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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 18, 1889.

SOFT coal at Regina sells delivered at \$7 per ton.

E. L. THOMAS, cigars, Winnipeg, is reported away.

R. SIMPSON, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, has removed to Birtle.

H. BEAUBIEN, shoemaker, has opened a shop at Lethbridge, Alberta.

THE firm of D. Maxwell, agricultural implements, has been changed to D. Maxwell & Sons.

W. G. VICARS has purchased the livery business of Sam Teese, of Qu'Appelle Station, Assa.

T. D. ROBINSON & Co., dealers in paints and wall paper, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust to F. C. Wade.

COWLES & YEREX, the new proprietors of the American house, Medicine Hat, re-opened the hotel on Feb. 13.

ABOUT \$40,000 was invested in new buildings at Virden, Man., during 1888, principally in residences, which shows that the town is making solid progress.

CHAS. AGER has bought out A. Craddock, butcher, Portage la Prairie, Man. Ager has been buying cattle for shipment for the past two years in the Portage district.

MANITOBA farmers will have a large amount of hay left over, on account of the mild season, unless the spring is very backward. Owing to the absence of snow and mild weather, cattle were able to graze on the prairie well on into the winter.

J. W. ANDERSON has added groceries to his meat business at Brandon.

HIGGINS will start pork-packing on a small scale at Whitewood, Assa.

THE Calgary board of trade is said to be in a somewhat disorganized state.

H. B. RICH has sold out his rancho at Macleod, Alberta, to J. B. Smith.

GIBSON & FRASER, livery, Brandon, have sold out to G. Gibson and G. Wendell.

STROME & LAUGHTON have opened in the merchant tailoring line at Brandon.

EVANS & Co., livery, Brandon, Man., W. Geo. Evans has disposed of his interest in the business of this firm.

W. FARES and B. B. Johnston, of Emerson, shipped a carload of new milch cows to Vancouver, B. C., recently.

MOORE & GALBRAITH, general storekeepers, Strathclair, have dissolved partnership; the business will be continued by W. B. Moore.

M. VINEBERG & Co., wholesale hats, furs, etc., Montreal, have favored this office with one of their handsome calendars for 1889.

THE business carried on by Wilson Bros., furniture, Winnipeg, will be continued hereafter by C. H. Wilson, W. J. Wilson retiring.

THE Brunswick Hotel and the Edie House, Brandon, have received a license, the recent census showing the city entitled to two more hotels.

THE extensive stables and several imported horses, on the Frank Strong ranch estate, near Macleod, Alberta, were burned recently. Loss \$7,000; insured for \$2,000. I. G. Baker & Co. lost about \$1,500 on bull-team outfits stored in the stables.

Edmonton *Bulletin*: The auction sale of Stewart & Bannerman's stock of boots and shoes which commenced on Monday last closed on Friday, the whole having been disposed of. The sales amount to over \$2,000, realizing about 80 per cent. on cost.

THE *Dominion Illustrated*, published by G. E. Desbarats & Son, Montreal, is arranging to publish a large number of views of the carnival. A great many photos have been taken, and these will be engraved and published during the next few weeks.

THE Port Arthur board of trade held a meeting in response to a communication from the Winnipeg board, asking that delegates be sent to join in considering the best time and place for fixing grain standards. Gibbs, Bowerman and Carman were appointed.

NOTICE is given that an application will be made to the legislative assembly of Manitoba, at its present session, for an Act to incorporate the Manitoba Insurance Association with all the powers and privileges usually conferred upon a fire, marine and live stock insurance company and for other purposes.

THE Macleod board of trade wants a court house built at that place, and a through mail route established to Calgary. The board is securing samples of grain grown in the district, to forward to the C. P. R. exhibit. The board has also condemned the establishment of cantens in connection with the mounted police force, as an injury to local trade.

J. H. FRASER, proprietor of the flour mill at Morden, Man., has returned from Minneapolis, and has brought with him a lot of new machinery for his mill.

THE young Keowatin *Hustler*, a paper started at Keowatin a short time ago, has already been enlarged to double its former size. It is an enterprising sheet.

KEOWATIN *Hustler*. W. D. Atwell is negotiating with eastern makers with the view of building a match and box factory at Norman during the coming summer.

JOHN J. HAMILTON, who formerly kept a restaurant in Winnipeg, and about a year ago opened a general store in Morris, Man., trading under the style of Hamilton & Co., has already assigned. It is understood that his means were very limited from the commencement.

A NEW paper printed in the French language, and bearing the name of *L'Ouest Canadien*, made its appearance in Winnipeg last week. It will be published weekly, subscription rate \$1 per year. It is neat in typographical appearance, and evidently liberal in its political bearings.

PRESIDENT OAKES, of the Northern Pacific, who was in Winnipeg last week, said to a *Sun* reporter: "We expect to spend \$200,000, perhaps \$250,000 in Winnipeg next summer. We have not entirely decided yet upon the erection of a hotel. If we don't put up a hotel we will put up a magnificent station. Work will be commenced early in the season. We will also put up a round house and machine shops.

THE Ames Holden Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, have bought out the Belmont Shoe Factory at Victoria, B. C. A short time ago the company bought out Heathorn's shoe factory at the same place. These were the two principal shoe factories of Victoria. It is claimed that the heavier grades of boots, such as are used by the miners and Indians of the Pacific coast, can be manufactured more cheaply at Victoria than at Montreal. Chinese labor is largely used.

THE Northwest Central Railway company in their forthcoming application to Parliament, seek to strike out the clause in the charter granting to the Canadian Pacific railway running powers over the road. A director says this clause embarrassed them in their negotiations with other parties for the construction of the road. It seems somewhat peculiar that the C. P. R. should have been given running power over this road, and the company is justified in having the clause expunged from its charter. Fancy running powers being given to any other road, over the C. P. R.

G. FITZGERALD, of Calgary, has compiled and published, with the authority of the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, an interesting pamphlet on the Territory of Alberta. The great natural resources of the vast territory are considered in detail, under a variety of headings, ranching, lumbering, mining, farming, etc. The flora and fauna of the territory is described, and weather records for the past four years is given. A number of pages are devoted to the testimony of settlers. Altogether the book will form an excellent guide to settlers who think of making that region their home. It should tell to the advantage of Alberta.