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WINNIPEG, MAY 17, 1887.

H. KILLER, general storekeeper, Emerson, is dead.

The Birtle tax sale has been stopped by an injunction.

A MONEY order office has been opened at Broadview, Assa.

DUNN & LINEHAM, of Calgary, have opened a butcher shop at Banff.

M. P. HOLMES, Rat Portage, has opened a branch store at Keowatin.

MRS. ANNOTT has opened a stock of fine fancy goods, etc., at 537 Main Street.

CHARLES FAWCETT, from Ontario, has opened a blacksmith shop near Carman, Man.

THE M. & N.W. railway depot at Minnedosa has been burned, from being struck by lightning.

THE prospects of Port Arthur getting a new postoffice and customs house at an early date appear to be good.

LEWIS SAMUEL, of the wholesale hardware house of M. & L. Samuel, Toronto, died in Victoria, B.C., last week.

A. E. SMITH, shoemaker, Winnipeg, late of Virden, has given up business here and returned to the latter place.

W. J. MITCHELL, druggist, Winnipeg, is moving his wholesale department to his new warehouse at 17 McDermott St., East.

THE partnership existing between Jefferson & Millie, storekeepers, South Battleford, has been dissolved and the business closed.

A BOARD of trade has been formed at Medicine Hat, with Mr. Tweed as president, T. B. Cochrane, vice-president and H. S. Scatcherd, secretary-treasurer.

A MEETING has been held at Morden in the interest of providing fire protection. The move is in the direction of procuring a steam fire engine and appliances.

THE directors of the Rockwood Dairy Co. have rented their cheese plant to Geo. A. Luno. The factory will be put in operation on the first of June. The terms for making and handling will be the same as last year, viz, 3c. per pound, patrons being allowed to take their cheese as soon as ready.

THE Calgary Herald says: It is believed that the Chinook Belt Railway Company will be granted a charter during the present session of Parliament on terms which insure the commencement of the road this year. It is impossible to exaggerate the amount of good this will do the Calgary district, and especially the town.

A FIRE broke out on Saturday night of last week at Holland, Man., in the general store of Shaw & Higginson, and consumed the premises, with a loss of \$5,000; insured for \$3,000. Mawhinney & Buchard, hardware, adjoining, were also burned out. Loss placed at \$4,000; insurance \$1,500. A. & P. Sinclair's hotel was also burned. Loss \$3,000; no insurance. R. Adair, blacksmith, was also burned out.

At the meeting of the Northwestern Stock Association at Macleod, on Wednesday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.—President, F. W. Godeal, 1st vice do., G. Fields; 2nd vice do., Geo. Emerson; secre-

tary-treasurer, C. E. D. Wood. Mr. Heron, who occupied the chair, declined to be re-nominated. The name of the Association was changed to "The Alberta Stock Growers' Association."

W. S. ROUGH, representing John McDonald & Co., wholesale dry goods, of Toronto, has received his winter samples complete and will do the Northwest in the interest of his house. The firm is one of the largest in Canada and is worked on the English style, each department being under distinct management. There are eight of these departments, as follows: staples, carpets, imported linens, fancy goods, woollens, dress goods and hosiery, gents' furnishings, haberdashery. Mr. Rough has secured permanent premises in the Clements Block, Winnipeg, from which the Northwestern business of the house will be directed.

It seems that the dry goods trade of Winnipeg is bound to be kept in an unhealthy state through constant resort to ruinous slaughter sales. For the past four years business in this branch has been in a demoralized state, and no sooner would the slaughtering of one stock be completed than another would commence. Regular dealers have therefore had a hard time of it. For a little while back immunity has been had from these demoralizing sales, and it was fondly hoped that a season of legitimate competition might ensue, but it appears that such is not to be the case. Kenneth Murchison & Co., one of the largest dry goods firms of the city, are the latest to announce their intention of at once slaughtering their stock, with the intention of giving up business. The reason stated for commencing the sale is that a mortgage on the premises of some years' standing is about to be foreclosed, but private inquiry reveals the fact that the proprietors are disgusted with the trade and are anxious to get out of business as quickly as possible, which are the real reasons for slaughtering the goods. Coming at this season of the year, and just at the commencement of the summer trade, the result will be injurious to the entire dry goods business of the city. It is to be regretted that the stock could not have been disposed of in bulk, in some way to prevent such ruinous and illegitimate competition.