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WINNIPEG, MAY 7, 1888.

W. P. DUNCALFE will open a drug store at Morden.

SAM. TEESE has leased the livery stable of J. Doolittle at Qu'Appelle.

JOS. DOOLITTLE is erecting a new implement warehouse at Qu'Appelle.

J. RITCHIE & Co. have opened a stock of furniture at Neepawa, Man.

R. JOHNSTON has succeeded to the implement business of S. R. Edwards, of Qu'Appelle.

S. T. HANDSCOMB, of Winnipeg, has opened an office as customs broker and commission agent.

J. A. TEES, late wholesale grocer at Winnipeg, of the defunct firm of J. A. Tees & Co., has gone to the United States.

THE Calgary council has passed a by-law granting a company a contract to supply the town with natural gas. The gas has not yet been discovered, but a search will be made.

A. C. McEOWN, general merchant, Boissevain, Man., has added millinery and dress making to his business. An addition of 20x20 feet has been built to his store to accommodate these departments.

A TORONTO telegram on Friday says: This afternoon a long expected crash came, when Hughes Bros., wholesale dry goods, at the corner of Melinda and Yonge streets, suspended. The firm did a rushing business up to last year, when trouble overtook them. The bank of Commerce did its best to help them, but for the last month has had a special examiner at work on the books, as a result of which the firm has suspended. The Bank of Commerce ranks first on the estate for about \$450,000, all

of which is secured except \$140,000. Outside of this the liabilities are over \$100,000.

A. H. CLARK, of Prince Albert, Sask., purposes erecting a building this summer for a drug store.

OATS are selling at 85 cents per bushel at Edmonton, Alberta, and fresh butter is scarce at 40 cents per pound.

BRANDON Mail: So far Capt. Michell of the board of trade has located 125 persons in this county, many of whom are possessed of means, and will purchase as soon as they get in the way of the country. A number of families are stopping in shell tenements in this city erected by themselves until they can locate to their satisfaction.

BRANDON Sun: On Monday morning last the locating engineers of the great Northwest Central commenced the survey of a new line to secure an entrance into the city. The old line carries the road midway between Chater and Brandon, while the new survey will cause a line to be made north of the city, then to follow the slope of the hill skirting the northern limits of the city to the west of Eighteenth street. It will gradually work down into the valley, and cutting off the corner of sec. 27 will cross the river west of the snye and the Eighteenth street bridge. Again turning, it will follow the valley to the neighborhood of the round house, and then into the centre of the city.

The amount of inland revenue collected at Winnipeg during April was as follows:

Tobaccos and cigars.....	\$ 5,718 90
Spirits	7,814 36
Inspection of petroleum.....	82 80
Malt.....	1,150 39

Total.....\$14,796 45

Statement showing the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption at Winnipeg, with duty collected during the month of April, 1888, together with a statement for the same period of last year, is as follows:—

Description.	Value 1887.	Value 1888.
Goods exported	\$ 6,938 00	\$ 41,589 00
Goods imported, ...		
dutiable	125,096 00	127,088 00
Goods imported, free	20,734 00	10,543 00
Total imported.	\$145,830 00	\$137,631 00
Goods entered for consumption—		
Dutiable	\$126,931 00	\$131,497 00
Free	20,734 00	10,543 00
Total entered for consumption..	\$147,665 00	\$142,040 00

Duty collected..... \$39,225 04 \$ 42,664 78

SOME objection has been made to the appointment of Capt. Wastie and A. J. McMillan as immigrant agents for Manitoba in Ontario, on the ground that both men come from Brandon, and that on this account they will favor Brandon, in directing immigrants to that district in preference to other parts of the province. This, however does not necessarily follow. The agents are acting for the province as a whole, and not for a limited district, and they will no doubt fully appreciate their position. Still, owing to the rivalry which is going on between different sections of the province for settlers, it would have been good policy on the part of

the Government to have selected the second agent from an eastern, southern or northern district, and thus a shadow of reason for complaint would have been avoided.

A. FERLAND & Co., Calgary, advertise a dissolution sale.

HENDERSON'S C. P. Ry. pocket Gazetteer for May is to hand.

D. COLQUHOUN has opened a general store at Winlaw, Assa., west of Deloraine forty miles.

OPERATIONS are going on at the experimental farm at Indian Head. Fruit and other trees are being planted.

THE stock of the estate of Downs Bros., general merchants, Virden, Man., is offered for sale by tender up to 15th May. The stock amounts to about \$8,000, and book debts \$3,500.

THE liabilities of John Fehr, general dealer, of Dufferin county, Man., who has assigned in trust to J. McLeod Holiday, amount to \$2,200. The assets, including \$700 in book debts, are placed at \$4,500. Also a 160 acre farm. The estate should pay in full.

GEO. A. CROSTHWATE, general dealer, of Souris, Man., who has made an assignment in trust to F. W. Stobart, shows quite a surplus of assets over liabilities. A receiver will be put in to continue the business in the meantime, with the probability that some satisfactory arrangement may in time be made with the late proprietor.

Sir Charles Tupper has given notice of important resolutions in committee on ways and means. The first gives power to the governor-in-council, by proclamation, to abolish export duties on certain kinds of logs mentioned in schedule E to the Customs Duties act, in order that lumbermen in Canada may obtain the full benefit of Mills' tariff bill in the event of its becoming law in the United States.

THE location of the experimental farm at Brandon will give satisfaction to the people of that district. The selection has been made owing to its central location in one of the most populous farming districts of the province, and to the variety of soil found on the farm itself. The disadvantage of the location is, that owing to the fact that all the branch railways of the province diverge toward Winnipeg, considerable delay will be experienced in visiting the farm from points on any of the railways excepting the main line of the C. P. Ry. This drawback will no doubt be overcome in time by the construction of railways north and south from Brandon.

At a public meeting held at Calgary, a committee was appointed to make inquiry regarding a creamery and report at a meeting as early as possible.

Arrangements have almost been completed for starting the Newdale cheese factory. Nearly the required number of cows have already been obtained. Walldock, of Shoal Lake, will be manager.

The Manitou cheese factory commenced the season's operations on Thursday. Only a limited quantity of cheese is being manufactured at present, but that amount will soon be rapidly increased.