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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 11, 1889.

CLAXTON is opening a watch and jewelry shop at Rapid City, Man.

B. PIERCE, will open a general implement agency business at Manitou, Manitoba.

HARRY ANSTIE, manufacturing jeweler, Winnipeg, has given up business.

FROST & WOOD are opening a branch implement agency at Portage la Prairie.

F. G. DE LA PENOTIERE has taken over the Royal hotel at Calgary, formerly run by Reilly.

THE Northen hotel, Port Arthur, has closed for the winter season.

ABOUT twenty miles of the Port Arthur and Duluth railway have been completed.

EVANS & Co., hotel, Winnipeg, have closed out their business; effects seized by bailiff.

C. H. FOX, livery, Winnipeg, has advertised his outfit for sale.

THE Regina Journal of last week said: "The track is now laid on the Long Lake railway for sixty miles from Regina."

ASSENT has been given for the issuing of debentures to the amount of \$6,000 by the Brandon board of school trustees. It will require nearly \$7,000 more to complete the work.

THE Fquitable Life Assurance Society is asking for applications for the position of district superintendents at Battleford and Prince Albert, Sask.

COLLINS & MURROE have now opened their general store at Miami, Man., with a well-selected stock. Miami is one of the promising towns on the Morris-Brandon railway.

THE Brandon market in THE COMMERCIAL last week should have been credited to the Brandon Sun. The credit was omitted through an oversight.

THE firm of Mulcahey & Redfern, who lately started a hardware store on Portage avenue, Winnipeg, has been dissolved. The business will be continued by Chas. Redfern.

THE receipts of wheat at the Canadian Pacific railway Lake Superior elevators for the week ended November 2 amounted to 256,354 bushels. The shipments were 297,520 bushels and the quantity in store on that date 567,766 bushels.

E. R. LINCKE, representing White & Potter, wholesale laces, white goods, etc., Toronto, was in the city last week, and will go through to the Pacific coast. This is the first trip west, and he is pleased with what he has seen of the country so far.

CALGARY Tribune: Five carloads of sheep, comprising 1080 animals, were shipped to various points on the Pacific coast last week, consigned to Van Volkenburgh & Co., from the firm's ranch here. This makes the second consignment in the past few months, shipped by this dealer.

THE exports of cattle from Montreal up to the first November this year were 72,827 head, against 56,064 in 1888, 61,379 in 1887, 59,226 in 1886, 57,908 in 1885, 53,732 in 1884, and 47,825 in 1883. The exports of sheep for the same time were 52,410 head, against 43,260 in 1888, 38,277 in 1887, 81,098 in 1886, 37,392 in 1885, 52,739 in 1884, and 80,710 in 1883.

THE work of excavating for the piers of the bridge over the Belly river at Lethbridge, Alberta, has been commenced. The completion of this bridge will be a great convenience to commercial and other travellers between Macleod and Lethbridge.

DR E. A. BLAKELY, of Winnipeg, has been appointed to fill the position in the educational department recently vacated by Superintendent Somerset. The position under its present form is a temporary one, in view of the proposed changes in our educational system. Dr. Blakeley is a gentleman of pleasant personal qualities, while the practical experience which he has had in school work should fit him for the position.

THE Selkirk Herald thus refers to the Lake Winnipeg fleet: The west slough at present harbors within its waters about twenty steamers and barges, all laid up for winter. The steamers Aurora, Marquette and Millie Powell and a few barges have yet to take up their quarters there.

MAJOR BOWLES of Winnipeg has secured the contract for the improvements to be made to the Canadian Pacific railway track between Winnipeg and Port Arthur. The work embraces rock cutting, filling and bridging, and will not be completed in less than a year. The major will forward men and plant to the scene of operations at once.

THE Federal bank has practically paid off its outstanding circulation deposits and all liabilities, the whole amounting to about four million-and-a-quarter dollars, which shows that the bank was not insolvent. The residue to collect is now exclusively for the shareholders.

THE Portage la Prairie Review of Wednesday last says: The golden grain still continues to pour in at the rate of eight to ten thousand bushels a day and the buyers say there is still lots of wheat in the country. The market seems on the decline and the most the buyers offer is 60 cents per bushel. Oats are scarce. In fact buyers of that commodity have about given up looking for any great quantities of oats. The figures range from 38 to 40 cents per bushel. Butter still fetches 18 to 20 cents per pound, chiefly the latter. Eggs remain steady at 20 cents; beef dressed is quoted at 5 to 6 cents; pork 6 cents; chickens 10 cents; hides 2 cents; potatoes 40 to 50 cents per bushel and scarce.

C. BLACKETT ROBINSON, of Toronto, dropped in at THE COMMERCIAL office last week. Mr. Robinson is publisher of the *Canada Presbyterian* and *The Week*, two of the best known papers in Canada, and he has been west as far as the coast in the interest of these publications. He will remain in Winnipeg a few days. *The Week* is a high class literary journal, while the *Presbyterian* is the recognized organ of the influential church in Canada, whose name it bears.

THE *Standard*, of Rapid City, Man., says:—D. Stewart, merchant, of Brandon, bought the whole season's output of cheese from Paterson's factory here, this week. The price paid was 9½ cents per pound.

THE Qu'Appelle *Progress* says: Farmers who intend to sell their cream to the creamery next year, should now prepare to put up a supply of ice. We notice that farmers in Manitoba are simply digging holes in the ground of size to contain what ice they require, and will pour into it water at different times during the winter and let it freeze till the hole is full of ice. It is then covered with poles and straw similar to a root house. A supply of ice may thus be cheaply secured for the summer.

Last spring S. H. Caswell established a creamery in Qu'Appelle. He did not decide upon starting the creamery until it was too late to put up a sufficient supply of ice last winter, and cream was taken from pans and in all ways. But he is now preparing to put up an ample supply of ice, and profiting by the experience of this season, he has decided next season to take cream raised only in creamers. The suggestion is also made to farmers to put up a supply of ice this winter. Experts say that if the milk is immediately strained into the creamers, thus retaining the animal heat, and sunk in cold water, that 15 per cent. more cream of better quality is obtained, than if the cream is raised in pans. There is a certain loss of cream in proportion to the animal heat which is allowed to pass off before the milk is set. Caswell's creamery was in operation only three months, but the result was as satisfactory as could be expected under the circumstances, and he intends to operate it as long as the season will warrant next year, beginning about the 1st of May. He made something over 12,000 pounds of butter in the short time of running and has sold it all at good figures.—*Progress*.

S. Spink, a well known Winnipeg grain man has been appointed a licence commissioner for the Winnipeg district.