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WINNIPEG, MARCH 25, 1889.

A GERMAN paper will shortly be started in Winnipeg.

J. B. JOHNSON, dry goods, Winnipeg, has sold out to Burns & Co.

CHESTER & Co., have opened a seed store at 535 Main Street, Winnipeg.

GEO. THOMPSON, of Rat Portage, has bought out Rochon's bakery at Keewatin.

J. K. DRINNAN has purchased the *Times* newspaper, of Medicine Hat, Assa.

BURKE & STONE, general storekeepers, Cartwright, Man., have assigned in trust.

A MR. ST. JEAN will shortly open business in groceries and provisions at Keewatin.

CLARK & PEARSON, hardware dealers, Keewatin, are adding groceries to their business.

JAMES A. JOHNSTON and Charles Pilling are opening an agency and land office at Brandon.

CLIFFORD & WHEELER have succeeded to the business of E. Broadfoot, merchant, Austin, Man.

T. W. SOULES & Co., meats, Calgary, Alberta, have dissolved, and the business will be carried on by F. G. Topp & Co.

THERE is said to be a good opening at Dominion City, Man., for a woodworker in connection with the blacksmith trade.

G. D. STINSON, Whitemouth, Man., has sold his property at that place and will move to Fort Francis, where he will open an hotel.

THE revised ordinances of the Territories have been printed and published, from the office of R. B. Gordon, government printer, Regina.

DR. HARRISON, banker, Neepawa, Man., has decided not to open branches at either Minnedosa or Rapid City, for the present, as previously contemplated.

THE Vancouver *News-Advertiser* has published a special twelve page issue, giving a very complete history and sketch of New Westminster and district.

WINNIPEG bakers have raised the price of bread to 14 loaves retail and 16 wholesale for \$1. Formerly prices were 16 loaves retail and 18 wholesale for \$1.

W. UGLOW, books and stationery, Winnipeg, who was badly damaged by fire a short time ago, has his store fixed up in good shape again and is opening a large stock of new goods.

THE *Herald*, of Battleford, Saskatchewan Territory, says:—Farmers generally are beginning to pay attention to the rearing of pigs, and it is probable no more fresh pork will be imported into this district.

H. BENTLEY & Co., general merchants, Lethbridge, Alberta, have added a tailoring department. The citizens of that place will now have an opportunity of patronizing home industry, instead of sending their orders abroad, which they will, no doubt, at once make use of.

J. R. SPEARE, formerly of McLachlin & Speare, general merchants, Treherne, Man., and who opened a hardware store at Treherne last fall, is evidently finding business prosperous in this branch. He is now adding a complete tinware department to his hardware business.

VERY contradictory statements are made concerning the Regina & Long Lake Railway. A telegram from Ottawa last week says that negotiations for the construction of the road by the C. P. R. were well advanced, the only point to settle being regarding a bridge across the Saskatchewan river, which the company wants the Government to build.

A copy of *Once a Week* has reached the table. This is a journal of fiction, fact, sensation, wit, humor, news, etc., and a glance over its pages shows that it carries out its programme in good style. The sensational department is well represented in the number received by a large sketch entitled, "The Annexation of Canada," in which the Prince of Wales is represented as hoisting the flag of the Republic over Canada. Viewing the scene are a number of British and Canadian notables, and prominent citizens of the Republic. The paper is profusely illustrated, and racy throughout. P. F. Collier, publisher, New York.

MAXWELL, manager of the W. Robinson Fishing company, operating on Lake Winnipeg, states that the close season for whitefish in this country is too short. It now extends from October 5 to November 5. Mr. Maxwell thinks that by adding another month to the close season, the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of fish in spawn would be averted. The fishing industry is extending very rapidly on the Manitoba lakes, and every precaution should be taken to preserve the supply. Formerly there was no danger of the supply being materially reduced, but with the large export business which has sprung up of late, there may be danger of depleting the lakes of fish.

G. H. BALFOUR, manager of the Union Bank, Winnipeg, has been transferred to Montreal, where he will occupy a similar position. F. L. Patton, formerly manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Federal Bank, will succeed to the management of the Union branch here. The appointment will be a popular one, as Mr. Patton is already well and favorably known in commercial and banking circles here.

CONTRADICTORY reports still come from Ottawa, concerning the Regina and Long Lake railway. A telegram on Friday says:—The deal between the Long Lake and Regina road and the Canadian Pacific railway is off, and Mr. Pugsley is trying to make arrangements with other capitalists for the operation of the road. Onderdonk, who is here in connection with the arbitration, has been approached on the matter and may be induced to take hold of the enterprise.

A TELEGRAM from St. Paul, Minnesota, says, Mr. McNaught, solicitor to the N. P., has returned from the east. In regard to the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway, he says that Dominion legislation has been secured which now removes the road from under the control of the Manitoba Government. Henceforth the road, which is designed to compete with the Canadian Pacific, will work independently under a direct Dominion charter. Under the new arrangement the bonding power of the company has been increased to \$20,000 per mile, and a loan has just been negotiated with a New York syndicate for \$6,000,000 on bonds of the road. The intention is to extend the system extensively during the coming year, especially in the direction of the Souris coal fields.

COMMENCING last week a train leaves Winnipeg every day on the C. P. R., for the Pacific coast. Heretofore there were only six through trains for the coast per week, no train leaving Montreal on Sunday, and consequently there was no train reaching here from the east on Wednesday. The extra train now put on will therefore leave Winnipeg on Wednesdays, and this will be its starting point, as there will be no train from Montreal on Wednesdays. There is a considerable traffic over the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railway, via Winnipeg to the Pacific coast, and Wednesday's train is added to accommodate this traffic, otherwise passengers arriving here from the south on Wednesdays, for the coast, would be obliged to remain over for Thursday's train going west.

THE *Victoria Colonist* of March 16 says:—At noon yesterday in Victoria the temperature was 84 in the shade; at Winnipeg yesterday it was 22 below zero. The *Colonist* is evidently a long way out in its reference to the temperature at Winnipeg. The thermometer here for some time back has ranged from 40 to 70 above zero during the day in the shade, and frequently barely reaching the freezing point at night. The 22 below zero of the *Colonist* has probably been 22 above zero, and even this would be the very lowest point touched in the 24 hours, which would be between midnight and 6 o'clock in the morning. Seeding was going on in different sections of Manitoba as early as the first two or three days in March, and all last week agricultural operations were general all over Manitoba. Snow and ice have long since disappeared, and overcoats and winter caps were discarded weeks ago, all of which would be out of the question, with the thermometer going below zero, or even continuing at the freezing point during the day.