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WINNIPEG, MARCH 4, 1899.

BANFY coal sells at Calgary at \$8 per ton.

J. WALLACE will erect a brick store at Cartwright, Man.

C. W. TAYLOR has reopened his blacksmith shop at Dominion City, Man.

THE Deloraine Times has been enlarged, thus giving a fresh proof of enterprise.

H. S. McLEOD has rented the Grand Central Hotel, Calgary, to Lowery & Salterio.

SEVEN Russian immigrants arrived last week at the Balgonie colony, near Regina.

DAVID FORRESTER, attorney, solicitor, etc., has opened an office at Emerson, Man.

DUNCAN McDONALD has been appointed agent at Virden, Man., for the Northern Pacific & Manitoba Railway.

G. E. NARR has been appointed city ticket agent for the St. P. M. & M. Ry. at Emerson, Man.

J. F. HOLLAND, of Holland, Man., is enlarging his place of business, preparing to open a furniture store.

STEWARTSON, at Regina, has received a telegram from Ottawa, instructing him to rent an immigration building.

McGEE & HURON, of Emerson, have moved their stock of boots and shoes into the store vacated by J. A. Pyke.

SUTCLIFF & TALBOT have opened business at Brandon as auctioneers, real estate, commission and general agents.

S. T. TRIBLE, carriage, Crystal City, Man., contemplates starting a harness shop in connection with his business.

ANNABLE BROS. have opened a general store at Moose Jaw, Assa.

C. C. MONTGOMERY has resumed business at Winnipeg in the carriage manufacturing line, etc.

THE stock of Madell & Robinson, wallpaper, etc., Winnipeg, was sold by the sheriff on Saturday.

T. A. GREENWAY, hardware, Crystal City, Man., has established a tinsmithing department in connection with his business.

STEPHENSON, of Coldwater, Ont., has taken charge of the blacksmith shop at Cartwright, Man., lately vacated by W. Alder.

G. A. GARREAU has bought the bankrupt stock of Langevin & Gareau, merchant tailors, Winnipeg, for 60 cents in the dollar.

H. B. ALEXANDER, of Calgary, is having plans prepared for a stone block 50 by 80 to be erected on the lots next the new Bank of Montreal.

CHAS. H. STRETT & Co., dry goods, Port Arthur, has disposed of his business to C. W. Hamilton & Co., and is moving to Vancouver, B. C.

HARRY McINTOSH, trading as S. E. West & Co., soda water works, Winnipeg, has sold out to E. Devanes. McIntosh will engage in another business in this city.

H. G. MIDDLETON, who has been for a number of years with Thos. Ryan, boot and shoe dealer, Winnipeg, has, in partnership with his brothers, embarked in the shoe business in this city.

THE C. P. R. Co. has reduced the price of land in Southern Manitoba. This is a much needed move, as heretofore the company's lands have been held at practically prohibitive prices.

CALGARY Tribune: N. D. Beck, barrister, of Winnipeg, was in town yesterday. He is forming a partnership with Loughheed & McCarthy, barristers, of this place, and will take up his residence here.

SMITH, keeper of the C. P. R. dining hall at Fort William, was burned out last Tuesday. It is a peculiar coincidence that his wife, who kept the dining hall at Winnipeg, was also burned out on the same day.

THE Bank of British North America reports a net profit of \$35,058 for 1898, and a dividend of 40 shillings per share, making a total dividend of 7½ per cent. for the year; balance \$1,407. The reserve fund is now \$250,000.

THE Medicine Hat board of trade is protesting against the closing of the immigration sheds at that place. The board has also appointed a committee to enquire as to the best steps to be taken to have a chartered bank established in Medicine Hat.

A NEW industry, says the Calgary Herald, has been quietly established in Alberta. The Cochrane mine company have got into operation machinery for utilising the slack at their mines by compressing it into coal bricks. These bricks of compressed coal dust are said to burn in a base burner for twelve hours. Messrs. Pettit & Ellis, agents of the company, expect a carload of the bricks here in a day or two.

THE Brandon board of trade will hold its first annual dinner at the Langham Hotel on Thursday, March 7. Invitations have been issued to the several Reeves and councillors of the county of Brandon, requesting their presence on that occasion.

NEEPAWA Register: Dr. Harrison is thinking of opening a private bank at Minnedosa. He has reasons for preferring that point to Rapid City. If he finally decides to open the branch, Denison, who is retiring from the mercantile business at Minnedosa, will be placed in charge.

J. A. PYKE, boots and shoes, Emerson, Man., has moved to Vancouver, B.C. He was given a farewell supper at the Russell House, before leaving. Mr. Pyke was one of the popular business men of Emerson, and a pioneer of the place. There is now quite a colony of Emerson people in Vancouver, to which Mr. Pyke will be a welcome addition.

THE C. P. Railway dining hall, Winnipeg, was badly damaged by fire last week. Mrs. Smith, lessee of the building, had her furniture badly damaged or destroyed, and her loss will be considerably in excess of the \$1,000 insurance on the goods. The building is frame, and is so badly damaged that a new building may be erected, instead of repairing the old one.

THE Regina Leader has entered upon its seventh year of publication. The Leader claims a larger circulation in the Territories than any other journal. It has evidently overlooked THE COMMERCIAL in making this statement. THE COMMERCIAL has a larger general circulation throughout the region extending from Port Arthur, on Lake Superior, to Victoria, B. C., than any other journal published in Canada.

AN Ottawa telegram says:—Mr. Daly has introduced a bill incorporating the Northern Pacific and Manitoba road. Dexter and Graham expect it to reach the railway committee by next Tuesday. Mr. Scoble, on behalf of the Manitoba Central Railway Company, has filed with the Minister of Justice a protest against the passage of this act until the claim of his company to the Red River railway under Norquay's contract is settled.

THE new postal bill provides for raising the rate on registered letters to ten cents, the same as in the United States. Drop letters are raised from one to two cents. The weight of a letter which can be sent for three cents is increased from a half ounce to one ounce. The duty on articles sent through the mails will be collected by the post office officials. Publications issued less frequently than weekly will be charged one cent per pound.

C. H. DONOLAS, of the Emerson International, has not fully decided yet to leave Manitoba. In regard to a report that he would move to Washington Territory, the International says: "Mr. Douglas has no intention of locating there. He has, in fact, no idea whatever where he will locate, and is quite as likely to remain in Manitoba as to go further west, having received very flattering and favorable propositions from a number of towns in the Province to establish a newspaper in some one of them." This will be pleasing news to the many friends of Mr. Douglas here.