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T. W. ALWYN, grocer, of Fort Rouge, has given up business.

E. G. PAISLEY, fruit dealer, Winnipeg, has given up business.

J. LOOLEY, harness maker, Winnipeg, has sold out his business to George Davidson.

MESSRS. CAMERON & CROKER, grocers, of Grand Valley, have sold out their business to the Saskatchewan Trading Company.

C. J. REACH & Co., grocers, of Winnipeg, whose meeting of creditors we noticed in our last issue, have made an assignment.

THE latest addition to the industries of Winnipeg is the manufacture of English malt vinegar, which has been commenced by Mr. C. H. Girdlestone.

GEORGE McDONALD, merchant tailor, of Winnipeg, has admitted Henry Sanderson as a partner, and the business will in future be conducted under the firm name of McDonald & Sanderson.

THE town of Birtle, from which we publish a

letter in this issue, is likely to have a newspaper very soon. Mr. A. Wood, of Hamilton, Ont., is now arranging to start one there as soon as he can get plant.

IN a former issue we noted an advance in the price of beer in Halifax, N.S., and other cities of the Dominion, and New York brewers have now adopted a similar course. The scarcity of hops is evidently being felt all over the American Continent.

ALTHOUGH the street car track is not yet completed to the C.P.R. depot, the cars commenced running on Saturday last, and were well patronized by the public. Main Street, lighted with the electric light and with the jingle of the car horse bells, had all the appearance of a thoroughfare in an old city.

LAST week a junction of the South-western branch of the C.P.R. and the Grafton branch of the St. P. M. & M. took place, so that the line down the west side of the Red River from Fargo to Winnipeg is now completed, and regular trains will be started without delay. The work of ballasting up the track is still going on.

A movement is now on foot to construct a ship canal from Liverpool to Manchester. By the time this is completed a water way will doubtless be open from Winnipeg to the Atlantic by the Hudson's Bay, and some of the present generation may yet see cargoes shipped by water between the great wheat and cotton centers of the world.

THE Thunder Bay *Sentinel* of the 13th inst. publishes a long editorial on the visit of General Manager Van Horne to Prince Arthur's Landing, which concludes by estimating the prospects of that town beyond any other on the Continent, with perhaps the exception of Chicago. These are great expectations, certainly, and it is to be hoped that they will be realized.

IT seems that protective legislators of Canada have a special respect for the hen, and wish to encourage her industrious habits in all countries. While pork, butter, cheese, and nearly all other farm products are subjected to an import duty, eggs are admitted free, and some barrels of these which arrived in Winnipeg during the past week greatly relieved the scarcity previously felt.

THE custom of granting permits to carry liquor into the North-West territory, is attracting much attention at present, and many adverse criticisms on the matter are being made by advocates of Prohibition. Every day develops stronger proof of the impracticability of the present law, and sways public opinion in the direction of the only reasonable way out of the difficulty - namely, the establishment of a well regulated license law.

AN order has been issued for all hack drivers in the city to have lamps on their cabs at night. The order is no doubt a good one so far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. To be consistent the order should compel every person driving a vehicle at night to have lamps lighted. Cabbies are not half so liable to indulge in furious driving on a dark night as are some young persons who drive their own vehicle.

THE Manitoba South-Western Railway Co. are seemingly determined to throw off any of the dilatoriness of which they have been blamed. They are about to receive an extensive supply of freight cars and other rolling stock, and they have decided upon building a freight shed, and appointing a regular agent at the Western end of their line. They have made up their minds to have their full share of the traffic during the coming winter.

THE first consignment of coal by the Thunder Bay route reached Winnipeg on Thursday last. We are led to believe that only one party have the permission of the contractors who still hold the line from Rat Portage East in their possession, to ship coal from Thunder Bay to Winnipeg over this line. If such be the case the people of Winnipeg will reap no direct benefit as yet from the arrival of coal by that route. Considerable complaining has been heard about the coal coming from the South being in the hands of one company, who hold an unassailable monopoly. Two monopolies, like two cats in a bag, can never agree, if they are in the same line. Hence the present cut in the price of coal. There is evidently going to be a struggle between these contending parties, and the public can stand aside and philosophically view the fight, which must in a few weeks tell which is possessed of most backbone.