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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 15, 1888.

W. BENTCLIFFE & Co. have opened a butcher shop in Winnipeg.

The balance of the stock of E. H. Riley & Co., Calgary, has been cleared out.

The second annual exhibition of the Medicine Hat agricultural society, was a success.

GEO. BARNES, general merchant, Rat Portage, Ont., has assigned in trust to J. K. Wright.

C. MOORE & Co., have opened a mining exchange at Rat Portage, for the purpose of dealing in mineral properties.

A DRESS and mantle making establishment has been opened at Minnedosa, Man., by Miss McKay, late of Owen Sound, Ont.

DR. BRETT has received a license to supply guests at the Sanitarium, Banff, with wines and ales. This is the same privilege granted the C. P. R. Hotel, Banff.

G. FANQUELER's livery and sale stable, Maple Creek, Assa., was burned recently and several horses were burned. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss on the building will be about \$5,000; no insurance.

D. MACFARLANE & Co., who were lately reported as likely to open a general store at Minnedosa, Man., have purchased the stock of E. J. Dairoch, of the place named, and will open with a full stock of general goods.

REGINA Journal.—D. W. Bole, president of the board of trade, has secured all the articles in the line of grains, roots and vegetables, shown at the fair here that had been awarded first prizes. These will be forwarded to Ottawa to remain as a permanent exhibit.

SMITH BROS. will establish a new hotel at Regina.

J. BUNNELL, restaurant, Winnipeg, has sold out to Page Carper.

Mrs. PIERSON, fancy goods, Winnipeg, has sold out by auction.

H. A. CHADWICK, has leased Deer Lodge Hotel at Silver Heights, near Winnipeg, for a term of years.

A BLACKSMITH named Ludlow, from Binscarth, has bought Peter Mitchell's shop, at Neepawa, Man.

J. B. JACQUES, of Jacques Bros., furniture dealers, late of Calgary, has opened a furniture store at Edmonton, Alberta.

NIXON & SCOTT, jobbers in boots and shoes, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Nixon & Co.

THE Territorial Indian Department ask for tenders for 2,050 sacks of flour for the Edmonton district. Flour will be taken from local mills wherever practical.

W. F. BUCHANAN, commission agent, Winnipeg, who is opening a general store at Saltcoats, on the Manitoba Northwestern, will also continue his Winnipeg business.

JELLETT & OTTEWELL, of Clover Bar, are the contractors for the delivery of the oats required by the mounted police at Fort Saskatchewan at 68 cents and U Craig for those required at Edmonton at 58 cents.

A BOARD of trade will be formed at Moose Jaw, the requisite number of signatures having been obtained. A committee was appointed to get up a pamphlet setting forth the advantages of the district as a field to emigrate to.

THE steamer E. M. Foster, lost off Point Aux Barque, Lake Huron, recently, was owned by Thomas Marks & Co., of Port Arthur. The crew were all saved, being picked up by the propeller Atlantic. Loss, \$9,000; insurance, \$5,000.

CALGARY Tribune: Sir John Lester Kaye has removed his general head-quarters to Calgary, from which point the affairs of the entire system of the Canadian Agricultural, Coal & Colonization company will be managed. J. D. Geddes has been appointed accountant for the company.

THE fisheries on Lake Winnipeg this season have been very successful. Last season about \$100,000 worth was exported, but it is believed that the export this season will exceed \$150,000. Robinson & Co. have lately erected a new freezer at Selkirk, and altogether the industry is assuming large dimensions.

A CHANGE will take place in the law firm of Keefer & Thacker, of Port Arthur. Mr. Godfrey, of Stewart, Chrysler & Godfrey, barristers, Ottawa, will be admitted, and the firm will hereafter be Keefer, Thacker & Godfrey. The firm will open an office at Rat Portage, which will be in charge of Mr. Thacker.

ANOTHER Winnipeg manufacture has found its way to the Pacific coast, and is now commanding a ready sale in that region. Reference is made to the manufactures of E. L. Drewry's Redwood Brewery. Drewry's beers are now kept on hand in Vancouver hotels, where they have been received with favor.

TURNER & DESPARS, hardware, St. Bonifacio, Man., have dissolved partnership.

RICHARD BOGUE, groceries and hardware, Winnipeg, offers business for sale.

F. W. JEMMETT has rented the Royal Hotel at Binscarth and will take possession shortly.

A. T. MOORE & Co., jobbers and manufacturers' agents, Winnipeg, contemplate dissolving partnership.

F. C. WADE, lately of the Free Press editorial staff, has opened out in the practice of his profession of law in Winnipeg.

THE Official Gazette to be issued on Saturday will contain a proclamation summoning the Legislative Assembly of the Territories to meet at Regina on Monday, twenty-ninth instant.

THE Rapid City hotels decided to close up on account of the difficulty regarding the obtaining of licenses. Another house, however, opened at once, and since then the hotels have again opened, but without licenses.

PORT ARTHUR Sentinel: There is such a demand for Lake Superior fish in the eastern markets that a number of Montreal and other eastern dealers have signified their intention of visiting Rossport and other points on the North Shore early next week for the purpose of contracting for a large supply of Algoina's celebrated salmon trout and whitetfish.

NINE steamers find employment on Lake Winnipeg and Red River, between Selkirk and the lake, Selkirk being the head of low water navigation. A number of barges are also in use. Lumbering and fishing furnish the bulk of the employment for the lake shipping. About 600 men, including a number of Indians, are employed on the lake. A new steamer, the Aurora, has just been completed, at a cost of about \$20,000.

A LIVERPOOL cable on Wednesday says:— Alberta cattle from the New Oxley rancho have arrived at Liverpool ex-Canopus in good condition. The mortality during the voyage was under three per cent., and they are described as sound and healthy cattle. The rancho company may be confident of finding a profitable market in Britain, the excellent quality of the meat destroying the present prejudice against its peculiar color.

A MEETING of the Winnipeg board of flour and meal examiners was held in the board of trade rooms on Wednesday. Standard samples have been received from the Department of Inland Revenue, and it was decided to hold a board of examination for any applicants for the position of inspector on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. Applications for examination must be made in writing to the secretary of the board of trade not later than the 22nd inst.

THE British board of trade returns show that the exports from Great Britain to Canada decreased 3½ per cent. during September, and 11 per cent. during the nine months as compared with 1887. There is a general decrease in manufactures, and increases in iron and horses. The imports from Canada decreased 14½ per cent. in the month, and 14 per cent. in the nine months. The principal decrease was in wheat, which was £165,711 less. Butter and wood are also decreased. There are increases in sheep, flour, cheese and fish.