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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 29, 1885.

D. CARTER intends to start a brickyard near Calgary.

THOS. DUNCAN, blacksmith, at Nelson, has removed to Morden.

SMITH & McNEIL, contractors, Calgary, have dissolved partnership.

S. W. LUDLAM, blacksmith, has removed from Russell to Solsgrith.

THE partnership heretofore existing between Gibson & Bush, farmers at Moosomin, has been dissolved.

FREEMAN WHITE, of Portage la Prairie, has purchased the business of the Brunswick Hotel at Brandon.

STROME & HENDERSON, general storekeepers, Portage la Prairie, contemplate dissolving partnership.

W. WHITEHEAD & Co, druggists, Winnipeg, have opened a branch store in the city at 49 Market street west,

MEIRLE & COPPINGER, general merchants, of Nelson, have concluded to close out their business and will probably move to Morden.

SMALLWOOD & CRAVEN, saloonkeepers, Nainimo, B. C., have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by John Craven.

HARDISTY & FRASER, millers and merchants, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by D. R. Fraser.

THE grocers in the city are agitating for early closing, there being a general desire to close every night at eight o'clock excepting on Saturdays.

THOMAS SCOTT, furniture dealer, Winnipeg, has admitted Leslie, his former manager, as a partner, the firm's name now being Scott & Leslie.

McGREGOR & SMITH, general storekeepers at Kamloops, B. C., have dissolved partnership. The business in future will be carried on by R. S. Smith.

THE Winnipeg Elevator Co. have completed the erection of their elevator in this city and are now prepared to receive grain for storage and cleaning.

THE Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Co. have erected grain warehouses at Solsgrith, Shoal Lake, Gladstone, Newdale, Basswood, stations on their line.

THE C. P. R. are closing all local agencies of the land department in Manitoba. All future business connected with that department will be transacted at the head office in this city.

THERE was a small explosion at the City Roller Mills on Saturday, and the institution had to close down for a few days. All of the city flour mills are now closed down for repairs.

MR. W. H. VAUGHAN D.L.S. of Winnipeg has been superintending the drifting operations at the coal mine near Crowfoot Crossing, in which he is interested, and expects in a few days to be able to send a sample car or two of the coal to Winnipeg.

THE partnership heretofore existing between the legal firm of Macdonald & Tupper and McArthur & Dexter has been dissolved. McArthur & Dexter have taken in S. Denovan as partner and will continue business under the style of McArthur, Dexter & Denovan.

T. G. POINTZ, saloonkeeper, reported to have formed a partnership with E. L. Conway in the Russell House in this city, requests us to state that he has no connection whatever with this business.

THE flouring mill of the Hudson's Bay Co. at Edmonton has been destroyed by fire, along with quite a large quantity of grain stored there by outside parties. The loss is estimated at not less than \$50,000.

THE *Free Press* of yesterday is responsible for the statement that the C.P.R. authorities are contemplating the introduction of the "twenty-four o'clock" system on their road. The change may annoy some ultra-conservative people, and commence a revolution in the watch and clock trade, but it would confer a great boon on the modern railway traveller.

THE appointment of Lieut. Col. Thos. Scott M. P. to the position of Collector of Customs at this port, and the retirement of Mr. Mingaye, the present holder of the position is now rumored on all sides, and is doubtless a change likely soon to take place. No man is better entitled to a position on party grounds, and we could wish that a better one could have been given to him, when he would have less cause to dread hard feelings with some of his former constituents. His appointment will, no doubt, be an improvement as well as a change upon the present unsatisfactory state of Custom affairs in Winnipeg.

THERE is a movement on foot in Winnipeg to unseat all the newly elected members of the City Council, who do not possess the necessary property qualifications. A statement appeared in one city journal to the effect, that only three of the new council would be able to qualify, which is doubtless an exaggerated or random assertion. The city's amended charter fixes the qualification at \$2,000 of real estate, assessed value, over and above all encumbrances, and personal ownership is necessary, so that the beata, who used to sit representing property, which their wives' skirts protected from swindled creditors are now excluded. In some other respects the qualification is by no means so commendable, but while it is law, the only way to do is to enforce it, and if it does not work right, have it abolished.