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WINNIPEG, MARCH 24, 1890.

W. J. MALLETT will open up a jewellery business at Brandon.

O. SMITH has bought out the *Courier* newspaper, published at Moosomin, from Thomas Beer.

THE Edie house, Brandon, has changed hands, Hobbs & Reynolds having bought out the late proprietor, Upton.

E. A. BAILEY, of the *Rapid City Victor*, states that he has abandoned his intention of moving his paper to Boissevain.

WE understand, says the *Manitou Mercury*, that C. F. Burrows intends operating a cheese factory at St. Leon, Man., this season.

A MAJORITY of the members of the Senate have signed a petition in favor of granting aid to the Hudson's Bay railway. A similar petition from Commons was presented to the Government some time ago.

SUPERINTENDENT WHITE of the C. P. R. reports that he has received advices from the west to the effect that the loss of cattle on the Alberta ranches will not be as serious as has recently been reported. He states that the loss will not be over five per cent.

CALGARY merchants have organized themselves into a protective association, with the following officers: President, D. W. Marsh; vice president, J. S. Freeze; secretary-treasurer, A. D. Rankin. The association starts out with 27 merchants on the roll.

THE *Northern Lancet*, the medical journal published at Winnipeg, proposes a convention of physicians of the province, to consider recent legislation bearing upon the profession. The very ridiculous bill recently introduced into the legislature, to regulate fees chargeable by doctors, is the principal incentive to the proposal for a convention.

S. B. Coon, furniture, Woodstock, is giving up business.

GEORGE HAMILTON and S. D. Barr have opened a flour and feed store at Neepawa.

JOHANN KRAUSE, general store, Plum Coulee, Man., has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

THE estate of I. Andrews, millinery, Winnipeg, will be sold by auction, on March 24.

THE estate of McLachlan & Co., general store, Treherne, has been sold to J. McLennan.

THE estate of J. W. Hetherington, boots and shoes, Virden, Man., has been sold to Wilcox & Co.

THE estate of, W. D. Rutan, general store, Manitou, has been sold to Phoebe Emma Rutan.

OWENS, postmaster at Pine Creek, Calgary district, is opening a store there in connection with the post office.

THE Territorial Government will supply all settlers with strychnine free of charge for the purpose of exterminating the gophers.

C. YOUNG and Geo. Moore, two Winnipeg young men, have formed a partnership and opened a general store at Hartney, a point north of Deloraine.

THE stock of George Andrews, jeweler, Winnipeg, was sold by the sheriff last week, and was purchased by H. J. Joseph, of Montreal, for forty-six cents on the dollar.

THE stock of the estate of P. A. D'Auteuil & Co., owned by Geo. H. Rogers & Co., Winnipeg, was seriously damaged by fire on Sunday morning last. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. Covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated from the gas pipes.

THE Port Arthur *Sentinel* says: "It may be a chestnut to say that our mines were never looking better, but it is a fact all the same. No fictitious or extravagant statements are necessary to establish this. Actual and extensive work is going on, more than even persons in Port Arthur are aware of."

THE fourth colonist party of the season for Manitoba and the West left Toronto on March 18. There were about 350 passengers and three special trains of settlers and their effects. The movement to the west says a Toronto telegram, is on the increase and during the next two or three weeks is likely to be very great.

THE business men of Minnedosa have formed an association to carry out the resolutions passed at the Winnipeg retailers' convention. G. A. Hogarth was elected president, and H. S. Taylor secretary. J. S. Greig, J. K. Patton, R. McLennan and P. J. McDermott were appointed a committee to frame a code of by-laws.

THE *News*, of Vancouver, B. C., says: H. Galt, of the firm of Galt Bros., wholesale grocers, arrived Thursday and yesterday opened for business. It is their intention to do a general wholesale grocery trade, making, however, a specialty of teas. They will buy China and Japan, Ceylon and India teas, and, by the direct communication with the west which it is hoped will shortly be established by other lines as well as by the present China steamships, Vancouver will become the great emporium for the tea trade of the Dominion, as it has every advantage over the Suez route. Mr. Martin, who will have this department in hand, is a specialist in the tea trade and understands it thoroughly.

SISSONS & Co., confectionery, etc., Winnipeg, bailiff in possession on landlord's warrant.

A REGINA correspondent says: "Preparations are being made to re-build the stores and other business places destroyed by fire at Regina. The new structures will be mostly of brick, as it will be cheaper to build with that material owing to the high insurance rates now in effect in the Northwest.

A GENTLEMAN who returned to Winnipeg last week from the west, states that the cattle in the neighborhood of Maple Creek and Medicine Hat have come through the winter in good shape, but farther west there has been heavy losses on the ranges. He was creditably informed that out of a flock of 4000 sheep on one of the Kay farms, only four died during the winter. The snow was all gone in the Medicine Hat district, but farther west it was still rather wintry at the time of his visit.

THE town council of Portage la Prairie passed the following resolution concerning the proposed provincial exhibition, at its meeting last week: "Resolved, That whereas it has come to the notice of the council that a deputation of Winnipeg citizens has been interviewing the Local Government with the object of getting some assistance toward holding a provincial exhibition in the city of Winnipeg; and whereas, it appears from a report of the interview that the Government was not favorably disposed toward the same, the council take this opportunity of endorsing the action of the citizens of Winnipeg and urging upon the Government the importance of the scheme, believing that it would be to the best interests of the whole province to have a successful Provincial Exhibition held in the city of Winnipeg."

REGINA has been visited by a disastrous fire of unknown origin, but which was first discovered in the rear of Smith's hotel and Smith & Ferguson's hardware store. The fire started among a number of frame buildings, and the fire appliances at hand were inadequate to cope with the conflagration. The following are the losers: Merchants Bank, Palmer House building, insured for \$2,000; Chas. Harley, hotel furniture, etc., \$2,500, insured for \$1,500; Smith Bros., hotel and furniture, etc., value given at \$6,000. Insurance \$1,000 on building; Smith & Ferguson, hardware building and stock, \$10,300. Insured for \$6,300. Part of stock in warehouse not burned; J. F. Mowat, boots and shoes and gents' furnishings, total loss about \$20,000, \$6,000 of which being for new goods just put in, which accounts for stock being so heavy. \$1,000 were got in the night before and never opened. Insurance \$3,000; E. & C. Gurney, building, insured for \$800; J. W. Smith, hardware, building and stock, \$7,200, insured for \$2,000; C. H. Bayne, groceries, etc., building and stock, \$3,600, insured for \$800; Jas. Secord, loss of law papers, etc., \$100; Williamson & Sons, confectionery, loss about \$500. Not insured; J. E. Scarlett, groceries, etc., only recently started business. Total loss \$3,000, insurance \$1,000; D. S. McCannell, building \$1,000, no insurance; Major Montgomery, building, \$1,200, insured for \$600; Le Jeune, Smith & Co., bank, \$600. No insurance; Chas. H. Black, books, stationery, fancy goods, etc., loss of and damage to stock, supposed to be about \$3,000, insured for \$2,000; J. A. McCaul, building, \$2,450, insured for \$1,500; J. E. Sprague, building, torn down, \$800.