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WINNIPEG, MARCH 26, 1888.

E. L. DREWRY, M.P.P., has returned from a visit to Port Arthur.

NOTICE has been given that an application will be made to the Legislature of Manitoba, for an Act to incorporate "The Winnipeg Power and Navigation Company," with power to utilize the water power of the Assiniboine river, construct and operate canals or waterways, where necessary to connect the Assiniboine river with Lake Manitoba and the Saskatchewan river, and to operate lines of vessels on said waters and intervening waters, with power to expropriate lands and sell bonds, and to construct lines of telegraph and telephone in connection with said works.

A LARGE and influential meeting of the live stock dealers of western Manitoba was held at Brandon lately, for the purpose of forming an association and asking certain concessions from the C.P.R. regarding freight rates on live stock, passenger tariff, etc. It was carried that the meeting form themselves into an association to be called the Western Live Stock Dealers Association of Manitoba. Officers were elected as follows:—President, R.J. Collins; Vice-President, F. Russel; Secretary, T. Harkness; Treasurer, J. A. Howey. It was moved that the Executive Committee prepare a resolution and forward the same to the Winnipeg Association, asking certain concessions from the C.P.R. enjoyed by the Dominion Association, and so adjusting the rates on live stock and fixing passenger tariff that the members of this Association may be entitled to all the former's privileges. A delegation will wait on the C.P.R. officials jointly with the Winnipeg association and endeavor to get concessions,

VANCE & SHORTREED, livery, Emerson, have given up business.

— ALLAN will open a bakery and confectionery store at Neepawa, Man.

H. FIELD, dealer in stoves, tins and hardware, Brandon, is selling out his business.

NOBLE & JOHNSTON, grocers, Winnipeg, are adding boots and shoes to their business.

S. A. HAMILTON, hardware merchant, Emerson, has opened a branch at Dominion City.

FRED. STARKEY has leased the New Douglas house, at Winnipeg, and will assume charge on the 1st of April.

CHRISTIE & BROWN, general storekeepers, Millwood, have dissolved partnership; business continued by John Brown.

J. S. DOUGLASS & Co., dealer in boots and shoes, Winnipeg, have sold out their Portage la Prairie branch to J. F. Douglass.

JAMES THURBURN, livery, Fort Qu'Appelle, has admitted Arthur Atherton into partnership under style of Atherton & Thorburn.

CHAS. McARTHUR, baker, Whitewood, Assa., has sold out to Hammon, who will commence operations about the 1st of April.

J. E. LLOYD, grocer, at North Plympton, near Winnipeg, was burned out last week. Loss, about \$5,000; insurance, \$2,000.

ALFORD & Co., hotel, Oak Lake, Man., have dissolved partnership, Thomas McCormack going out. J. D. Alford will continue alone to erect the new hotel and when completed, carry on the business.

A LONDON cable on Thursday says: Canadian stocks are again much advanced. Dominion issues are up to 2½; three and a half per cents. standing at 109; fours at 116; British Columbias up to 6½; Quebec, Toronto and Winnipeg bonds went up 1 to 3.

A PETITION was presented at Ottawa last week by Mr. Watson for a charter to construct a line of railway from a point in Winnipeg on the north side of the Assiniboine, across said river and thence westerly along the south side of said river as contiguous thereto as the nature of the country will permit to Portage la Prairie, recrossing the river at or near the last named town.

A COMPANY, in which Sir A. T. Galt, Wm. Ramsay, W. G. Conrad and D. W. Davis, M. P., are the prime movers, is applying at Ottawa for a charter for the Alberta Railway and Coal company to build and operate a line from Calgary to a point in Montana, with power to acquire the mines and other property of the Northwest Coal and Navigation company.

GEORGE P. DRUMMOND, of Ottawa, Ont., has invented a type-writer, for which he claims the advantages over other type-writers of simplicity in construction, cheapness and rapidity in operating. It is also said to space automatically, which is a very important feature. It is proposed to organize a joint stock company to manufacture the machines in Britain, Canada, and the United States. Stock in the proposed company may now be obtained. The inventor is a brother of Drummond Bros. and H. M. Drummond, assistant receiver-general, of Winnipeg.

Dr. HARRIS has located at Killarney, Man., and put in a stock of drags

DAVID MAXWELL is erecting an agricultural implement warehouse at Langenburg, Man.

The Clarendon hotel, lately known as the McKenzie, will be opened next month by Mr. Bennett, late of the New Douglas. P. McCaffery has been engaged as manager.

THE movement started by the farmers of Belmont to secure the erection of another grain elevator at Morden, has fallen through, for the time at least. It was found impossible to secure the necessary capital.

J. D. PIERSON, late of the Commercial Hotel, Maple Creek, Assa., has purchased the Anglo-American hotel at Gretna, Man., and is now in charge of the latter house. Mr. Pierson is popular with the commercial travellers.

THE Brandon Times has issued a circular asking settlers to write out a brief statement of their success in this country with a view of assisting and promoting immigration from Eastern Canada and the old country to Manitoba and especially to the Brandon district.

THE receipts of the municipality of Rat Portage for 1887 were \$11,492, and expenditure \$11,447, leaving a balance on hand of \$45. The total liabilities of the town are placed at \$13,104, and assets, including \$3,842 unpaid taxes, at \$17,042. Rat Portage, it will be seen, is sound financially.

THE estate of Max Goldstein, clothier, Winnipeg, was sold by the sheriff on Saturday, to satisfy the \$7,000 judgment in favor of his wife as her dower claim. The stock was knocked down to L. Vineberg, who it is understood was hired to do the dirty work for Goldstein throughout this sickening affair. It is supposed the business will be continued by Goldstein in his wife's name. Previous to the sale, the claims of several of Goldstein's Winnipeg creditors, whose judgments followed that of Goldstein's wife, were bought up at 50 in the dollar. The eastern creditors of the estate, whose judgments come in later, will not get a nickel. The paper to the amount of \$12,000, which Goldstein had endorsed for Cohn, his father-in-law, will also be completely worthless. Cohn is now out of the country, and safe in the United States. It is not to be supposed that any feelings of honesty or commiseration towards the Winnipeg creditors, prompted the purchase of their judgments. This was purely an act of self preservation on the part of Goldstein. It was necessary for him to have possession of a certain amount of the claims against the estate, in order to hold control of the stock. These judgments were therefore purchased as a protection against the other creditors whose claims came next in order. This affair throughout has been one of the most disgusting which has happened in Winnipeg for many a day, and it is to be hoped it will be a long time again before anything similar occurs. As one dealer remarked, the more the matter was investigated, the fouler became the odor. One deplorable feature of the case is, that Goldstein has obtained possession of \$20,000 worth of goods, at a fraction of the original cost, which will enable him to sell at a figure with which honest traders cannot compete.