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WINNIPEG, MAY 13, 1889.

D. B. MURRAY, barber, Winnipeg, is dead.

T. MADDEN, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, has absconded.

R. McKERNAN, is opening a butcher shop at Edmonton.

R. CLUTTERHAM will open a hardware shop at Edmonton.

J. K. McKINNIS is about to open a fruit store at Moosomin.

H. HARRIS, physician, Killarney, has removed to Winnipeg.

J. E. LEMIEUX, groceries and provisions, St. Boniface, has sold out.

The Brandon board of trade pamphlet is ready for distribution.

JOHN A. McDONALD, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, effects advertised for sale.

CHAS. BELL, hotelkeeper, Crystal City, Man., has sold out to one Williams.

The Calgary council will expend \$1,000 in providing a market for the town.

R. O. BAKER, furniture dealer, Macleod, Alberta, has sold out to J. D. Quail.

LAFFERTY & MOORE, bankers, Calgary, are opening a branch at Vancouver, B. C.

CHITTERHAM & DUNBAR are about to open a tinware business at Portage la Prairie.

JOHNS, livery and feed stables, Pilot Mound, Man., has sold out to Andrew Dickson.

The board of trade lately organized at Edmonton, elected its officers on April 27th.

The stores in Minnedosa, Man., are closed every evening, except Saturdays, at 7 o'clock.

JANE McLEAN & Co., general storekeepers, Moose Jaw, have sold out to E. A. Baker & Co.

SHANNON & TODD, Neepawa, Man., are about to open a bakery and fruit shop in that place.

It is stated that Birtle, Man., will shortly have a newspaper to replace the *Observer*, recently moved to Pilot Mound.

D. H. McCALLUM has disposed of his livery business, stables and lot, at Moosomin, Assa., to Jas. Inglis.

DR. LAMONT has opened a drug shop, and Straube a hardware establishment, at Treherne, Manitoba.

ALLOWAY & CHAMPION are about to open a private bank at Rat Portage. A. H. Dickens will have charge.

GENERAL freight and passenger traffic manager is now Robert Kerr's title on all C. P. R. lines west of Port Arthur.

THE Winnipeg city council have adopted plans for the new market building and are calling for tenders for its erection.

THE firm of Draper & Boston, retail dry goods, Winnipeg, has been dissolved. The business will be carried on by Draper.

THE Winnipeg Consolidated Gold Mine Company's lands, at Rat Portage, are advertised for sale, by the sheriff, on the 6th July.

A. CARRUTHERS, a wood dealer, of Strathroy, Ont., is on a prospecting tour through Manitoba, looking to an extension of his business to this province.

JARRETT Bro's, planing mill, Calgary, announce that McBride, from Ontario, has opened out a wheel-wright's shop in connection with their business.

MR. J. H. GLASS, of the new boot and shoe manufacturing house, of Stevens, Glass & Clarke, successors to C. S. Hyman & Co., London, Ontario, arrived in the city last week. Mr. Glass will do the country as far as the coast in the interest of his firm. He is already well known in the western trade, having formerly represented C. S. Hyman & Co., here.

A DEPUTATION of the Grocers' Association waited on the city council and petitioned that the license fee of peddlers be increased to \$125 for a vehicle and \$50 for all others, and it was moved that the city solicitor be instructed to amend the by-law to comply to the petition of the association, and also to provide that traders and merchants bringing goods, merchandise, etc., to the city for disposal without the intention of becoming bona fide merchants and remaining in the city be also licensed and taxed.

THE Brandon Sun has come out against the dual school system in Manitoba. In the Territories nearly all the papers are agitating against the same system. It does seem strange that in an intelligent and progressive people, such as we have here in the West, cannot trust each other in this matter. It would certainly seem better for the country if all classes could unite in perfecting one public school system, instead of keeping up two different systems, with its heavy expense. In our sparsely settled country, the school tax is a heavy item, and under the dual system established here, two schools are sometimes maintained in districts where the population is scarcely large enough to support one good school.

J. S. McLEAN, Moose Jaw, Assa., has sold his grocery stock to E. A. Baker & Co.

S. H. CASWELL's plant is on the way for his new creamery at Qu'Appelle Station, Assa.

THE Rockwood cheese factory, at Stonewall, Man., will not be operated this season. The patrons have not been satisfied with the results attained in the past, which is the reason for closing the factory. A large quantity of butter for the Winnipeg market may therefore be looked for from Stonewall this year.

THE destructive fire on Main street last Sunday evening entailed a loss of \$31,000. By steady unflinching work the fire brigade held the furious flames well to the block in which the fire originated. Most of the buildings were an eye-sore, as is most of this portion of the street, and its cremation, outside of the loss to the individuals concerned, will not be an unmixed evil. The following is a list of the losses, together with the insurance and the buildings and stocks: Losses—Freeman, building, \$16,000; C. A. Baskerville, hardware store, \$9,000; G. A. & Mrs. Anderson, store, \$3,000; P. & E. McKeown, saloon, \$3,000; T. Lyon, building, \$500; S. Ripstein, store, \$2,000; Mrs. Parmeter, store, \$4,500; Glass & Glass, building, \$3,000; Millstein, stock, \$400; Bell Bros., grocers' stock, \$4,500; G. Gill, \$70; McGee, \$100; Mrs. McCracken, \$600; F. Burrows, cash, \$1,700; Jewish Synagogue, \$500. Total \$49,320. Insurance—E. McKeown, \$800; G. A. Anderson, \$450; John Freeman, \$6,500; Thos. Lyon, boots and shoes and building, \$3,000; C. A. Baskerville, \$4,000; Bell Bros., \$2,000; Glass & Glass, \$2,000; Mrs. Parmeter, \$2,200. Total, \$18,250. The Freeman block will likely be rebuilt at once.

At the last meeting of the Port Arthur board of trade, the following resolution was passed: Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this board, that application has been made to the Department of Crown Lands, at Toronto, for the privilege to cut timber, other than pine, over large areas of government lands, in the townships composing the silver district to the southwest of Port Arthur. And whereas, the granting of such privileges would result in locking up large quantities of poplar and other timber now used for fuel in the mining district. And whereas, the Beaver, Badger, Silver Mountain, East and West End Mining Co.'s are now using collectively not less than (4) four acres daily of such timber. And whereas, careful estimates of the quantity of such timber now in the district would not supply the legitimate demand for mining purposes, with the expected increase of that industry for many years. Therefore, be it resolved, that the Ontario Government be requested to refuse to grant privileges to cut timber, other than pine, in the townships of Oliver, Paipoonge, Conmee, O'Connor, Gillies, Marks, Lybster and Strange and adjoining unsurveyed government lands excepting for the actual use of the mines, and in such cases that the privilege be granted direct to the mining company applying for the same, the timber to be used on their own location exclusively, or for the bona fide use of pulp making, when the Government is satisfied that such an industry is legitimately established in the district, or for sawmilling, railway or other public works.