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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 26, 1887.

W. M. HULSE, blacksmith, Winnipeg, has sold out to Manly & Gibson.

J. P. MITCHELL has commenced business as butcher, at Medicine Hat, Assa.

F. FREDERICKSON, general merchant, is adding a lumber yard to his business.

H. JOHNSTON has sold out his blacksmithing business at Winnipeg to A. F. Lee.

UNLAC & GRAY, butchers, Qu'Appelle, have dissolved partnership, and are succeeded by Gray & Bell.

A LAURENS, dry goods and tailoring, Portage la Prairie, has moved to Rapid City, where he will open a general store.

W. E. COWAN, druggist, Boissevain, Man., has sold out to J. A. Wright, in the same line of business at the same place.

HASKING & DOME, grocers and liquors, Port Arthur, have dissolved partnership. J. C. Hasking continues the business.

ROSEN & WEIDMAN, second-hand dealers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

WHITING BROS have purchased the stock and business of C. H. Gibson, baker, etc., Qu'Appelle Station, Assa.

A. T. McNABB, dealer in carriages, Winnipeg, is adding blacksmithing and carriage manufacturing to his business.

WM. CHAMBERS has opened in the furniture line at Oak Lake, Man. He will also buy grain for the Ogilvie Milling Company.

THE proceeds of the estate of the Manitoba Co-operative Society will be distributed after Oct. 14th, by which date claims must be presented.

S. HARTFORD & Co, Bridge Creek, Man., have dissolved partnership. S. Hartford will continue the business, and assume past responsibilities.

R. C. HICKSON, representing W. H. Bleasdel & Co., wholesale fancy goods, etc., Toronto, has opened his sample rooms at 14 Logan St., Winnipeg.

T. McINTOSH, of the Queen's Hotel news depot, Winnipeg, has made an assignment. Tommy has learned that it does not pay to let out his books and papers on credit.

It really does appear that at last something is to be done with the Northwest Central. In connection with the settlement of the old debt which the company inherited as a legacy from the Rocky Mountain company, it was rumored that construction of the road would be commenced this fall. Later it has been learned that J. H. E. Secretan has been appointed engineer, and this gentleman is now on the ground, said to be arranging for the commencement of the work of construction. It has also transpired that a contract has been awarded to J. C. Sproule, of Winnipeg, said to be for the construction of 50 miles of the road, and the contract is supposed to include grading, track-laying and erecting stations. Men, teams and necessary plant have already been forwarded west, for the purpose of commencing work, which, it is said, will be begun early this week. The road will probably be located from Brandon to Rapid City, and thence westerly.

CRUTHERS & Co, bankers, Fort Qu'Appelle, have sold out to Brine, McDonald & Co.

BIGGER BROS, fruit dealers, Winnipeg, have given up business.

THE Winnipeg Barb Wire Works will furnish the wire for fencing the Red River Valley Railway.

MCDONAGH & SHEA, late of the Waverly Hotel Winnipeg, have completed negotiations for the purchase of the estate of Cosgrave & Co., brewers of this city. The new proprietors are fitting up the brewery in first-class shape, and will commence manufacturing at once. One of the firm has just returned from Milwaukee, where he had been with a view to gaining information and procuring skilled brewers to carry on the business here.

THE estate of the Manitoba Co-operative Society, groceries, etc., Winnipeg, is expected to pay from 25 to 30c. on the dollar. The stock and fixtures sold for 35c. on the dollar. The claims against the estate are divided up into a number of small amounts. John Mason, who formerly carried on business successfully in the grocery line here, and who sold out his business to the Co-operative Society, will lose a small balance on his original claims, amounting to less than \$200. Indirectly, however, he loses a considerably larger amount through his connection with the institution, and he now takes little stock in co-operative organizations.

The first shipment of cattle from the Canadian Northwest ranches will be made shortly. There are now being loaded at Calgary forty-five cars of cattle, aggregating about 900 head; and they will shortly pass through the city en route for Montreal, from which port they will be shipped to Liverpool. The cattle are from the Cochrane ranches. This is an important event in the cattle trade, as these cattle will be the vanguard of what is hoped will be the chief export from the western portions of the territories. Hitherto all the surplus cattle on the ranges have been killed for the local market; but the time has now arrived when an outside market will have to be looked for. It is not probable that there will be any heavy shipments this year, but in a year or so the business will reach large proportions.

