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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 19, 1886.

S. JOHNS, hotelkeeper, Morden, offers his business for sale.

PORT ARTHUR is agitating for a system of public water works.

THE stock of J. H. Rex, grocer, Winnipeg, has been sold by the sheriff.

E. WALTON, druggist, Medicine Hat, has opened a branch at Lethbridge.

CHAS. A. SCHOFIELD, dealer in millinery, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

E. NICOL, general storekeeper, Desford, Man., will remove to Cherry Creek.

T. C. GRAY, grocer, Morden, has changed the style of his house to Gray & Co.

JAS. BARR, of Manitou, has opened a general store at the end of the Manitoba Southwestern.

THE Manitoba Cattle Co., of Westbourne, will apply for letters patent of incorporation.

G. T. LUNDY, hotelkeeper and livery stables, Morden, has leased his livery business to Geo. George.

J. M. TRACY, of Port Arthur, has not sold out his hotel business in that place, as has been reported.

THE Commercial Hotel, at Morden, was sold under mortgage last week. R. H. Johnston was the purchaser, paying \$1,400.

JAS. FAIRBAIRN, harness maker, Portage la Prairie, has been burned out, with the loss of his stock and tools, valued at \$350.

DURING 1885, \$4,954 worth of stamps were sold at the Regina post office, and money orders issued to the amount of \$29,367.

B. R. HAMILTON, general storekeeper, Neepawa, has formed a partnership with R. C. Ennis under the style of B. R. Hamilton & Co.

HUGHES & Co., traders at Prince Albert and Duck Lake, are out of business, and the same is being continued by Wm. Stobart & Co.

TROTTER & Co, manufacturing jewellers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by John Trotter.

THE Cypress Cattle Co. will apply for letters patent of incorporation, for the purpose of carrying on a ranching and dairying business.

UP to last week, 150,000 bushels of grain had been marketed at Oak Lake, against a total of 50,000 bushels for the season of 1884-85.

THE Manitoba Milling and Brewing Company of Carberry, have opened an office at No. 269 Main St., Winnipeg, with J. A. Stephenson as agent.

THE early closing movement has fallen through at Portage la Prairie, several of the merchants having refused to sign an agreement to that effect.

GRABAN & FLUMERFELT, dealers in boots and shoes, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Chas. Graban.

THE following is a report of the business transacted at the Port Arthur post office during 1885:—Money orders issued, \$138,928.32; Savings bank deposits, \$43,387.00; stamps sold, \$6,142.33.

J. D. HIGGINBOTHAM & Co., druggists, Fort McLeod, have opened a branch at Lethbridge.

JOHN DAWSON, wholesale druggist, Regina, has admitted D. Boyle into partnership under the firm name of Dawson, Boyle & Company.

MAX GOLDSTEIN, formerly of Goldstein & Beauchamp, of Troy, is about to open out in clothing and furnishings in the new Maycock Block, Winnipeg.

THE annual meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade will take place on Tuesday next. With the usual reports, one on the city's trade for 1885 will be presented by the Secretary.

THE *Trade Bulletin* is the name of a new weekly financial and commercial paper, published by H. Mason of Montreal. The first issue contains a very full review of the different branches of trade, and editorial matter on truly commercial subjects.

At a meeting held under the auspices of the Portage la Prairie Agricultural Society, a motion was carried favoring the introduction of some variety of wheat earlier than red fife. No particular variety was specified, and the matter was left with the directors of the society, who will decide as to what new kinds of wheat shall be tested.

IN the case of the Union Bank vs. Bulmer, which came up before the Chief Justice on Monday last, His Lordship entered a verdict for the plaintiffs in the sum of \$3,514. The defendants have the right to move in full court for a reduction of interest. The particulars of this interesting case are as follows:—The plaintiffs sue upon a promissory note made by the defendant for \$3,000, under the firm name of F. T. Bulmer & Co. The note was made for the accommodation of the Northwest Lumber Co. The defence set up by Henry Bulmer, one of the defendants, is that the note in question was made by his co-defendant and late partner without his knowledge or assent for the accommodation of the Northwest Lumbering Company, and that the plaintiffs discounted it knowing that it was an accommodation note, and therefore that it was not a note made for the partnership of F. F. Bulmer & Co. The endorsement is in the name of the Northwest Lumber Company. The defence upon this ground is that the note was not endorsed.