill incorporating the company has passed the railway committee."

J. SHEPPARD and R. H. Williams, who have been carrying on business in general merchandise at Regina under the style of "The Glasgow House" have dissolved partnership, and the business will be continued by Williams. Mr. Sheppard will devote his time to farming.

AT Montreal last week fire broke out in the building occupied by the Dominion Blanket company, Geo. Barry, dealer in hides and leather, and J. H. Shearer, manufacturers' agents. Damage was also done to the woolen goods of John Ewen & Sons, amounting in all to \$28,000.

THE recent tariff changes are of great importance to business men, and therefore THE COMMERCIAL has decided to publish them. They will be found in another part of this issue. Only a portion of the changes are given this week. The balance will appear in the next issue.

J. D. GILLES has again resumed business at Minnedosa. At the recent sale of the general stock of Gilles & Co. he became the purchaser, at 57½c on the dollar. He will sort up with new goods and continue the business. Mr. Gilles is one of the old timers of Minnedosa, but of late he has been embarrassed owing to large credit trade. It is to be hoped he will be more successful in future.

The last number of the Dominion Illustrated devotes the greater number of its illustrations to British Columbia. Several views of the beautiful harbor and site of Fort Simpson are given, a good picture taken from a photograph of an Indian pow-wow at Tsa-wa-tee, Knight's Inlet, and one or two additional views of the Northwest coast. Dominion Illustrated can be ordered direct from the publishers, G. F. Desbarts & Son, Montreal.

THE Calgary Tribune reports the further shipment of four carloads of beef cattle to British Columbia. The Tribune also says: "Hull Bros. & Co. has a shop full of first class beef, supplied by Cross & Cochrane. The steers came straight off the ranch at Mosquito Creek, and have every appearance of being stall-fed beef." This would indicate that the cattle on at least some of the ranges have come through the winter in good shape.

DURING the season of navigation the Northern Pacific & Manitoba and the Grand Trunk railways have arranged a through freight tariff, lake and rail, to points in Manitoba. The rate from Montreal, Ottawa and stations in Canada west of Montreal to points on the Red River line of the Northern Pacific, is \$1.43 per 100 pounds for first class and running down to 47c for the lowest class. For emigrants' effects the charge is 91c per 100 pounds, or \$91 per car.