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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 31, 1888.

JOHN FINDLAY has opened a waggon shop at Manitou.

MARTIN BROS., hardware, Calgary, have given up business.

CAPT. DOUGALL has opened a hotel at Duck Lake, Sask. territory.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to establish a cheese factory at Beulah, Man.

CHAS. MAIR, of Prince Albert, has opened a general store at Carlton, Sask.

D. R. FRASER, & Co. grist mill, Edmonton; style changed to Fraser & Co.

WM. FRAME, harness shop, Portage la Prairie, will move to Treherne, Man., where he will open a shop.

A. J. ELLIS has opened an office at Calgary, Alberta, as auctioneer, real estate and general commission and insurance agent.

INGLIS & SMITH, butchers and shippers, Moomin, Assa., have dissolved partnership. Henry Smith will continue the business.

THE balance of the stock of the old Garland estate, Portage la Prairie, was sold the other day by the sheriff for 13½ cents on the dollar.

J. CRAWFORD and J. P. Curran, of the Beautiful Plains Banking Co., Neepawa, have dissolved partnership. Crawford will continue the business.

THE sale of land for arrears of taxes in the town of Portage la Prairie has been adjourned until January 2nd, 1889. About \$10,000 or \$15,000 worth have been disposed of and there still remains a large quantity to be sold.

BATTLEFORD (Sask.) post office has been made a money order office.

Eggs are scarce at 60c. to 75c. a dozen at Battleford, Sask. territory.

THE Winnipeg grain and produce exchange will hold its annual meeting on Jan. 12.

F. BUCHANAN, of Winnipeg, has opened a miscellaneous stock of goods near the mounted police barracks, near Regina.

A. FERLAND & Co., general merchants, Calgary, have moved a portion of their stock to Lethbridge, Alberta, where they have opened a store which may be permanent.

T. C. LIVINGSTON, of the Mutual Insurance Company, of New York, has fitted up handsome offices in the Rowan Block, corner of Main Street and Portage Avenue. Mr. Livingston claims to have the finest offices of any insurance company represented here.

The Arden Dairy Co. gives notice of application for incorporation, for the purpose of manufacturing cheese and butter, at Arden, Man. Capital stock, \$3,000. The applicants are: John McGregor, Lewis McGhie, W. D. Ferg, Noah P. Hutchison, W. Millar, John Hockin, and Maurice Edmund Boughton.

NOTICE of application for incorporation has been given for the Western Canada Printing Co. The applicants are: S. A. D. Bertrand, H. F. Despars, J. Ernest Cyr of St. Boniface, and J. A. Richard and Jacques Burea of Winnipeg. The object of incorporation is to establish and carry on *L'Ouest Canadien*, a weekly newspaper, and to engage in the business of printers, publishers and stationers in Winnipeg and St. Boniface. Capital stock, ten thousand dollars.

MUNSON & ALLAN, of Winnipeg, give notice of application to Parliament to incorporate a company called the "Manitoba & Southeastern Railway Company," with power to construct a railway running from a point at or near Winnipeg in a southerly or southeasterly direction to a point on the international boundary in Manitoba, east of Red River, with branch lines from points to or near Morris and Selkirk, and power to build and operate telegraph lines along the company's lines of railway for railway and commercial purposes, and with power to bridge all navigable rivers on said lines, and the benefits, privileges and powers usually given to railway companies.

CALGARY is apparently going ahead. A correspondent there writes: Owing to the mild weather we have been having, building operations are still being continued. James A. Lougheed is building a \$15,000 business block on Stephen avenue, and the last of the masonry work is being done on the new Alberta hotel. This building is to cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000, and will be the handsomest and best equipped hostelry between the coast and the lakes. Next year quite a building boom is confidently expected. Sir J. L. Kaye has purchased a large lot of land on which he intends to erect a \$75,000 building, and the Government has let the contract for a handsome court house and customs house. All of these buildings are to be of the handsome freestone quarried from the bluffs surrounding the town.

W. J. BROTHERTON has opened a watch making and jewellery business at Regina, Assa.

C. H. STRUTT, dry goods, Port Arthur, will open a store at Vancouver, B.C. He will go to Vancouver in February.

THE Empire Brewing Company has commenced business at Winnipeg. The company has purchased and fitted up the large brewery north of the Assiniboine river, with new machinery.

THE COMMERCIAL has to acknowledge the receipt of several cards and calendars, some of which are very handsome. Those so favoring the office are: Rublee, Riddle & Co., wholesale fruits; W. F. Doll, wholesale jewellery; G. F. Stephens & Co., wholesale paints, etc.; Mackenzie & Mills, wholesale grocers; the Ogilvie Milling Co.; Bryan & Co., cigar manufacturers; Blackwood Bros., aerated water manufacturers; Jas. Hay & Co., furniture. Also from the Winnipeg office of the Portage Milling Co.

J. A. GEMMELL, of Ottawa, gives notice of application to Parliament to incorporate a company to construct a railway from a point at or near Portage la Prairie, running in a northerly or northwesterly direction to a point to reach deep water at the southern boundary of Lake Manitoba, also to improve and connect water communication between lakes Manitoba, Winnipegosis and the North Saskatchewan river by the construction and maintenance of canals; with power to erect and maintain dams for the purposes of said canals; also docks, steam and sailing vessels, scows and boats, and use and navigate the same on any of said waters.

RAT PORTAGE is expecting something in the nature of a boom next season. The decision of the Privy Council in the disputed titles case, has greatly improved the prospects of the place, and now that titles can be secured to mining properties, considerable interest is expected to be taken in the development of the mineral wealth of the region. The by-law to grant a bonus of \$10,000 in aid of the establishment of a smelter, will undoubtedly be carried by a large majority. The lumbering industry is also steadily expanding, and the large new mill in course of erection will add to the importance of the place. A board of trade is being established, which should be of benefit in guarding the interests of the town.

At the annual meeting of the Manitou cheese factory, it was stated that the result of the season was not so satisfactory as last year, owing to the late spring and early fall frosts. The average per 100 lbs. milk for the season was 61 68-100, which is equal to about 18½ cents per lb. cash, for butter, and as good butter was sold here during the summer for 10 and 15 cents per lb., the factory has been a decided advantage. Some of the patrons who were present realised \$23.00 per cow for five months. Following is the statement submitted: lbs. milk received during season, 661,982; los. cheese made therefrom, 65,616; gross value of cheese, \$6190.73; charges for making, etc., \$2107.71; net value of cheese, \$4083.02; average value per 100 lbs. milk, 61 68-100; average lbs. milk to lb. cheese, 10 09-100; average gross price per lb. cheese, 69 43-100; average charges per lb. cheese, 3 21-100; average net price per lb. cheese, 6 22-100.