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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 14, 1886.

F. FIELD, livery, Calgary, has sold out to R. A. G. Bell.

J. D. GEDDES has opened a commission agency at Calgary.

JOHN O'FLYNN has assumed the business of the Pacific hotel, Regina.

GEO. L. FRASER, fruits and confectionery dealer, Calgary, has sold out to W. E. Bowen.

C. GABRIEL & Co. will open an establishment in Winnipeg for the sale of Japanese goods exclusively.

W. T. HARRIS, jeweller, Winnipeg, is in financial difficulties and has been closed by his creditors.

W. D. BLACHFORD & Bro., boot and shoe dealers, Winnipeg, who have been selling out for some time, have closed out the balance of their stock and given up business.

REGULAR traffic on the M. & N. W. Ry. extension and the Rapid City branch will be commenced at once.

REID & CLARKE exported their first car load of Lake Winnipeg fish for this season last week. It was billed for Kansas City.

ONE grain buyer at Moosomin has paid out about \$20,000 so far this season for wheat, most of which has graded No. 1 hard.

It is reported that the Moose Mountain Trading Co. propose erecting a woolen mill in their territory, south of Moosomin.

BUTTER and eggs are rather scarce at Portage la Prairie, the former bringing from 18 to 20 cts. per pound, the latter 25 cents per dozen.

DAWSON, ROLE & Co., wholesale druggists, Regina, have bought out Dr. Lauder, of Calgary, and will open a branch at the latter place.

ROLLER mills are now under construction at Moosomin, Wolfeley, Stonewall, Balmoral and Shoal Lake, all the mills will be assisted by municipal bonuses.

THE book and stationery business of A. B. Wood, at Birtle, will hereafter be carried on under the style of A. B. & H. Wood, H. Wood having been taken into partnership.

THE two westernmost roller mills in the Northwest will have to bring wheat from eastern districts of the country for grinding, owing to the drought in the western portion of the territories.

A MUNICIPAL by-law has been passed to grant \$6,000 to aid H. J. F. Rose in erecting a roller flour mill of seventy-five barrels capacity at High Bluff, Man. The by-law will require the assent of the electors by popular vote, before becoming law.

THE *Emigrant* for December has been published, and as usual is filled with excellent original matter, descriptive of Northwestern life, history, industry, geography, zoology, etc. The December issue excels all previous numbers in literary worth, and forms at once a model of beauty and ability. The *Emigrant* will undoubtedly exert a most beneficial influence in the interest of Northwestern settlement and development.

The Prince Albert *Times* has won the suit for libel, brought against that paper by W. V. MacIise, the latter paying the costs.

A DECISION has been rendered by the supreme court in favor of the C. P. Ry. Co., in the suit to restrain the company from extending their line from Port Moody to Vancouver. It is now likely that the road will be continued to Vancouver at once.

At Brandon Geo. Craig, general storekeeper, advertises a clearing sale, as he intends to move to Winnipeg in about a month. Atkinson & Nation, general storekeepers, also advertise a clearing sale with a view to a dissolution of partnership.

NOTICE is given in the *Canadian Gazette* that Duncan McArthur, W. R. Allan, F. A. Fairchild, R. D. Bathgate, A. Urquhart, and C. W. Betts, all of Winnipeg, will apply for letters patent incorporating applicants under the title of "The Rocky Mountain Mining and Timber Co. (Limited)."

THE Brandon grain market is reported quiet. About 53c is the ruling price for No. 1 hard wheat. Oats are in active demand for local use, supplies being limited. Prices vary from 35 to 37c. Butter is worth 18c to 20c per pound and eggs 18c to 20c per dozen, at which prices they are taken by the merchants.

The Calgary board of trade will communicate with the C. P. R. authorities, requesting the granting of return tickets from western points at reduced fares, similar to those granted in the east. At present parties in the east can visit the west and return at reduced fares, whilst western people have to pay the full fare each way. The board think this an injustice to westerners.

Quite a town is springing up at the new coal mine in the mountains, near Banff. The town will be known by the name of anthracite. About seventy men are employed at the mine, and the seam being worked is over seven feet in thickness. As soon as the spur line to connect with the C.P.R. is completed, the coal will be put upon the market. Several business institutions have already been located at the mine.