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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 11, 1889.

MEDICINE HAT, Assa.. wants a bank.

HOWARD, butcher, Rapid City, is giving up business.

J. H. WOOD has opened a real estate agency in Birtle.

J. K. SHIRLEY has opened an auction room at Calgary.

WALKER, shoemaker, Shoal Lake, Man., has located at Neepawa.

B. KEN, grocer, Brandon, is adding dry goods to his business.

SIMPSON, of Minnedosa, has opened a hotel at Birtle station, Man.

C. G. GEDDES, rancher, Pincher Creek, Alberta, offers to sell out

THE Queen's Hotel, Rapid City, has received a license, and has been re-opened.

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta, merchants are considering the question of establishing a board of trade.

THE station building at Headingly, on the southwestern branch, was destroyed by fire recently.

CHAS. THORNTON, formerly with I. G. Baker & Co., has opened a grocery establishment at Calgary.

D. ROBINSON, general merchant, Portage la Prairie, Man., has sold out to Geo. Robinson, a nephew.

A NUMBER of Winnipeg architects who have been interviewed in regard to building prospects next season were of the opinion that building operations would be brisk next spring and summer.

PHILLIPS BROS. have commenced business in hardware and tips at Dominion City, Man.

ALEX. BETHUNE will erect a double store on property recently purchased at Manitou, Man.

ONE hundred tons of ice have been stored at the Birtle railway station to be used on the cars next summer.

DR. SCOTT, formerly of Neepawa, has returned to Manitoba, and will practice his profession at Troherne.

It is rumoured, says a Rapid City exchange, that one of the chartered banks will shortly open a branch here.

REAL estate at Calgary is moving some. A sale at \$100 per foot frontage on Stephen avenue was reported recently.

W. F. Gouin, Dominion Government Engineer, has been sent to survey the locations for bridges across the rivers at Macleod, Kipp and Lethbridge, Alberta territory. These bridges are badly needed.

MACLEOD Gazette, Feb. 1st: Harry Dunbar ploughed an acre and a half on Tuesday, Jan. 29th. This is the first we have heard of. Plowing has been possible throughout the greater part of this month, and is still so.

A NUMBER of Swede families are locating on lands of the Manitoba Northwestern railway. Last week seven families were located on farms near Solgirth, and it is understood that about fifty more families are on their way to join their friends.

SIXTY-FIVE Germans left Winnipeg this week for Dunmore, Assa., where a German colony will be founded. Most of these men are married. Mr. Edinger is now in Germany securing another party of farmers for the colony. L. A. Hamilton, C. P. R. land commissioner, who was doubtful about the advisability of sending the colonists out this time of year, telegraphed to Asst. Supt. Niblock, at Medicine Hat, as to what kind of weather was prevailing in that district, and received the following reply: "We have no snow whatever. If weather continues mild can plow in a couple of days. Frost not four inches deep. Thermometer now stands at 48° above in the shade." This was on Feb. 2nd.

THE case of the Manitoba Mortgage and Investment company vs. the Bank of Montreal was argued in the Supreme court at Ottawa on Tuesday last. Judgment was reserved. Chris. Robinson, Q.C., appeared for the bank, and J. S. Ewart, Q.C., for the loan company. It appears that A. W. Ross, D. H. McMillan and W. N. Kennedy owned property in Fort Rouge. Ross, acting as agent, mortgaged a portion of the lands to the company, and received a cheque made to order. Then he cashed the cheque, endorsing for his fellow partners. Subsequently proceedings were taken against McMillan to recover the amount. The court decided the power-of-attorney sufficient to encumber the lands, but not sufficient to render McMillan personally liable. Later on the loan company sued the Bank of Montreal on the ground that the bank should not have cashed the cheque unless it was personally endorsed by McMillan. It was held by the judge of the Manitoba courts that as a co-partnership existed endorsement by Ross bound all three.

J. E. PEEL has been appointed agent for the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway Co., at Rapid City, Man.

D. A. HOPPER, of D. A. Hopper & Co., general merchants, Rapid City, Man., has sold out his interest in the business to S. T. Hopper, a brother, and W. W. Kennedy, a member of the firm of D. A. Hopper & Co. The business will be continued by Kennedy & Hopper. D. A. Hopper will confine his attention to the post office.

A TRAIN of vestibule cars arrived in Winnipeg on Tuesday last on the N. P. & M. It is said to be the intention of the N. P. & M. Co. to run these cars entirely hereafter. They are a great improvement on the open platform cars. This move on the part of our new railway company shows that the company is determined to provide the very best accommodation to travellers.

THE population of Brandon, Man., according to the census just taken, is a little over 3,000. According to this census, Brandon is entitled to nine licensed hotels. At present there are seven hotels, two having been refused licenses a short time ago. There has been a good deal of disputing over the refusal to license these places, but this will now probably be settled.

AN interesting and useful pamphlet has been issued by the Moose Jaw, Assa., board of trade under the title of "The District of Moose Jaw as a Field for Emigration." After referring to the situation of the district, which lies along the line of the C. P. R. in the Territories, extending from range 23 to range 29 inclusive, west of the second principal meridian, the pamphlet proceeds to describe the soil, seasons, wheat growing capabilities and marketable facilities of the district, concluding with several interesting communications from old settlers relative to their experience and success. The report says: "Land better adapted for agricultural purposes cannot be conceived than the bulk of this land—a strong, heavy, deep, friable soil, and among thousands of acres of this land, well situated in every respect, convenient to markets and churches and schools, are in this district awaiting the arrival of the immigrant." In 1883 seeding in the Moose Jaw district began on April 6th; in 1884, on March 26th; in 1885, on March 17th; in 1886, on April 6th; in 1887, on April 16th, and in 1888, on April 10th. Only during one season, that of 1884, was any damage sustained to the crop from frost. Mixed farming is especially advocated. Much attention is paid to the richness of the pasturage, and the fact that this district was the favorite haunt of the buffalo is quoted in substantiation of the claims in this behalf. Two cheese factories have been established by R. K. Thomson and J. L. Legare, and the product has been both excellent and in brisk demand. A brief commentary on past and present experiences is furnished, and will prove very interesting. It shows that the accumulated experience of four or five years has enabled the farmers to adapt their cultivation to the conditions of the soil and climate, and hereby resulted in excellent crops. Statistics supplied show that last season over forty settlers raised crops of wheat ranging from 2,500 bushels,