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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 20, 1885.

E. LYONS is about to open a blacksmith shop in Edmonton.

S. COCKBURN, general storekeeper, Minnedosa, has sold out.

J. C. McDONALD, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, has been sold out by bailiff.

LEASK & ROSE, general storekeepers, Brandon, have assigned in trust.

M. SMITH, grocer, Winnipeg, contemplates giving up business in this city.

WM. STEPHENSON, hardware and tin dealer, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

CLARK & BROTHIE, physicians, Winnipeg, are about to dissolve partnership.

T. TESSIER, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, has admitted J. Scully into partnership.

BAIN BROS. are about to erect a large horse and carriage repository in Calgary.

P. O'CONNOR, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, is about to admit a partner into his business

A. W. BLEASDELL, druggist, of Winnipeg, has leased A. H. Henry & Co.'s shop at Macleod.

P. RIONFY, grocer, Winnipeg and Minnedosa, has sold his Winnipeg stock to G. H. Rodgers.

COAL seam finds in the district of Alberta are turning up quite frequently, some half dozen finds having been made within the past two or three months.

THE office of the News will be removed this week to 4 James Street East, in the same building as the COMMERCIAL, where it will be published for the future.

THE stock belonging to the estate of Hoffman & Co., general storekeepers, Emerson, was sold at sheriff's sale in Winnipeg, and was purchased by Boddy & Co.

KEITH & RIDDELL'S weekly stock sale comes off again to-morrow. This seems likely to become quite an important arrangement in connection with the stock interests of the country.

THE position of collectors of customs here is we understand likely to become vacant, by Mr. Mingay's confining himself to the duties of inspector for the North-West, Lieut. Col. Scott, M.P., is talked of for the position, while the leading importers of Winnipeg have petitioned the department for the appointment of Mr. C. M. Clark, who now holds an inferior position in the service in this city.

ABOUT ten days ago the customs authorities of Winnipeg seized a portion of a car of American canned goods which were being delivered to the bonded warehouse of Thompson, Codville & Co., wholesale grocers. That there was any evidence of intended fraud in the transfer not even the custom's officials hinted, but there had been some neglect of signing a bond before the goods were moved from Bissett's warehouse, to which they were originally consigned, and the neglect was in reality that of a custom's official. The goods were seized, however, and after a week of fussing and submitting to unlimited insolence and abuse from those in the pay of the public, Messrs. Thompson, Codville & Co. had them released upon payment of duty and a lot of extra cartage charges. No reason for either seizure or release was given. But that is nothing startling in connection with the Winnipeg custom's house,

SIR A. T. GALT has given notice to the Dominion Government of his intention to apply for a charter for a railway from his coal railway to the boundary line in the direction of Fort Benton. This should prove a boon to the settlers in that district as well as on the other side of the line where coal is badly wanted.

THE regular quarterly meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade will take place in the board room, Ryan's Block, on Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The meeting has been postponed a few days on account of the reception arrangements of the Governor-General. Business of importance will be brought forward.

THE long delayed appointment of Mr. Clark as inspector of grain for Winnipeg inspection district has at last been confirmed. The delay has been mainly owing to the changes that were made in the inspection act, and laterly owing to the arranging of the limits of the inspection district, which extends over the whole Province of Manitoba. The country has now got a fair start in the management of its own grain affairs.

THE contractors who built the North shore section of the C.P.R. are suing the Company for the balance of money due them, the aggregate of which will amount to something over \$1,000,000. The litigation between the contractors and the C.P.R. is due to the refusal of the railway company to accept the measurements of their engineers and the contractors, these being the grounds on which the management refuse to settle, the contractors on the other hand stating it is want of money.

THE steamer "Alert" has arrived at Halifax after a successful exploring trip to the Hudson Bay. The terrors of navigating this bay are gradually disappearing, as Lieut. Gordon in giving a statement of his voyage now says the bay is navigable for four months of the year, while last year it was put down as three. In all probability the future will show that this sea can be navigable for at least six months, and there is every reason to believe that should the Hudson's Bay railway be built there will be plenty of steamers ready to open up and develop a trade with this part of the world. It is also reported that this region is much richer in mineral wealth than was previously supposed,