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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 26, 1880.

CONNOLLY BROS. are building a hotel at Pincher Creek, Alberta.

D. MOORE, Sr., general store, Neepawa, is advertising his business for sale.

JAMES DICKSON, general storekeeper, Oak Lake, has sold out to a Mr. White.

JOHN WAKE, of Minnedosa, is establishing a butchering business at Neepawa, Man.

SPENCE & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, have given up business; stock sold to Wright Bros.

W. R. OWEN, late of Owen Sound, Ont., has opened a blacksmith shop at Carberry, Man.

BROWN & SMELLIE, general store, Binscarth, Man., will open a branch business at Russell.

E. B. MICHAEL, pawnbroker, Winnipeg, is out of business; succeeded by Louis Wertheim.

S. LARUE and G. H. Picard will open a general store at Edmonton, Alberta, about September 1st.

THE first consignment of butter from the Barnardo Home creamery was shipped to British Columbia recently.

E. BAILEY, publisher of the Rapid City Indicator, is negotiating for the establishment of a newspaper at Shoal Lake.

J. A. MITCHELL, grain dealer, Winnipeg, has formed a partnership with Wm. Martin under the style of Martin, Mitchell & Co.

AN additional 20 miles of the Brandon Souris branch of the C. P. Ry. will be constructed this year. Egan & Dennison has been given the contract, which will carry the road 20 miles beyond Plum Creek.

JOSEPH HANAFIN, of Prince Albert, has taken out a license as auctioneer.

WM. VAUGHAN has opened a grocery and fruit store at Rapid City, Manitoba.

V. C. KOBOLD has arrived in Rat Portage and opened up a meat market and vegetable store.

THE Ellis House, Manitou, says the Mercury, has been sold to a Winnipeg man for \$3,500. Arnold will continue in possession till next June.

PRAIRIE fires were commencing to run in some parts of the country, but the heavy rain of Monday last would effectually stop them.

THE partnership existing between Harry Foote and N. F. Snider, telephone, telegraph and express agencies, Portage la Prairie, has been dissolved. Snider continues the agencies.

IT is said the Ontario Government will rebuild the dam on the Winnipeg river, at the outlet of the Lake of the Woods, near Rat Portage. This dam was carried away a year or so ago.

THERE is an impression abroad, says the Winnipeg Free Press, that the C. P. Ry. Co. intend pushing the Souris branch to completion this fall. It will go to Melita at least, but some changes may be made in the route at present laid out.

L'Ouest Canadien, the French organ of the Manitoba provincial government, published at Winnipeg, has ceased to exist. This is the outcome of the rupture between the government and its French supporters, owing to the intention of the government to abolish separate schools and the official use of the French language.

GENERAL Manager Baker, of the Manitoba and Northwestern railway, returned from Montreal last week. He states that the company has decided on doing some work this year, but the arrangements are not yet sufficiently complete as to warrant an announcement of the company's intentions. From other sources it was learned that the company is considering the question of extending the main line twenty or twenty-five miles, which will be done before snow flies.

JAMES PAISLEY, of the late firm of Paisley, Millen & Carscaden, general merchants, Brandon, went east last week for the purpose of arranging to put in a new stock of goods at Brandon. He has secured a store in the new McDiarmid block, and will open about the 15th of September, with a full stock of dry goods and clothing. Mr. Paisley will have a partner in the person of Samuel Morton, of Montreal, a gentleman well known to the trade in that city. He has also secured the book debts of the late firm of Paisley, Miller & Carscaden, at a fraction over 36½c on the dollar.

SOME of the advantages of mixed farming may be gleaned from the following, from the Sentinel, published at Pilot Mound, Man.: "About forty carloads of fat animals have been shipped from Pilot Mound station within the last four months, and besides the direct benefit to be derived from the sale of stock the district has become known as the best meat-producing portion of the province. Almost every week,

during the summer, from one to four thousand dollars have been distributed by the purchasers of animals at Pilot Mound, and when the large amount that will soon be paid out for grain is added to the sums realized by the sale of cattle, sheep and hogs, the proceeds of the year will, no doubt, be most satisfactory, and both farmers and business men will be encouraged in their future efforts.

THE Mississippi Valley Lumberman, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, says: The Duluth and Winnipeg railroad, it appears, will be built after all. Contracts have been let for the extension of the road from the present terminus 20 miles northwest of Cloquet to the Mississippi, at Grand Rapids or Itasca. It is proposed to finish the road to the Mississippi by winter, so that the probabilities are that the supplies of the logging camps on the Mississippi will be taken in by that route next winter. The road will be an important aid to the loggers, and the construction of the line will facilitate the building of the thirty miles of logging railroad projected by the Itasca Lumber Company, and which will in all probability become a part some day of the Duluth & Winnipeg system.

THE Canada Northwest Land Company announce that the sales of farm lands and town lots, and the number of shares cancelled in exchange for farm lands, during the six months ending 30th June this year were as follows, compared with the corresponding period in 1888: 1889—Farm land sales, acres sold, 32,320; total value, \$191,402.65; average price per acre, \$5.92. Town site sales, \$32,788.31. Shares cancelled in exchange for farm lands, 2,984 shares; value, £14,920. 1888—Farm land sales, acres sold, 20,620; total value, \$113,432.80; average price per acre, \$5.50. Town site sales, \$6,628.34. Shares cancelled in exchange for farm lands, 2,359 shares; value, £11,795. These returns show that the amount of sales of both farm lands and town lots have been greatly in excess of the same portion of last year. The average price obtained for lands has also been higher than last year.

BOISSEvain, writes a correspondent of the Free Press, is making a substantial growth this season. About fifteen buildings have already been erected, and about the same number are proposed and in course of erection. The following are some of the most substantial structures: The 100 barrel roller process mill, built of stone, is getting along well, and will be of great advantage to farmers in this portion of Manitoba. J. W. Kenittle's stone hotel is nearing completion. It is a large and commodious building. A. C. McEown's stone store is one of the most substantial in Southern Manitoba. It is 28x64 feet, with cellar full size and stone partitions, with rooms for butter, vegetables and storage. It is also furnished with a vault, and will be heated with hot air. The stone church in course of erection by the Episcopalians of this place will reflect credit on that denomination and be an ornament to the village. Our new school house is completed, and is large and spacious. Among the buildings about being commenced are Cowan & Co.'s stone bank building, Butler and Frith's stone blacksmith and carriage shop, and O. Martain's temperance hotel.