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WINNIPEG, JULY 29, 1880.

JOHN FARLEY, stoves and tins, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

MALCOLM McCLARTY, shoemaker, Winnipeg, has removed to Treherne.

MONTGOMERY, flour and feed, Neepawa, has sold out to Arthur Mercer.

ABOUT 2,500 pounds of cheese, says the *Mercury*, has been made at the Manitou factory up to date this season.

JAMES HALLAM, of Toronto, was at Calgary last week looking after Alberta's wool crop of 1889, which he is anxious to purchase.

M. McKENZIE has built an addition to his building at Lethbridge, formerly used as a brewery, and will open a hotel in the premises.

F. J. HUNTER, manager of the Bank Montreal at Regina, has been called to Montreal. His place will be taken by J. A. Paddon, of Winnipeg.

J. DODIMEAD, furniture, Portage la Prairie, has taken a Mr. McKillop into partnership in his business, under the style of Dodimead & McKillop.

At Brandon, last week, a stable occupied by W. Wilson was burned. W. Johnson's implement warehouse adjoining was somewhat damaged. Fully insured.

C. W. GRAHAM, in the livery business at Winnipeg, has formed a partnership with John S. Skead and gone into the hardware business, under style of Skead & Graham.

G. C. MARSH, who has for two years represented the New York Equitable Life Insurance Co. at Calgary, has resigned his position and now represents the New York Life.

THE *Vancouver World* says: J. L. Nudge, manager of the Anthracite coal mines, came in to-day. Mr. Nudge states that the output of the mines at Anthracite is steadily increasing, and it is expected that ere long the amount of coal turned out of the shafts daily will total up at least 1,000 tons. It is true that an English syndicate has bought an interest in the mines. One of the seams are from 13 to 25 feet in width, and there is enough already located to last for probably 100 years.

A LATER report from Holland, regarding the fire, says: The fire is the principal topic here to-day. Pentland & Co.'s goods are badly damaged, more especially the dry goods. Four thousand pounds of butter in the cellar was burnt. It is believed all are going to build again. Wood, the harness maker, found quarters in the wagon shop; the post-office over the blacksmith shop; Pentland & Co. in Moir's ware room, so that all will soon be in running order until more suitable buildings are built. The origin of the fire is not known, but is supposed to come from a lamp.

CAPTAIN DUGLAS, of the Leland House, Winnipeg, has recently expended about \$1,000 in touching up his premises, and this favorite commercial house is now as neat and clean as a new pin. The painters and decorators have gone through the house from top to bottom, and they have done their work well. Not a spot has been missed. What, with new carpets, new paper, new painting, and ornamenting throughout every foot of the house, it may be said that the Leland is fairly putting on airs these days. Everything shines like a double price polish on an old pair of shoes. New floors have been put down in all the public rooms on the ground floor. The Captain is quite proud of his house, and well he may be, for the Leland never looked more pleasant and comfortable than it does at present.

THE business portion of the village of Holland, Man., was nearly all wiped out by fire on Monday of last week. The fire started in G. A. Bigelow's general store. Following is the report furnished of the disaster: The losses and insurance by the fire are: G. A. Bigelow & Co., loss \$6,000, insurance, \$2,000; T. H. Pentland & Co., general store, loss \$15,000, insurance \$5,000; A. Wood, harness shop, \$50, no insurance; Miss Thompson, dressmaker, \$30, no insurance; J. F. Holland, drugs and stationery, loss \$4,000, insurance 2,000. G. A. Bigelow's losses are on the building occupied by himself. T. H. Pentland & Co. and J. F. Holland on their buildings and stocks. R. H. Peel's loss is \$400. The stocks of Miss Thompson and A. Woods were removed as quick as possible. Nothing of Bigelow's stock was saved. T. H. Pentland's stock is nearly all damaged. J. F. Holland is damaged to a great extent. All the general stores are destroyed, only a hardware store being left.

A SPECIAL joint tariff on hides, pelts, wool, tallow, etc., has been issued by the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway and connecting lines. The rate quoted is from West Lynne, St. Jean, Morris, Silver Plains, St. Agathe, St. Norbert, Portage Junction, Winnipeg, St. Charles and Portage la Prairie to Montreal, Ottawa and stations in Canada west of Mon-

treal on the Grand Trunk system. The rate on hides and sheep pelts from Winnipeg and intermediate points per 100 pounds is \$1.66, lots over 5,000 pounds \$1.42 and car loads 82c. On hides dry and pressed in bales the rate is \$1.40, \$1.18 and 82c for car loads. Hides and sheep pelts, green, in bundles, \$1.18, 92c, and for car loads 82c. Wool, sacks or bales, \$1.66, \$1.42 and 82c in car loads. Wool, compressed in bales, \$1.82, \$1.18 and 82c in car loads. Grease and tallow, \$1.18 per hundred, 97c and 82c in car loads. From Portage la Prairie to eastern points the additional rate is about five per cent. The rates on the Portage extension do not take effect until August 1st, which indicates that the line will be open for traffic by that date.

PLANS and specifications have been prepared for the buildings in the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway yard in Winnipeg. A roundhouse of solid brick with stone foundation is to be built. It will be 270 feet in diameter and 720 in circumference. The intention is to erect only 200 feet this fall. This will make ten stalls, which, it is thought, will be sufficient for this year. As the business of the road grows the roundhouse will be enlarged. Then a large car-repairing shop, 240 by 100 feet, solid brick, with stone foundation, is to be erected. A blacksmith shop, 100 by 60 feet, is also to be built. A contract will also be let for a two-story brick store building, 70 by 40 feet, with office attached. The work will be let as soon as General Manager Graham returns, and the buildings will be rushed up at the same time as the general offices and train shed. Oil tanks, pumps, etc., are also to be put up this fall. All the principal repairing in connection with the N. P. & M. system will be done in the shops here, although ordinary repairing shops will be located at divisional points. The buildings here will be fitted up with modern machinery.

THE Union Bank of Canada, the annual statement of which is published elsewhere in this issue, can be fairly considered one of our most enterprising financial institutions, especially so far as western Canada is concerned. The managers of this bank first exhibited their confidence in this western country by the establishment of a branch in Winnipeg, and since their first business connection was formed here, they have not shown any disposition to relax their efforts. A branch of the bank was a little later established at Lethbridge, the great coal mining town of the west, and no doubt other efforts will be made in the direction of further extending the business of the bank in the west. In Ontario the bank has largely extended its operations during recent years, by the opening of new branches, and the effect of this is now being made apparent by a large increase in the profitable business of the bank during the past year. The new branch at Toronto has been particularly successful. The statement for the year now closed is a very good one. Net profits for the year were \$103,424, from which a dividend of six per cent. was paid, and \$50,000 added to the rest account, bringing the total of the latter up to \$150,000. The total surplus over liabilities is shown to be \$1,332,790. Important local changes were made in the bank during the year. Mr. Balfour, manager at Winnipeg, was transferred to the management of the Montreal business, and Mr. Patton, well-known in banking and business circles here, was appointed manager of the local branch.