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**WINNIPEG, JUNE 3, 1889.**

BRANDON real estate is having a little boom.

VRDEV and Elkhorn are to have no hotel licenses.

BIRTLE is to have another newspaper this summer.

AN effort to revive the Calgary Board of Trade has failed.

REGINA merchants have adopted the early closing system.

A. J. MURPHY is opening a boot and shoe store at Calgary.

D. BUTCHART, tailor, Rapid City, intends giving up business.

The Kootenay Star will be issued at Revelstoke early in June.

J. C. LEARY has bought out the British Lion hotel at Rat Portage.

THE Ontario Bank will re-open their branch in Winnipeg in the fall.

METAGE & Co., hotelkeepers, Vancouver, B.C., have dissolved partnership.

THE Lake Dauphin district is to be surveyed into townships and subdivisions.

EAGER & SIGMAN, butchers, Portage la Prairie have sold out to Craddock & Co.

C. M. McNAUGHT, jeweller, New Westminster, B.C., is out of business.

DEALY BROS., ranchers, Beaver Dam, have lost by fire \$5,000; no insurance.

A. LEVI is about to open up a tailoring and gents' furnishing store at Brandon.

BEUGZ & BARTON have formed a partnership as carpenters and builders at Virden.

THE new market building is to be completed by September 15th.

BRANDON is desirous to have a branch of the Ottawa Bank located there.

PIPER & MALLICH, harness makers, Virden are opening a branch store at Griswold.

RUTLIDGE BROS., general storekeepers, Fort William, contemplate dissolving partnership.

NZEPAWA has decided to purchase sixteen acres for a town park and recreation grounds.

HENDERSON & BURTON, general storekeepers, Carberry, contemplate dissolving partnership.

THE hotelkeepers at Shoal Lake, M. & N.W., have withdrawn their application for liquor licenses.

G. L. STONE has been appointed postmaster at Rapid City and purchased the business of D. A. Hopper.

\$14,000 has been paid out this season for cattle in Pilot Mound district, and six car loads shipped east recently.

THOMAS SNEED, house furnishings, etc., Winnipeg has sold out to Wm. Pengelly, who takes possession July 1st.

JOHN GILES, butcher, Portage la Prairie has admitted his son into partnership under the style of John Giles & Son.

MESSRS. CRADDOCK & GREGG have formed a partnership and take over the business of Eager & Sigman, of Portage la Prairie.

REA & CURTIS, grain, flour and feed merchants, Brandon, have dissolved partnership; the business will be carried on by A. E. Rea.

THE town council of Port Arthur has decided to submit to the ratepayers a by-law granting a bonus of \$25,000 to the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway.

MOUNTAIN CITY post office has been closed and the office at Catharine station, on the N. P. & M. has been changed to Letellier and Letellier has been changed to St. Joseph.

FORD, who will succeed Samuels as superintendent of the Dominion Express Company, assumed the duties of the office on Saturday last, and Samuels leaves this week for Montreal.

TOWNSHIP 1, range 6 west, south of Morden, was opened for settlement on Saturday last. This is one of the townships which was withdrawn from settlement by the Dominion Government. The land is fairly well wooded and is a desirable location.

THE Monitor says: The Dominion Land office in Manitou is to be removed notwithstanding all that has been done to keep it there. The cause is stated to be declining business, which does not pay. Brandon is also to lose its land office, also for the same cause. The business for each will be done in Winnipeg in future.

THE Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, of New York, is the name of another United States insurance institution which has recently started operations in Canada, and has made its deposit with the Government of \$50,000. The society is now in the Manitoba field and Col. J. E. G. Moore, formerly provincial police magistrate, has been appointed general manager for Manitoba and the Northwest,

with offices in Winnipeg. The appointment is a wise one, and the Colonel will be congratulated by his many friends on this new sphere into which he has entered.

THE Royal Soap Works at St. Boniface were destroyed by fire May 25th and was a total loss, being placed at \$25,000 with insurance as follows: Imperial, \$2,000; Citizens, \$1,500; other companies \$3,500; total \$7,000. The company were preparing to remove the works to Winnipeg and will now commence operations at the new building at once.

THE Saskatchewan Herald of Battleford says: "The importation of flowers, plants and small fruits has been larger this year than ever before. Under the perfect system of packing which the florists practice there has been no loss to speak of in any of the shipments so far received. It has also been demonstrated that all the flowers and small fruits grown in the Eastern Provinces succeed equally well in these high latitudes." The same may be said in regard to Manitoba, an immense amount of florists and arboriculturists material being distributed through the province. A small fortune must have been distributed among the nurserymen in the East and United States. The excellence of the condition of the goods on arrival is sure to again place orders and the growth of the business will be enormous now that the people realize that importing plants, etc., has passed the experimental stage.

UNDER the heading of "Losses in Manitoba Wheat," the Montreal Trade Bulletin of last week indulged in one of its racy and erratic articles, in which it does not stick quite so close to facts as it does when dealing with grain matters in Montreal. The Bulletin says a good deal of outside capital was invested in Manitoba wheat during the high prices of last fall, a statement which sounds like poking fun at the regular grain men of this country, for these men know too well that they are carrying the burdens and not outsiders. The Bulletin also refers to a saloon keeper's wheat investments, which can be accounted for by the fact that one grain operator here, who did not start into wheat with the late boom, but a year or more before, owns the leading restaurant of Winnipeg, and his losses this year, if he makes any, he can bear without reducing either his stock or quality of whiskey. Where the news of banks closing down on wheat operators comes from, we suppose the Bulletin can explain, for no one here has heard of such a proceeding. Our Manitoba grain dealers have no doubt got a bad breeze this season, and few if any of them will make any money out of the last crop, while most of them may be losers, and some quite heavily. There is however nobody caught who cannot swing his own losses, without dictation from the banks, and the probability is that the load will be carried for months yet before loss will be admitted by those who are holding. Of course some scared eastern bank manager may occasionally be found peddling a stray 5,000 bushel lot, but that will in no way affect the price of last year's crop of Manitoba wheat. The Bulletin should sift its Manitoba news more carefully before it starts in on the sledge movement. It should not forget that "distance lends enchantment to the view."