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#### WINNIPEG, JULY 15, 1880.

J. KIPPEN has opened a blacksmith shop at Silvertown.

J. D. BURKE, grocer, Winnipeg, has removed to St. Norbert.

SPENCE & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, are offering to dispose of their business.

FRANCIS & BLACK, general storekeepers, Headingly, have dissolved partnership.

A. GEMMEL, general storekeeper, Virden, was closed out under chattel mortgage.

C. FRASER, a northern trader, sold his fur to the H. B. Co. at Edmonton, recently for \$2,800.

PAISLEY, MILLER & CARSCADEN, general storekeepers, Brandon, have assigned in trust.

W. A. BULL, hotelkeeper, Fort William, is out of business here; removed to Port Arthur.

LAURENCE & GRAHAM have opened a carriage factory and blacksmithing establishment at Maple Creek, Assa.

A. R. IRWIN, broker, Emerson, Man., will move to Brandon, where he will go into Customs brokering, insurance, etc.

HODDER & MONTGOMERY, merchant tailors, Port Arthur, have dissolved partnership; Montgomery continuing the business.

THE Macleod board of trade will protest, in a memorial to the Dominion Government, against the timber regulations now being enforced in the territories.

THE partnership subsisting between W. G. Hulso and Thomas Manley, blacksmiths and carriage builders, Winnipeg, has been dissolved. The business will in future be carried on by W. G. Hulso alone.

THE store of A. J. Ellis, Boissevain, Man., was set on fire recently by an incendiary, but the fire was discovered and extinguished before any serious damage had been done.

THE St. P., M. & M. railway has put on a fast freight fruit service between St. Paul and Winnipeg. Consignments of fruits, vegetables, flowers, etc., can be delivered in forty hours.

THE revised assessment of Victoria, B.C., shows the assessable property to be over nine millions; exempted property \$900,000. This is an increase of four millions over last year's assessment.

LAFFERTY & Smith, bankers, of Calgary and other points in the territories, have opened a branch at Vancouver, B.C. W. E. Green, late of the Hudson's Bay Co. is manager of the new branch.

R. C. CLAY, of Rapid City, has been granted a license for his hotel after much delay. The H. B. Co., of Russell, has been refused license, and the applications for licenses from Shoal Lake have been held over.

THE friends of Thos. Nixon, Jr., of Nixon & Co., wholesale boots and shoes, Winnipeg, will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Nixon, which took place on Sunday last. Mr. Nixon will have the sympathy of many friends in his affliction.

GOPHERS' tails, for which a bounty is being paid in many rural municipalities in Manitoba, are becoming a legal tender in some parts of the country. It is said store-keepers in some districts have been accepting gopher tails in payment for goods.

LETTERS patent have been issued incorporating W. J. Mitchell, W. R. Allan, Joseph E. Hannah, Henry T. Champion and Heber Archibald under the name of "The Electric Light and Power Company of Winnipeg, Limited."

A PARTY of 466 Icelandic settlers arrived in Winnipeg last week, direct from Iceland. They will settle in Manitoba. It is said that there are about 6,000 Icelanders in this Province. The Icelanders as a rule make good settlers, and they are generally appreciated here.

AT the Bank of British Columbia meeting in London, England, last week a dividend of six per cent. and a bonus of one per cent. was adopted. Sir Charles Tupper commented on the prosperous condition of the bank. He said his recent visit to the Pacific had convinced it was a splendid province.

MACLEOD Gazette:—There is to be a special meeting of the Alberta Stockgrowers' Association on Saturday, July 27th, to consult with Dr. McEachran, Dominion Veterinary Inspector, on the subject of Anthrax; and to discuss the advisability of appointing stock inspectors at the points on the C. P. R. from which cattle are shipped.

A LONDON cablegram received on Friday says: Morton, Rose & Co. offer £500,000 six per cent bonds of the Qu'Appelle & Long Lake railway at par. The Canadian Pacific undertakes to form the line. It is taken for granted that the company will exercise power to absorb the line at the end of six years, redeeming the bonds at 110.

LATHAM & SONS have started a brick yard at Lethbridge, and the price of brick there has been reduced to \$10 per thousand owing to competition.

EARLY last week it was reported by cable from London that the Canada Anthracite Coal Company, owning the coal lands at Banff, Alberta, and vicinity, had sold out to a British syndicate for \$1,450,000. A later cable says: Further information received here from a representative in England of the Canadian Anthracite Coal Company is that Sir Charles Tupper is a principal member of the purchasing syndicate. A meeting of the coal company and representatives of the purchasing company for the former transfer of the property has been arranged to be held at Winnipeg on August 15. McLeod Stewart, mayor of Ottawa, and James Moore, chief Government mining engineer of Scotland, are to arrive in New York from England next week. Mr. Stewart represents the selling company, and Mr. Moore will go with him to the west to look over the lands on behalf of the purchasers.

THE Winnipeg city council seems to have at last decided to move in the scheme for the utilizing of the water-power on the Assiniboine river, within the city limits. At the last meeting of the council, the special committee appointed to look into the matter reported, recommending that the construction of the work be proceeded with by the city under the direct supervision and control of a board of three commissioners to be appointed by the council, the board to have authority to let contracts, supervise construction, and to operate the same upon completion. This report was adopted, and a by-law was introduced, providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$400,000 to carry out the work. A small interim appropriation was voted, to enable the work of completing surveys to be proceeded with at once, pending the voting upon the by-law.

VANCOUVER, B.C., has a strike in full swing among the journeymen carpenters of that city, and from the reports of the trouble appearing in the Pacific coast papers, it would appear that the strikers are likely to come off victorious. The strike has been brought about by a demand on the part of the men that nine hours shall constitute a day's work, without any corresponding reduction in wages. The plasterers have followed the example of the carpenters and stopped work, and masons and bricklayers are said to be likely to follow suit. The contractors proposed a compromise by allowing two hours on Saturday afternoon as a part holiday, and further agreeing to adopt the nine hours' system after the first of October, so that contracts in hand would be worked out under the old system. This arrangement the men have refused, and they appear to be confident of winning their full demands. Some of the contractors have already it is said given in to the demands of the men, and as it is claimed workmen cannot be procured elsewhere, the success of the strike is looked upon as very probable by the coast paper, though of course a few days may change the aspect of the case. It appears that the nine hours' system is pretty generally adopted in the Pacific coast cities of the United States, and no doubt this has influenced the strikers in Vancouver.