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WINNIPEG, APRIL 8, 1889.

OGBURN & Co., have taken the Palace Hotel at Calgary.

JOSEPH REILLY, grain dealer, Carberry, has removed to Cypress River.

J. M. HALL, general storekeeper, Rapid City, advertises his business for sale.

J. PHILBIN's bakery, Rat Portage, was very slightly damaged by fire recently.

W. B. LARKIN, boot and shoe dealer; Oak Lake, has removed to Winnipeg.

J. E. GEMMEL, physician and druggist, Virden, contemplates admitting a partner.

B. PIERCE, painter, Portage la Prairie, has admitted one Ferguson into partnership.

ANGUS MCKENZIE, hotel keeper, Carberry, has leased his premises to S. Hungerford.

W. J. WEBB, butcher, Carberry, has admitted his brother Edmund into partnership.

H. J. WOODSIDE, jeweller, Portage la Prairie, Man., is now editorial manager of the Portage Liberal.

A. GEMMEL, general storekeeper, Virden, is giving up business and is advertising his stock for sale.

MITCHELL & AXFORD, general storekeepers, Glenboro, have dissolved partnership, Mitchell retiring.

V. STRAUDE, hardware, etc., Portage la Prairie, contemplates opening a branch at Treherne.

THOS. SPENCE, second hand dealer, Brandon, is giving up business and removing to British Columbia.

SCHNIEDER, blacksmith, of Morden, has decided on building a foundry.

ARMSTRONG & McNAUGHTON, livery, Calgary, have dissolved partnership, A. J. McNaughton will continue.

HOTEL licenses at Portage la Prairie, Man., have been raised from \$100 to \$150, and shop from \$100 to \$200.

TRELEAVEN & Co., auctioneers, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership. W. H. Treleaven is now alone.

S. HARTFORD, general merchant, Bridge Creek, Man., has moved to Neepawa, where he has located at the station.

A BY-LAW has been carried at Regina, Assa., providing for the raising of \$12,000 by debentures, for school purposes.

THE Manitoba Milling and Brewing Co., Carberry, are disposing of their brewery business at Portage la Prairie.

J. M. SIMINGTON has leased his bakery business at Moose Jaw, Assa., to Riddell & Ferguson, and will go on his farm.

HUTCHINGS & BEMROSE, harness shop, Neepawa, Man., have purchased the stock of F. T. Venables in the same line and at the same place.

G. S. DAVIDSON, of the Queen's hotel, Qu'Appelle Station, is retiring from the hotel business in favor of farming. He has leased his hotel to Harry McIntosh, of Winnipeg.

DAWSON, BOLE & Co., druggists, Regina, Assa., have bought out the drug and stationery business of Dr. E. H. Scott, Moose Jaw. Dr. Scott, it is understood, has bought the branch drug business of Dawson, Bole & Co., at Moosomin.

THE snow and rain which fell in Manitoba on Monday last, would be very welcome, as it would put out the prairie fires which were becoming very numerous. But a short delay would be caused to seeding, as the snow quickly disappeared.

A CORRESPONDENT at Moosomin, Assa., writes:—J. Slater & Co., furniture dealers, are retiring from business. H. J. Ruffles is preparing to open the third drug store in Moosomin. J. E. Rowe, photographer and restaurant keeper, is closing out both lines here, and will remove to Portage la Prairie.

THE *Dominion Illustrated*, published by G. E. Desbarats & Son, Montreal, is proving a credit to Canadian illustrated journalism. Each number is kept fully up to the standard in the number and excellence of the engravings. The last numbers contained excellent portraits of the late Hon. Thos. White, Hon. Edward Blake, Hon. Wilfred Laurier, Hon. Oliver Mowat, together with many other finely executed portraits and general illustrations.

THOS. BROWN, of O'Connor & Brown, proprietors of the Queen's Hotel, Winnipeg, died on Sunday of last week. Mr. Brown was well known in Winnipeg, and to the commercial community throughout Western Canada, he having been connected with the Queen's for the past ten years. Inflammatory rheumatism, followed by congestion of the lungs, caused his death. He was insured in the Equitable Life for \$10,000.

ELLIOTT & TRUMBELL, hotel keepers, Virden, have dissolved partnership. W. Elliott continues alone.

JAMES D. ALLAN, of A. A. Allan & Co., wholesale hats, furs, straw goods, etc., Toronto, was in Winnipeg last week.

THERE is a prospect, says the Portage la Prairie Review, of the paper mill being put in operation again. Smith Curtiss is the moving spirit in the enterprise.

GREEN & SONS Company, of Montreal, are again the field already for the coming fall and winter trade of Manitoba and Western Canada generally. Their specialties are fur hats and caps, and gloves, mooccasins, robes, etc., and ladies' fur goods. In the latter line the house have several patented designs of their own.

THE first anniversary of the opening of the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg, under the management of Mr. Bennett, was celebrated one evening last week by the landlord and guests of the house. The Clarendon has proved a success since the house was regularly opened, notwithstanding the belief that it was too big an enterprise to be properly conducted in Winnipeg.

VICTORIA, B. C., papers feel inclined to boast over the number of telephones used in that city, in proportion to population. The number of telephones in use is supposed to indicate business push, etc. The Victoria Times feels somewhat gratified because Victoria has 308 telephones, while Tacoma, Washington Territory, a city of about the same size, has but 281 phones. Winnipeg can double-discount both these places, for with a population not greatly in excess of the Pacific coast cities named, we have 650 telephones in use.

IN the editorial columns of this issue of THE COMMERCIAL will be found an article dealing with the imports of cured hog products into Western Canada, based upon figures prepared by Carveth & Co., wholesale pork packers and provision merchants, of Winnipeg. If our provincial exchanges, which circulate largely among the farmers, would copy this article, or prepare something similar upon the subject, it might be the means of turning the attention of our farmers more to hog-raising. This is an industry which should be, and could be prosecuted here more extensively, to the profit of our farmers and the general advantage of the country.

O. DONOHUE & COCHRANE, agricultural implement dealers, Winnipeg, are adding a new line to their business, which they intend making a special feature of their trade in the future. They have imported a large number of carriages from the East, in what is known as "the white." The rigs come in separate pieces, such as gears, bodies, wheels, shafts, etc., and are unpainted. They will be fitted and set up and painted here. The advantage from importing in this way is, that the rigs can be packed more closely, and when painted and finished here, they escape the damage from rubbing while in transit, which is a source of much annoyance in importing finished rigs. A purchaser can also inspect the various parts of a rig before it is set up, when he can form a better opinion of the quality of the goods than after they are finished. Each piece is stamped A, B, C, D, etc., according to quality.