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WINNIPEG, APRIL 1, 1884.

BISHOP & CLEMIE, butchers, Birtle, have dissolved partnership.

THE Birtle Lumber Co.'s effects are in the possession of the sheriff.

F. R. GEMMEL, general storekeeper, Selkirk, has sold out his business.

JOHN MCGREGOR, dealer in harness, Nelson, has closed out his business.

RICHARD LAKE, general storekeeper, Medicine Hat, has assigned in trust.

M. LOGAN, harness maker, Nelson, has sold out his business to J. H. Ruddell.

JOSEPH BAILEY, hotel keeper, Carberry, has sold his business to William Mashie.

RISDALE & WHALEN, general storekeepers, Indian Head, have dissolved partnership.

RAE BROTHERS, blacksmiths, Carberry, have sold out their business to John Thompson.

CHADWICK & McLELLAN, dealers in hardware, Rat Portage, have assigned in trust.

D. S. McDONALD, grocer, Portage la Prairie, contemplates transferring his business to Minnedosa.

THE Birtle Farming Co. are in trouble at present, and the sheriff is in possession of their effects at Beulah.

H. A. PERLEY, of Carberry, is giving up his store business, and will in future confine himself to hotel keeping.

ROSS & ROSS, general storekeepers, Rapid City, have dissolved partnership, and the business will be continued by H. C. Ross.

MATHERS & ATKINSON, publishers of the *Liberal*, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership, and the business will be continued by Atkinson.

THERE has been a change in the Manitoba Coffee and Spice Mills. G. N. Scott retires from the business, which will be carried on by Dr. Clarke, of Toronto, Ont., with Mr. Russell as resident manager in Winnipeg.

THE Winnipeg Historical Society and the Winnipeg Board of Trade will occupy jointly the floor above Thomas Ryan's store in his new building on Main street. The location will be a very central one, and the rooms will be very convenient for the meetings of both.

THE trade sales at Coolican & Co.'s auction rooms, on Wednesday and Thursday last, were confined to wines, liquors and cigars, the stock of William Campbell. The bidding was quite spirited, and sales were made at fair prices. The balances of the same stock will be put up on Wednesday.

THERE is still a hitch in the dissolution arrangements at the Grand Union Hotel. There is a triangular squabble between the retiring partners, the remaining one and the proprietors of the house. At present it has a Kilkenny cat-like appearance, but it is to be hoped that an amicable arrangement will be reached very soon.

THE Royal Route, the Albert Lea Route, and the Milwaukee and St. Paul, all announce great reductions in freight rates for the coming summer, and there is a strong probability that competition with the C. P. R. Port Arthur's route, from the east here, will be very keen during the summer months. Let us have plenty of opposition, for we require it.

FREERORN & WINGARD, furniture dealers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, and the business will be continued by W. Wingard.

SINCE the town of Calgary took legs and moved across the Elbow River to the new town site, the town has grown with amazing rapidity. Over one hundred buildings are now in course of construction, and as many more will be commenced during the month of April. Travelers who have visited there during the past two weeks report a lively demand for almost every class of ordinary merchandise.

THE new City Charter for Winnipeg, which would separate the city from the rest of Selkirk County, and erect it into a separate municipality, seems to meet with determined opposition from outside parties. It is no doubt very convenient for the county to have the city pay five-sixths of its annual expenditure and receive nothing in return, but justice and the interests of the city demand the proposed separation, although it is questionable how the charter will fare in the hands of the Legislature.

THE stream of immigrants passing through the city during the past week has been much heavier than any week of 1884. A large proportion of the arrivals went to settle around Moosomin, and most were parties with a fixed destination. The immigration so far has been composed of parties intending to follow agriculture, and the absence of the speculative loafer forms a pleasing contrast to the arrivals of former years. As yet the crowd of clerks, bookkeepers and such like have not begun to arrive, and it is to be hoped they will have sense enough to stay away.

THE *Free Press* of yesterday contains an item about the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in Winnipeg. We can inform our contemporary that the commodity has been sold here for over a year, and its price on several occasions quoted in the columns of THE COMMERCIAL. The great trouble with the questionable compound is when it is sold for pure butter, and as yet no one has attempted that fraud, at least not so far as we can learn. While lard and other necessaries for its manufacture are so high in price as they are here at present, it is not likely that its manufacture will become a prominent industry.