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WINNIPEG, APRIL 23, 1888.

T. J. SMITH general dealer, Wapella has added agricultural implements to his business.

J. E. THOMAS, late in business at Portage la Prairie Man., died at Vancouver, B. C., recently.

D. D. ROSE, representing Brown & Erb, of the Dominion Glove works, Berlin, Ont., was in the city last week.

J. D. ALLAN, representing A. A. Allan & Co. wholesale hats, caps, furs, etc., of Toronto, arrived from the east last week, and will do the West in the interest of his house.

CRUTHERS & Co., have opened a private banking establishment at Manitou, Man. Mr. Cruthers was formerly in the same line at Fort Qu'Appelle, where he sold out last fall.

THE furniture store lately burned at Anthracite, Alberta, belonged to Shelton, furniture dealer of Calgary. Loss only about \$300, as there was very little stock on hand at the time of the fire. R. Howsen had a small stock of fruits and confectionery in the building, which was destroyed.

ANOTHER great railway system which will probably soon be looking toward Manitoba is the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. This is one of the most aggressive of the Chicago and western roads, and it now reaches a point farther north than any of the Chicago railways. The company has been reaching out in all directions north from Chicago, and especially up into Dakota, where it now has its northern terminus at Fargo. One more stride of a couple of hundred miles or so would bring the road into Winnipeg, and with the level country between here and Fargo the work could easily be completed in a single season.

W. MOORE, baker, of Regina, has moved to Indian Head, Assa., where he has opened a bakery, and confectionery store.

HARRY WHITWORTH, of Emerson, has entered into partnership with W. A. Morkill of Dominion City, Man., and the new firm will open a flour and feed business at the latter place.

THE Saskatchewan Herald has entered upon the tenth year of its publication. That the Battleford district has not gone ahead more rapidly is not the fault of the Herald.

THE clothing and furnishing stock of the late J. L. Coltart, of Winnipeg, will be offered for sale by tender up to Thursday next, 26th April. The amount of stock and shop fixtures is about \$1,000.

A. C. McRAE, late of Ottawa, Ont., has established a new industry at Winnipeg—the manufacture of carriage tops, backs and cushions. His office is at the corner of King and James streets.

THE Brandon board of trade has issued a splendid advertising folder, which was compiled and designed by J. H. Brownlee and Wm. Marshall. In addition to a map of the Province the folder contains views of Brandon, and Plumb Creek and of farms located in the district, as well as reading matter of interest to new settlers.

At the last quarterly meeting of the Regina board of trade the president and secretary-treasurer submitted a report on the business of the past quarter showing the work done. The treasurer submitted a report showing that the board had expended \$630 on the Wood Mountain trail, \$1,075 improving the Saskatoon trail and \$460 on Brownlee's immigration map. The special Committee reported that all arrangements were completed for the incorporation of the board. A number of new members were elected and the affairs of the board are prospering. Mr. Mowat, seconded by Mr. Crookshank, moved that the board draw the attention of Sup't. Tait of the C. P. R. to the great irregularity in the delivery of freight by the Company and especially that his attention be drawn to the manner in which local freight between east and west is delayed through the conductors refusing to take freights; presumably because it occasions them more trouble in handling local and they seemingly preferring through freights.

A correspondent at Carberry, Man., writes: In the beginning of February I reported 746,600 bushels of grain marketed here. Since that time we have marketed:

Wheat	86,600
Oats	34,500
Barley	13,000

Up to February 134,100
 746,600

Total

880,700
 There is also a good deal yet in farmers' hands.

L. R. ARNETT has purchased the clothing and furnishing business conducted by Lewis Arnett, at Winnipeg. This business consists of the well-known Boston Clothing House, and also the store on the corner of Main and William Streets.

T. G. POYNTZ, Bodega, Winnipeg, is selling out.

HERBERT FIELD, hardware, Brandon, has sold out.

R. J. NICHOLSON, tailor, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

ALEX. McBRIDE, dealer in hardware and tins, Calgary, is giving up business.

LUCAS & EASTMAN, ranchers, Calgary, N. W. T., offer their business for sale.

CHAS. SANDISON has closed out his butchering business at Edmonton, Alberta.

H. FIELD has sold out his stove and tinware business at Brandon, to Smith Bros.

GEO. A. CROTHWAITE, general store-keeper, Plum Creek, Man., has assigned in trust.

T. T. ATKINSON, dealer in boots and shoes and clothing, Brandon, is giving up business.

F. C. PATERSON has been appointed local agent at Brandon for the Manufacturers Insurance Co.

ALEX. SHEPPARD, dealer in dry goods and millinery, Regina, Assa., has called a meeting of creditors.

A PROCLAMATION has been issued fixing Thursday, 17th May, as Arbor Day throughout the Territories.

H. G. & R. Walker, Manufacturers Agents, Victoria, have dissolved partnership. H. G. Walker continues.

R. B. ROOK is giving up his business at Minnedosa as a blacksmith and has gone into fire and life insurance.

JAMES GUYER, hotel-keeper, Brandon, has formed a partnership with M. E. Johns, under the style of Guyer & Johns.

DR. BRETT has purchased from Dr. Orton and D. D. Mann their interests in the sanitarium, at the National Park, Banff.

H. SHOREY & Co., of Montreal, advise their customers of a coming visit from a representative of their house on the back of a photograph of the Prince of Wales.

FRESH Lake Winnipeg fish are quoted in trade papers of St. Paul and Minneapolis as follows: Whitefish, 8c; yellow pike, 7c; pickerel, 6c; perch, 4c.

E. S. MATHEWSON, is to have charge of the C. P. R. hotel at Vancouver, and not of the new hotel at Banff, as stated. He was formerly chief clerk of the Windsor, at Montreal.

EMERSON is agitating for a railway from that place to the Lake of the Woods. The distance is said to be about 85 miles, and the chief advantage would be in getting lumber direct from the mills on the lake, instead of its coming around by Winnipeg as at present, a distance of over 200 miles.

THE annual report of the Northwest Land Company shows that the total sales of farm lands were 19,113½ acres, rather more than double the quantity sold during 1886. The average price received was a little over £1 per acre. Town site sales are somewhat below those of last year, still they are very satisfactory when compared with the two previously. The retiring directors were re-elected as follows:—Sir Donald A. Smith, E. B. Osler and W. B. Scarth.