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WINNIPEG, MARCH 3, 1885.

MOWAT BROS., general store, Regina, are trying to compromise.

R. S. BRADLEY & Co., cigars, Winnipeg, dissolved partnership on March 1st.

WILLIAM LOGAN & Co., bankers, Carberry, contemplate dissolving partnership.

A NEW hotel is to be erected at Fort McLeod, on the new town-site, by H. Taylor.

It is rumored that Chalmers & Carney, of Emerson, will shortly open a branch at Morden.

BOYD & CROWE, lumber merchants, Winnipeg and Brandon, have disposed of their Brandon branch.

MEEK & HARRINGTON, gentlemen's furnishings, Port Arthur, are advertising their business for sale.

THOMPSON & WILLIAMS, undertakers, Winnipeg, are dissolving partnership, and will sell out the stock by auction.

WILLIAM CONNER, general storekeeper, Manitou, intends giving up business, and advertises his entire stock for sale.

THE British Government is debating the advisability of imposing an export duty on coal.

J. P. DOWS, of Brandon, has been appointed an issuer of marriage licenses for the Northwest Territories.

JOHN SANDERSON has been appointed trustee for the Mount Royal Ranch Company in the interest of the creditors.

A NEW post-office has been opened at Grange, in section 18, township 7, range 12, west, with James Gardner as postmaster.

A PUBLIC meeting is to be held at Rapid City on the 7th inst., to consider the advisability of starting a cheese factory.

WALLEY & LEWIS, general storekeepers Birtle, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by F. L. Lewis.

AN act to incorporate the Portage la Prairie & Lake of the Woods Railway Navigation Company has passed its second reading at Ottawa.

RICHARD FLEMING, who recently purchased the stock of groceries of R. Buker, has cleared out. This is evidently a clear case of studied rascality.

THE Minnesota and Lake Manitou Gold and Silver Mining Co. have suspended operations for a few weeks pending the arrival of their stamp mill and machinery.

E. S. PECK, of the Ocean Restaurant, Winnipeg, is reported to have left the city for the States. Recently he was arrested for selling liquor without a license, and this was probably the commencement of his difficulties here.

MESSRS. F. S. BURNS and G. B. Elliott, Calgary, have issued the prospectus of a one hundred-page pamphlet, to be published next month, concerning the advantages of Alberta as a field for agriculture, ranching, and mining.

At a meeting of the directors of the Rock Lake, Souris Valley, & Brandon Railway, held at Pilot Mound on the 18th ult., it was decided to go on and procure the charter from the local House, and afterwards refer it to the Dominion Government for ratification.

MR. J. H. ASHDOWN returned yesterday from his mission to Montreal regarding the

Winnipeg freight discriminations on the Canadian Pacific Railway. He talks hopefully of being able to get the matter arranged satisfactorily with Mr. Van Horne, but has made no definite arrangements as yet.

At a recent meeting of farmers, held at Springfield, to consider the advisability of opening a cheese factory at that point, the proposal of Messrs. C. J. Jameson & Co. to erect and operate a factory in the district during the coming season was accepted. The factory is to have a capacity of using the milk of from 500 to 600 cows.

It is now beyond a doubt that no bankruptcy act of any kind will be passed by the Dominion Parliament this session. Ontario has an act which abolishes priority of and amongst execution creditors; and it is likely that an effort will be made by our leading mercantile men to get a similar act passed by the Manitoba Legislature this session.

To-day the election of a member of the local House for South Winnipeg is going on, and the business of the city is materially affected thereby. As the voting is open the excitement will no doubt be intense. The supporters of both the Government and the Opposition candidate go into the contest confident of success, and a close struggle may be expected.

The railway line from the mines of the Northwest Coal & Transportation Company, at Lethbridge to connect at Dunmore with the C.P.R. will be completed by the first of August next. They will also combine a lumber business with that of coal, as they have extensive lumber limits in the mountains. The logs will be floated down the Belly river to their mills at Lethbridge.

MR. VAN HORNE, general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, made one of his usual flying visits to Winnipeg on Sunday, remaining over until Monday night. The usual reporter's interview was in, and among other pieces of information, the general manager stated that through immigrant passengers would be carried next summer from Montreal to Winnipeg, via the north shore of Lake Superior, for \$10. He was a little reticent upon the subject of discriminating freight rates against Winnipeg.