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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 27, 1888.

CAMPBELL & HARKNESS, dealer in horses, Brandon, have dissolved partnership.

SHIPLEY & PALMER, hotelkeepers, Rat Portage have sold out to Oswald Montgomery.

LIMOGES & DEJOURNEL, general storekeepers, Cochrane, Alberta, have dissolved partnership.

GEO. GIBSON, blacksmith, Rapid City, is about to sell out his business and will move to Carberry.

F. J. SHORE, livery, etc., Qu'Appelle, Assa., has sold out by public auction. He will move to Winnipeg.

DAVIDSON & Co., Merchants, Neepawa, Man., think of opening a tailoring department in connection with their store.

E. LEE, shoemaker, Neepawa, Man., is desirous of disposing of his business and devoting his attention to the farm.

DOWLING & LEIGHTON, furniture manufacturers of Harriston, Ont., will open a branch at Emerson, Man. W. J. Curtis will be in charge.

At the meeting of the Regina town council, a tax rate of one and a half cents was struck. It was decided to raise \$5,800 for general purposes.

ADDITIONS are being made to the Mormon settlement in Southern Alberta. The new arrivals bring considerable quantities of stock and effects with them.

H. SOUCISSE, contractor, Winnipeg, has left the country. Financial difficulties caused his sudden and unexpected departure. He had a contract for the extension of the provincial

asylum, upon which it is said he was losing money.

THE Portage la Prairie board of trade will arrange a reception and exhibit of products for the Ontario excursionists. H. J. Woodside will meet the excursionists at Port Arthur.

A DEPUTATION of Winnipeg citizens comprising both shades of politics, waited on the Local Government one day last week, promising support in the ratification of the proposed arrangement with the Northern Pacific.

ROUNTRE & CONNOR, who recently purchased the Stewart House, at Manitou, Man., have thoroughly overhauled the premises, and fitted the house up in good shape. They will endeavor to conduct the house in good style, giving special attention to the accommodation of commercial travellers.

THE Calgary Tribune of August 20, says: Harvesting operations in the neighborhood of High River Crossing began early a week ago and the grain is magnificent. On Sheep Creek the greater part of the barley will be harvested this week and next week will see most of the people beginning their oats. A large yield is sure and everyone is in good spirits. The potatoes and roots are better than they ever have been, which is saying a great deal.

NEEPAWA Register: The following item appeared in THE COMMERCIAL of last week. "An idea of the extent of the crop on the big plain surrounding Carberry may be gathered from the fact that the agents there of the different implement firms have sold in the aggregate 104 binders." We felt sure that Neepawa could beat this and so made inquiries from our implement agents. This elicited the fact that 127 binders have been sold and delivered here this season. Let the thoughtful but think what this means.

F. FAIRCHILD, wholesale implement dealer, of Winnipeg, who recently made a trip through Southern Manitoba, reports the crops in good condition. The only damage done the wheat crop from the recent cool spell, is in a limited district between Manitou and Crystal City, and in this district it does not amount to more than five per cent. All the rest of Southern Manitoba, for some distance beyond the end of the track, the prospect is most encouraging. In the Mennonite settlement about one-third of the crop would be cut by the close of last week.

A CORRESPONDENT at Holland, Man., writes: The Holland Milling Company having sunk a well 48 feet to the shale to supply the mill, and not getting anything like a supply, concluded to bore down into the shale. On Saturday, the 18th, the well was drilled 116 feet. A show of oil was struck at 75 feet and gets stronger as it goes down. An old Petrolia man, who has followed the business of sinking wells there, happened to come to the mill on business and exclaimed as soon as he saw the oil that it was as good a show as they ever got in the lower soap, 450 feet down, in Petrolia, and that as they were now working in the soap stone, would strike either oil or gas in the next 50 or 60 feet.

A BY-LAW to authorize the issue of \$85,131.95 was voted on at Emerson, Man., on Monday last. The by-law is to secure a settlement with

the creditors of the town. It was carried without any opposition whatever. The total indebtedness of Emerson, as stated by the commission which recently negotiated the affairs of the town, is \$266,037. The commission reported that the town was able to assume thirty-two per cent. of its liabilities, and pay interest thereon at the rate of two per cent. for the first year, and three per cent. thereafter. The total assessment of the town is placed at \$303,298, upon which assessment the rate for the proposed debentures alone would be 8½ mills on the dollar. The debentures will be used only in extinguishing the debt of the town, and will be payable in twenty years.

ONE of the great resources of British Columbia is its fishery wealth, the development of which is only now commencing. Salmon packing has been going on for some years, but it is only within the last year or two that shipments of fresh and salt fish have been made from the province to any extent. Since the completion of the C. P. R., fresh Fraser river salmon have been shipped eastward to points along the line, as far as Montreal. The taking of these fish for freezing and exporting fresh has become quite an industry on the Fraser river. The deep sea fisheries have not been developed much yet, but there is certainly a great wealth in them. The famous black cod; and the halibut are known to abound off the coast, besides other favorite varieties. As the prairie country east of the Rocky Mountains fills up with people, there will certainly be a very large trade in fish worked up with the Pacific coast dealers. This trade is already assuming some proportion. Henry Saunders, of Victoria, an extensive wholesale dealer in canned salmon and cured fish of all kinds, has made several shipments of some of his favorite brands in this direction. Those who wish information regarding brands and prices of fish, will receive full particulars by corresponding with him.

A COMPANY has been formed by a number of the leading citizens of Victoria B. C., with the object of building a railway from that city to a point at or near Shoal Harbour at the north end of the Saanich peninsula and connecting this point with the mainland at or near the mouth of the Fraser river by a ferry, thence carrying a branch to Westminster city and extending a line from the mouth of the Fraser to connect with the American system of railways at or near Mud Bay. It is expected by the promoters that a trip from Victoria to the mouth of the Fraser river by the proposed line will be made inside of three hours, reaching Westminster 15 minutes later. At the Fraser river it is proposed to extend a mole to deep water, where trains will connect with the ferry. It is understood that both the Dominion House of Commons and the Local Legislature will be applied to for power to enable the Company to carry out the work. The distance by rail from Victoria to Shoal Harbor will be 18 miles, the ferry line 25 miles, and 12 or 18 miles from the mole to Westminster. The following gentlemen have been elected to the board of management for the purpose of obtaining from the two Parliaments a charter of incorporation for the new company: Hon. DeCosmos, Chairman; J. Stuart Yates, Secretary; Hon. J. H. Turner, M. P. P., Alex. Wilson, John Grant, M. P. P.