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WINNIPEG, MARCH 15, 1887.

LLOYD & CONNORS, saloon, Edmonton, will go into the general store business.

SILAS DARK has bought out the butchering business of Jas. Walton, at Stonewall.

GOLD has been discovered at Lethbridge, Alberta, in digging a well, but not in paying quantities.

F. H. BRAZIER, tailor, Winnipeg, who carried a small stock of cloths, has assigned. Alfred Morris is the assignee.

THOMPSON & McDONALD, manufacturers' agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Each will continue alone.

GEO. A. BLAKE, agricultural implement dealer, Edmonton, Alberta, has taken a partner and the style of the firm now is Blake & Knowles.

THE Three Stars hotel, Port Arthur, has been destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,000; no insurance.

THE first train to reach Lethbridge for two weeks, arrived on Sunday, Feb. 27th. It brought in 40 sacks of delayed mails.

COAL was selling for \$20 per ton at Macleod, Alberta, last week and scarce at that though that place is only a few miles from the Galt coal mine.

GREENSHIELDS, SON & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, Montreal, have opened sample rooms at 28 and 30 Rossin House, Toronto, for the convenience of their western customers during the height of spring trade.

THE Government has decided to establish quarantine stations in British Columbia and the Northwest at the following places:—For Alberta south of Milk River: for Assiniboia, south of Oak Lake; for British Columbia, twelve miles from the boundary line on the Columbia River.

CHINOOK winds have carried off the snow about Macleod, and throughout the ranching country. There were from eighteen inches to two feet of snow on the level. The wind blew so fiercely that a number of buildings were damaged by having the windows broken, chimneys blown off, etc.

THE Dominion Commercial Travellers Association have a mutual benefit fund for life insurance purposes. On the death of a member, an assessment is made of the entire membership of the association, to the amount of \$1 each, which will yield over \$500, the society now numbering about that many members.

THE suspension of the Maritime Bank of New Brunswick has created a panic in business circles in that province. The bank had a large circle of patrons, including the accounts of the Local Government. Other failures have followed the announcement of the suspension, including the large lumber firms of R. A. & J. Stewart and Guy, Bevan & Co. The failure of the bank is attributed to complications with the lumber firms named.

BOWER, BLACKBURN & PORTER, general storekeepers, Brandon, have assigned in trust for the benefit of their creditors. This firm was

established with the commencement of the existence of Brandon as a town, and has since that time been one of the leading business institutions of that place. The firm are connected with Bower, Porter & Bower, of Kentville, Ont., which latter firm also assigned a few weeks ago. The Brandon firm held a considerable quantity of real estate, in which the Ontario house was also interested, and to the shrinkage in value of the unproductive property of this nature is attributed the difficulties of the two firms. The Brandon house secured a compromise a year or so ago, but has not been able to meet the obligations then assumed. The stock exclusive of the real property will amount to about \$25,000, and it is thought that a fair percentage of the liabilities will be met. The Merchants Bank at Brandon has a claim of about \$13,000 against the firm, secured upon real estate principally.

A RAPID CITY correspondent writes to the effect that that place continues to improve since the completion of the railway to the town. A number of new business institutions have been established, and more are coming. M. C. Swallow is one of the latest who proposes going into business, which will be in the line of a tailoring establishment. D. A. Hopper, general storekeeper, has formed a partnership with W. M. Kennedy, and in future the business will be conducted under the style of D. A. Hopper, & Co. One of the most pleasing features is found in the inquiry for farming lands in the vicinity of the town. A considerable number of farms were left vacant in this vicinity, owing to the original settlers having taken up second homesteads. These farms are now coming into demand, and it is hoped that during the coming summer they will be all occupied. In this way it is expected the business of the town will be greatly increased. The machinery for the new roller flour mill and woolen mills has arrived, and will be placed in position by the latter part of the present month. These new features are expected to increase the business of the town with the surrounding country. Monthly sales of live stock, etc., have also been commenced. The farmers intend using Red Fyfe wheat for seed very largely this spring, which is being supplied by the railway company.