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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 14, 1884.

H. & M. JOHNSTON, general blacksmiths, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

MARTIN, of Murphy & Martin, tailors, Carberry, is about to go into the hotel business.

CHIPMAN BROS., dealers in hardware, Carberry, intend closing out their business there.

WOOD & McBRIDE, dealers in boots and shoes, Moose Jaw, are opening a branch store at Laggan.

MEN are busy at work at Manitou constructing a grain elevator to be operated by the Farmers' Union.

W. E. ROCHE, grain dealer, Minnedosa, has admitted Wm. Johnston as partner. New firm name will be Roche & Johnston.

PARSONS & FERGUSON, wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, have received the contract for stationery supplies for the local government.

D. L. MCKENZIE, grain merchant, is about to erect a brick office and warehouse on Owen street which will be ready for occupation before the end of November.

THE Federal Bank is reducing its force at the Winnipeg office. Two of the number, A. R. Wade and J. M. Biggs have left for Toronto.

THE firm of Stewart & Wooton, general store-keepers, Prince Albert, has been dissolved, and the business will in future be carried on by Stewart Bros.

ALEXANDER & CLAU, publishers of the *Rat Portage Progress* have purchased the plant, etc., of the *Port Arthur Herald* and will in future run both journals.

OVER 125,000 bushels of wheat have been shipped east via Port Arthur since harvest, and by the end of last week millers and grain buyers had paid out for grain all over the country over \$250,000.

JOHN C. THOMSON, hatter and furrier, has closed up his store at the corner of Main street and Portage avenue, business having fallen off too far and a burdensome rent combining, to warrant him in continuing.

ANNUAL fairs were held at about a dozen different points in Manitoba during the past week. Prominent among the number were Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Rapid City, Minnedosa and Dominion City.

THE long delayed work of paving Main street has commenced at last, the city engineer being in charge of the work. With fine weather guaranteed two or three blocks may be finished before permanent frost sets in.

THE Winnipeg Board of Trade meet this afternoon when they will take up the matter of grain standards and doubtless ratify the work of the examining board. Bankruptcy legislation will be another matter brought up for their consideration.

THE first frost of the season struck Winnipeg last Monday night, the 16th inst. On Wednesday morning ice a quarter of an inch thick formed on water butts in the city. Since then weather has been beautiful and Indian summer has fairly set in.

ROBERT DEWAR, contractor, Winnipeg, who has the contract for the erection of the new city hall, has been compelled to suspend business. His misfortune are attributable to taking contracts too low, and not receiving payment promptly for his work.

PEDDIE & Co., trade auctioneers and general commission agents are moving into new and more central premises in the old W. H. Lyon store on McDermot street. This week they will sell the remains of the stock of the Portage Milling Co., consisting of a strange mixture of goods.

A MAN sold in Winnipeg during the past week some 40 head of cattle at 4c a pound live weight. At such prices it is time that butchers were compelled to sell beef steak at less than 20c and rough meat below 10c, which are their present prices. A ring to maintain extortion may be maintained too long.

There has been a rumor taken up and echoed that grain buyers who have been paying 75c. for wheat in Winnipeg during the past week have been buying the same for 58 and 60c at Brandon and Portage la Prairie. Less than two car loads of wheat brought 73c. the highest price at Winnipeg during the week, and over a dozen car loads sold under 65c. The facts are that the good wheat has not yet commenced to come to market.

THE advertisements of the Manitoba Pet Stock Club's first show are now to be seen all over the country, and the premium list displays a long string of reliable awards. It is evident that the show, which takes place on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of this month in this city, is going to be a success, if we judge by the energy displayed by its promoters. If it accomplishes nothing more, the impetus it will give to poultry raising will soon tell favorably on our imports in that line. Let us hope that it will be liberally patronized.

THE S.S. Neptune, despatched by the Dominion Government in July last to the Hudson's Bay, to assist in determining the navigability of the Bay and Straits, returned to St. John's, N.F., on Saturday last. Her voyage has been a pleasant one, attended by scarcely a mishap. Her voyage has done much to show how simple would be the navigation of these waters, were proper charts available. A number of observation stations were established, from which we will doubtless get interesting facts next summer, which will divest the bay and straits of a few more of their imaginary errors.