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WINNIPEG, JUNE 16, 1885.

JAS. SINCLARE, tailor, Prince Albert, has given up business.

McMILLAN & LANE, has opened up a new lumber yard at Morden.

CONWAY & WATSON have bought out A. Smith, of the Potter House, Winnipeg.

— SPENCER, of Winnipeg is about to erect a steam grist mill at Dominion City.

C. C. SMITH, general storekeeper, East Selkirk, has been sold out by the sheriff.

C. C. MONTGOMERY, blacksmith and carriage builder, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

J. R. SUTHERLAND & Co., lumber dealers, Winnipeg, are about to give up business.

W. B. ST. JOHN of Newdale, is about to open up business in the photographing line at Minnedosa.

WHITEHEAD & WHITELAW have purchased the stock belonging to the estate of H. Crossley, Brandon.

M. BROMLEY, of the late firm of Hope & Bromley, tent makers, Winnipeg, has started in business on his own account.

H. HERBERT, of St. Francois Xavier, has established a butter creamery at that place and is manufacturing considerable quantities daily.

DEFF & JELLIS, blacksmiths, Winnipeg, have formed partnership and opened out in the premises formerly occupied by Joseph Morrison, on Jame Street East.

THE firm trading under the name of Conklin & Mackenzie, sewing machine agents, Winnipeg have dissolved partnership. James D. Conklin continues the business.

It is stated that J. W. Sifton, of Brandon, has discovered a valuable and extensive bed of white and colored marble in one of the islands in the Northern part of Lake Winnipeg. If capable of being easily and cheaply worked the discovery will be a great boom to the Northwest.

THE Dominion Government are going on with the construction of a telegraph line from Edmonton to Calgary, and another line from Moosejaw to the Moose Mountain district and thence along the boundary to McLeod. We understand it is the intention of the Government to construct altogether eight hundred additional miles of telegraph lines in the Northwest by the end of this year.

THE petition against the Manitoba exemption law is being numerously signed both in the city and country, and returns from the latter show that the farmers as a class are strong against the rascally law. The petition will be forwarded to Ottawa during the present week, and will likely be presented by the President of the Winnipeg Board of Trade accompanied by deputations from the Boards of Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton.

THE granting of hotel and saloon licences in the city has been going on during the past week, and there is as usual considerable dissatisfaction. Several of the old eyesores of groceries have been licensed again, while some really good hotels have been refused. We suppose the commissioners acted to the best of their judgment, but when more licenses are applied for than can be granted, there will necessarily be dissatisfaction.

THE small butchers of the city are agitating because of an attempt being made by the large dealers to secure the passage by the city council of a license of \$200 for selling meat instead of \$50 as proposed, which if passed they say will establish a monopoly and raise prices, as small traders will not be able to compete. With live stock worth 5 to 6c, a pound and beefsteak selling at 18 to 20c, there is no necessity of giving butchers further chance of extortion.

A NEW enterprise, which is no doubt destined to become a very important industry in the Northwest, that of butter manufacturing on the continental system, is now in successful operation by the Hon. Walter Clifford, of Austin, on the C.P.R. main line. He has imported one of the DeLaval steam separators which are manufactured in Sweden and has had it working satisfactorily for some time past. Arrangements have been made with Griffin & Douglas, of this city, to receive shipments from the factory.

It is rumored that a change is taking place in the management of the Winnipeg Times. Whether it will be controlled in future by the Ottawa Government, the Local Government or the C.P.R., or all three combined is not yet definitely known, but it has become evident of late that the work required of the journal by its political patrons has been so awkwardly done that some change in its management was necessary. At present Mr. Acton Burrows, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, is keeping a kind of supervision over its affairs, but for his own credit we hope his position as boss of the Government dirty work will be only temporary.

It falls our duty this issue to record the death of Mr. W. W. Banning, one of Winnipeg's sterling business men, which took place at his residence, in the city, on Sunday morning, after an illness lasting only twenty-four hours. Deceased was born in Wardsville, Ontario in 1842, but has been a resident of this city, and a member of the leading lumber firm of Dick, Banning & Co, since 1871. His sudden death has cast a gloom all over the city and province, for by it Winnipeg and all Manitoba have lost one of their most enterprising and upright business men and a Christian gentleman beloved by all who knew him, and respected by all who have heard of his life of persevering industry and moral rectitude. We can ill afford the loss of one so useful in the community he lived in.