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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 29, 1888.

A. WALDRON, cattle dealer, Manitou, is selling out.

JAS. DICKINSON, printer, Port Arthur, has sold out.

A. F. GREER, carriages, Winnipeg, style now Greer & Co.

W. T. WALKER, printer, Winnipeg, is removing to Ontario.

CRACK & Co., butchers, Regina, have dissolved partnership.

THE Queen's Hotel, Brandon, will be opened as a temperance house, it having been refused a license.

T. MADDEN, formerly of the city police force, has leased the St. Lawrence Hall hotel, Winnipeg, and has opened the house.

PROF. BARRE has made a million pounds of milk into cheese and butter this season, at his cheese factories and creamery in Manitoba.

STEPHEN WHITE & McADOO have purchased Guyer's interest in the Brunswick, and will open up as a temperance house, with the hope of getting a license shortly.

THE Brandon Times under the head of "live stock," quotes "beef, mutton and pork," instead of "cattle, sheep and hogs." The former terms should only apply to dressed meats.

THE exports from the Port Arthur district for the quarter ending September 30th last, were \$87,213. Of this amount \$79,946 were products of the silver mines, and the balance, \$7,272, was made up of miscellaneous shipments.

THE C.P.R. Co. is erecting a new depot building at McGregor, Man.

McMILLAN & COLEMAN have leased the Grand Central hotel at Killarney, Man.

SEVERAL heavy fines have been inflicted upon parties for starting prairie fires, in some instances the fine amounting to \$100.

THE population of Portage la Prairie, according to Assessor Prest, is now 2,355, as against 2,145 in 1885, giving 210 of an increase.

A TRIAL shipment of ten barrels of Lake Superior salmon trout to Belfast, Ireland, realized 20 cents per pound and met a ready market.

BUSINESS is brisk at Morris, Man., at present. Lawrie Bros., merchants of that place and J. J. Hamilton are forming a partnership and will add grain buying to their business.

E. L. DREWRY, brewer, Winnipeg, is expanding between five and six thousand dollars on improvements to the Redwood brewery, to meet the requirements of his increasing trade.

H. H. BROWNING, superintendent of the Northern Pacific Express company, was in Winnipeg last week. Supt. Browning will make arrangements while here to establish an agency in the city of the express company.

J. D. ROBERTS, of Winnipeg, has returned from Toronto, having concluded an arrangement with A. Jardine & Co., the well-known manufacturers of pure gold flavoring extracts, baking powder, etc., to represent the firm in the West.

A BY-LAW has been carried by three of a majority at Port Arthur, authorizing the expenditure of \$5,000 for the purchase of a site for a customs house and post office. An effort will be made to quash the by-law. It seems strange that the town should be making an appropriation in aid of a Dominion Government work.

THERE is a large increase in the quantity of Canadian freight coming to Duluth by steamer, for Manitoba, due to the opening of the Red River Valley railway and connections to Winnipeg. The steamers of the Sarvia line, which connect with the Grand Trunk railway at Sarnia, will no doubt take the bulk of their freight to Duluth, to come over the Northern Pacific to Winnipeg, as the Grand Trunk and Northern Pacific are supposed to be working together.

MEDICINE HAT, Assa., Times: Once more work has been commenced at the Stair mines, eight miles west of Medicine Hat, with a promise of a large and steady output of coal during the winter. About twenty men have been engaged the past month in getting everything in readiness for the 50 or 75 Pennsylvania miners expected this week. Geo. Olton, the engineer, together with several of the men, was in the city on Saturday and spoke highly of the bright prospects for the company. He said there were already between 60 and 75 tons mined, and upon Mr. Lamb's arrival from Toronto preparations will be commenced for shipping the coal both east and west. Olton thought the company would turn out about 200 tons per day during the winter. The C. P. R. will use the Stair coal in its stationery engines, section houses, and depots.

It is reported that work will shortly be resumed at the anthracite coal mines, Alberta.

LETTERS patent have been issued incorporating Rev. Norbert Ouellette, Rev. A. A. Cherrier, Alex. McGillis, L. G. McPhillips, and N. D. Beck, all of Winnipeg, under the name of the Winnipeg North West Review Company (Limited), for the purpose of carrying on a Catholic newspaper in Winnipeg, and of engaging in the general business of printers, stationers, etc. The capital stock of the Company is three thousand dollars, divided into six hundred shares of five dollars each.

PRICES at Brandon last week according to the Times were: wheat from 60c to \$1.05 with not much coming in; oats quoted at from 22 to 25c per bushel; barley ranges from 40 to 50c with hardly any being marketed; potatoes from 40 to 45c per bushel; cattle firm at from 2½ to 3c; sheep 4½ to 5c; hogs in good demand at from 5 to 5½c; chickens, ducks and turkeys from 10 to 11c per pound dressed; butter firm at from 20 to 23c. Butter very scarce and good first class butter is almost impossible to get. Eggs quoted from 18 to 20c per doz.

CALGARY has been considerably agitated of late over railway matters. A joint meeting of the town council and board of trade was held recently, to consider railway matters. Subsequently a subscription list was circulated to secure funds to procure a charter for a railway from Calgary southward to the boundary. About \$550 were soon raised for the purpose, each signer becoming responsible for \$10. A petition was also circulated asking the town council to refund any expenditure on the part of the citizens in obtaining the charter. At a second meeting a committee was appointed to make application for the desired charter. The proposed road is to be known as the Calgary, Alberta and Montana Railway.

THE supreme court at Ottawa on Thursday granted a motion quashing the appeal of Angus et. al. v. The Calgary school board, inscribed for hearing at the present term. The decision of the judges will probably result in other towns throughout the Territories following the example set by Calgary in taxing the company's lands for educational purposes. The appellants include R. B. Angus and W. B. Scarth, M.P., who act jointly as trustees for the Canada North-West Land Co. and the C.P.R. They contended that they were not liable to taxation, as the lands in question have not been sold and conveyed by the C.P.R., and are therefore exempt from taxation by virtue of 44 Vic. chap. 1., sec. 16, Dominion Statutes. The motion made by F. H. Chrysler to quash the appeal was therefore granted, the supreme court holding that the court of revision to which the C.P.R. appealed from the assessment assessors was not a court of superior jurisdiction, and that consequently no appeal could lie to Ottawa. Judge Gwynne observed that if the appeal were heard, every protest against assessment in the Northwest would wind-up at the supreme court. As the result of this decision, it is expected the prices of the company's stock will be affected. Calgary is to be congratulated on this victory. The Northwest Land corporation has long enough acted as a leech upon the western towns and municipalities.