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WINNIPEG, MAY 6, 1880.

DOMINION Parliament was prorogued on May 2nd.

THE roller flour mill at Virden, Man., is offered for sale.

JOHN A. McDONALD, hotel keeper, Winnipeg, has absconded.

A DOMINION lands office has been opened at Touchwood Hills, Assa.

LANE RICE, photographer, from Ontario, has opened a studio at Regina.

MANWARING & WRIGHT, general storekeepers Birtle, Man., have dissolved.

DRAPER & BOSTON, dry goods, Winnipeg, contemplate dissolving partnership.

FREIGHT is \$1.75 to \$2.50 per 100 pounds from Calgary to Edmonton, Alberta.

THE stock of Moore & Co., China Hall Winnipeg, is advertised for sale by the sheriff, on May 9th.

A. J. HALLOWAY, from Clinton, Ont., has commenced business as a tailor at Manitou, Manitoba.

THE Shuswap Milling Company, of Kamloops, B. C., has brought in a plant for the manufacture of bricks.

KING & PELLETIER, general storekeepers, Fort William, Ont., have dissolved partnership. John King continues.

W. H. EATON & Co's general store, Selkirk, Manitoba, was damaged by fire last week; covered by insurance.

A. SCHUBERT, who formerly run the stage from Kamloops to Okanagan, has leased the hotel at Vernon, B. C.

THE coal shed, water tank and ten cars loaded with coal were burned at Swift Current, Assa., one day last week.

THE stationers, jewellers, grocers, dry goods, music dealers, and boot and shoe men of Winnipeg, now close at 7:30 o'clock.

A JOINT stock company is being organized at Prince Albert, Sask., to bring in a newspaper plant for the now paper, the *Critic*.

A NEW store has been opened at Yorkton, Assa., by Thorneman, of Saltcoats, who also occupies the position of postmaster.

THE *Deloraine Times* says:— That tax-escaping company, the Northwest Land Company, has put up the price of many of its lands.

W. COUSINS, general merchant, Medicine Hat, Assa., has accepted an agency of the London furniture company, for the sale of their goods.

THE stock of the late A. B. Mackay, druggist, Battleford, Sask., has been disposed of to Mr. Mercer, from Macleod, Alberta, who will continue the business.

THE general stock of Pelkey & Co., merchants, Glenboro, Man., offered for sale by tender, has been sold to George H. Rogers & Co., of Winnipeg, at 52½ cents in the dollar.

THE buildings and machinery of the Saskatchewan Coal Mining and Transportation Company, near Medicine Hat, Assa., have been sold to E. Clarkson, of Toronto.

E. M. GATLIF, of Emerson, Man., has rented a store at Catharine, into which he will move his hardware stock. Catharine is a station on the Red River Valley (N.P.) railway, ten miles north of Emerson.

THE interest of the late Thos. Brown in the Queen's Hotel, Winnipeg, has been purchased by Mr. O'Connor, of the late firm of O'Connor & Brown. This gives Mr. O'Connor exclusive control of the property.

J. A. MACDONALD, the missing proprietor of the St. Julien restaurant, Winnipeg, succeeded in making away with his stock of liquors before leaving. His creditors are therefore badly left. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

THE *Edmonton Bulletin* says: The amount of bear skins traded in this district during the past winter is enormous, and the selling price much higher than usual, as high as \$22 all around being paid for some lots. Bears will surely be scarce next year.

THE *Inland Sentinel*, published at Kamloops, B. C., came to hand last week in a complete new dress. The *Sentinel* now shows up as neat and clear as could be desired by any paper, and in every respect it is a very excellent journal, and a worthy representative of interior British Columbia.

MR. D. MILLER, who has retired from the position of manager of the Merchants Bank, Winnipeg, to accept a similar position in the service of the bank at Toronto, was presented with an address and gold-headed cane, by the local branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. Mr. Miller's loss will be felt by a large circle of friends here, as well as by the business community with whom he came in contact.

OVER twenty car loads of farm machinery are already at hand this season at Neepawa, Man., and much more will be received before harvest. This will give an idea of the trade implement men are doing this season in Manitoba. The same activity prevails all over the province, and receipts at Neepawa are only a sample of what is going on at other points.

AT a meeting of the shareholders of the Manitoba Electric & Gas Light Co., of Winnipeg, a resolution was passed approving of the action of the directors in ordering an incandescent plant. Manager Bathgate says the company will be ready to supply the incandescent light about the first of July. They propose to make a very low rate. A second company is also forming to light the city with incandescent lights, so that with gas, electric lights, and two incandescent light companies, the city is not likely to suffer in the future for lack of artificial lighting. The Manitoba Electric & Gas Light Co., which has now ordered the incandescent lights, is also the proprietor of the existing systems of gas and electric lighting.

THE bankrupt stock of Thomas Whitehead, general merchant, Neepawa, Man., has been sold to R. C. Ennis, general merchant, of the same place, at 46 cents in the dollar. The purchase of the stock by a merchant regularly in business in the town, will no doubt prevent a slaughter sale of the stock, with its demoralizing effect on trade.

AT the last meeting of the Regina board of trade, reference was made to the printing and distributing of the Regina pamphlet, which it was pleasing to note had produced the best results, as was proved by the number of new settlers arriving daily. During the quarter the council had instructed A. Martin and the President to locate a trail in a south easterly direction from the town. Arrangements had been made so that a very fine settlement would be opened up and the settlers have easy access to market. The directors of the Bank of Montreal had been petitioned to erect a more commodious building in a central position. Treasurer Fergusson reported balance on hand of \$20.36, after an expenditure since January 18 of \$325.68, receipts during the quarter being \$333.75. Mr. Watts, of McARA & Watts, and Mr. Jackson were proposed and duly elected members.

A COPY of Williams' new directory of British Columbia, just published, has been received. This is beyond doubt the best directory of British Columbia ever published. It is a bulky volume, as thick as Webster's unabridged dictionary, and contains every conceivable class of information about the Pacific Province. The book is further illustrated by a number of fine lithographic engravings, and all around is a credit to the publisher, especially as the work was done in Victoria, printing, engraving, binding and all. It is therefore entirely a home production. The work gives a large amount of general information concerning the province, climate, history, resources, development, statistics, etc., in addition to the ordinary directory matter. Business men and others in Manitoba and the Territories, requiring information regarding British Columbia, should have a copy of this directory, which can be secured by writing to F. T. Williams, Victoria.