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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 20, 1888.

A. ANDERSON, grocer, Winnipeg, has closed out.

M. P. ZINORD, contractor, Regina, N. W. T., has removed to Winnipeg.

W. G. JOHNSTON, hotel, Port Arthur, Ont., has removed to Winnipeg.

J. CRAWFORD will put elevator machinery in his grain warehouse at Neepawa.

A. H. PULFORD, furniture dealer, Winnipeg, has sold out to James E. Pulford.

EDWARD STANLEY, general store, Arrow River, Man., has closed out business.

McLEAN & HILL, general store, Glenboro, Man., are offering to dispose of their business.

ERNEST HAUGH has rented McCusker's wood working shop at Regina, and will manufacture carriages.

The name of the H. B. steamer lately built at Athabasca Landing, north of Edmonton, is the Athabasca.

COOMES & STEWART, of Brandon, contemplate erecting an elevator at Neepawa, Man., according to the local paper.

LAIMAN & MYERS, of Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, have sold out their ginger beer works at the former place, to the Northwest Aeriated Water company, of Winnipeg.

DAVIDSON & Co., general merchants, Neepawa, Man., have decided to erect a large three storey block next spring on the corner of Hamilton street and Mountain avenue. B. R. Hamilton will also put up a block on the opposite corner.

RUSSELL & DAVIS, butchers, Prince Albert, Sas., had their slaughter house burned, with a loss of \$500, about \$200 of which was in meats.

THE town of Anthracite, which came into existence so rapidly, on the opening of the coal mines there, has about collapsed, owing to the closing of the mines. The merchants are feeling very blue over the continued inactivity at the mines, and as there is no prospect of resuming operations soon, the people are leaving the place. Quite a loss will result to those who have invested in the place. Carlin, Lake & Co. have opened a store at Field, B. C., and are removing a portion of their stock to that place. T. Woods & Co are shipping some of their stock to Calgary, and Wellington & McKenzie are sending most of theirs to Illecillewait, B.C.

LAND Commissioner Hamilton, of the C. P. R., says:—During his recent visit in the west he was amazed at the fine fields of wheat which were to be seen on all sides. From Indian Head to Pheasant Hills there is almost an unbroken stretch of growing grain in a magnificent state of development, and the yield promises to average from 30 to 50 bushels per acre. The crops west of Regina are further advanced than at points east of that place. The wheat harvest on the C. P. R. experimental farm at Forrest, was commenced on the 10th inst., and binders commenced work on the farm at Rush Lake the following day and will be through this week.

THE demand for farming lands in Manitoba this summer has been very brisk and large sales have been made. L. A. Hamilton, land commissioner of the C. P. R., says that judging from the sales made by the company since February for actual cultivation, there will be an increased area under crop on account of these sales of fully 60,000 acres, which at an average yield should increase the quantity of grain for export nearly two million bushels. The company has reduced the price of land from 25 to 33 per cent. for actual settlement, chiefly in Southern Manitoba. Mr. Hamilton says there will be a large increase in the amount of grain for export from the Territories this season.

THREE varieties of fall wheat and one of rye, have been sown on the experimental farm at Indian Head, Assa., and all are above ground and growing fast. Other kinds of fall wheat are on the way and on their arrival will be sown, so that this important grain may be thoroughly tested. A very early kind of pea and two varieties of barley (Polar and Petchera) have been harvested. A two-rowed barley from Nova Scotia and three varieties of oats are ready to cut, and the Ladoga wheat is coming in fast and by the end of the present week will be harvested. It was sown the same day along side Saxonka and other kinds of wheat, and is fully two weeks earlier than any of them. Grape vines put out in the spring have well developed bunches of grapes on them.

A SAMPLE box of a delicious little fish which abounds in the waters of British Columbia, has been received by Joseph Carman, commission merchant, of Winnipeg. The fish is known as the oolachan, and is a shade smaller in size than the red herring. The fish are cured by smoking, in the same manner as herrings, but

have a better flavor than the latter. The price at which they are held, however, will preclude their sale in this market, herrings being worth about 30 cents per box, whilst the oolachans would be worth at least \$1 per box, if put up in the same way. The oolachan is a favorite fish in British Columbia, and either fresh, smoked, or salted, forms a real delicacy.

THE Northern Pacific Railway will issue special excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip, to the Minneapolis Exposition and Minnesota State Fair. For the Exposition tickets will be sold on August 21st, 23rd, 25th, 28th and 30th, Sept. 1st, 4th, 6th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 25th, 27th and 29th. Every day from Sept. 8th 15th, inclusive, tickets will be sold for the State Fair, at one fare for the round trip, good to return to destination one day after being stamped at St. Paul or Minneapolis, but not later than Sept. 17th. All Exposition and State Fair tickets will include admission coupons at 25 cents each for the exposition and fifty cents each for the State Fair, which will be added to the railroad rates. For rates inquire of ticket agents N. P. R. R.

A DEPUTATION of the Regina board of trade waited on Hon. Mr. Dewdney, at that place recently. D. W. Bole was spokesman of the party. Mr. Dewdney was congratulated on his appointment as Minister of the Interior, and the board expressed its thanks to him for all he had done from time to time for that body. That evening the board's term of office expired but before they gave way to new men perhaps, they had decided on offering the congratulations and thanks then expressed. The board believed he would make an excellent Minister of the Interior Department. Mr. Dewdney in reply thanked the board for the kind words just expressed and the trouble taken to wait upon him. Although he would be shortly leaving town, he would not become a stranger to Regina as his new position should necessarily have many matters in connection with their city and its district brought before him. They were, perhaps aware that he had a peculiar interest in the prosperity of the town—though not a financial interest perhaps it was one of far greater importance—a hearty desire to see the town advance in wealth and prosperity. The board were, no doubt, aware that he had been requested to assist in advising the Government as to the location of the capital of the Northwest. Before doing so he took the best means in his power to assure himself first that the location he recommended was the centre of a valuable agricultural district, and secondly that it was a convenient point for the successful working of the Indian and police departments. When advising the Government on this matter of location he had not forgotten the advice given him by Sir John Macdonald before he started on his journey for the inspection of a site for the territorial capital—"Whatever you do be sure to have it in the centre of a rich agricultural district." The minister concluded by saying that every day proved the fitness of the selection then made, and that wherever he was he would always be ready to give the Regina board of trade and the town of Regina every assistance in his power, and no one felt a deeper interest in the advancement and progress of their city than himself.