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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 1, 1888.

J. L. POWELL, stationery, Winnipeg, has sold out.

W. W. PHILLIP, blacksmith, Winnipeg, offers business for sale.

G. FARRELL & Co., dealers in furs, Winnipeg, have closed out business.

N. H. JACKSON, druggist, Winnipeg, is opening a branch at Stonewall.

THE estate of Saul Bros., contractors, Winnipeg, is being closed out under mortgages.

J. S. DOUGLAS & Co., boots and shoes, Winnipeg, have added furs to their business.

BOYD & Co., gunsmiths, Winnipeg, are packing up stock and will remove it to Montreal next month.

J. D. BURT & Co., dealers in sewing machines, etc., Winnipeg, have changed firm name to Jas. Haddock & Co.

THE balance of the clothing and gents' furnishing stock of the J. L. Coltart estate, Winnipeg, has been sold to J. K. McLennan.

McLACHLIN & SPEARE, general storekeepers, Treherne, have dissolved partnership; business continued by McLachlin, under style of McLachlin & Co.

THE exhibit of grain, vegetables, etc., sent by the Regina board of trade to the Provincial Exhibition at Kingston, Ont., has called forth a great amount of favorable comment from eastern newspapers. One report says: "The exhibits of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, attracted much attention, but the palm is borne by the exhibit of products of Regina district sent by the board of trade.

VANETTERY has opened a lumber yard in this city.

TWENTY-EIGHT thousand pounds of binding twine have been sold at Regina this season.

PETER MITCHELL, blacksmith, Neepawa, Man., has given up business and gone farming.

ISAAC ERIKKILA has purchased the Windsor hotel, Port Arthur, and will open the house for the reception of guests.

W. PARRISH & W. J. LINDSAY, of Brandon, have formed a partnership for the purchase of wheat and all kinds of farm produce.

CHANGES in the Torrens' land act, similar to those made in the act in Manitoba, will be adopted in the Territories, it is said.

LAWLOR'S store at Killarney, Man., has been brick veneered, and is now one of the finest store buildings in that part of the province.

THE Mutual Insurance Co. formed a short time ago at Portage la Prairie, Man., has made formal application for a charter of incorporation.

JOHN WAKE, of Minnedosa, Man., has several carloads of hogs, sheep and cattle ready for shipment. He has experienced some difficulty in obtaining cars.

MCCURDY & TUCKER'S new foundry at Moosomin, Assa., is now almost complete. The engines and lathes are fixed and nearly ready for working.

D. C. CAMPBELL & THOS. HARKNESS, horse dealers and importers, the former at Calgary and the latter located at Brandon, have dissolved partnership.

THE prize list of the Indian Head, Assa., agricultural society has been issued. It is well classified and the prizes amount to \$800 in addition to a challenge cup, valued at \$100. The show is fixed for Oct. 5th.

ELSEWHERE in our columns will be found a report of the delegates from the Winnipeg board of trade to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth markets, regarding the manner of working the call boards and inspection and grading of grain at those points.

EDMONTON Bulletin:—Crops are good at Victoria this season and are now nearly all harvested. L. Thompson has a field of oats which will yield 100 bushels to the acre. There has been no injury whatever from frost. Victoria is on the most northerly bend of the North Saskatchewan River, and is five degrees north of the U. S. boundary line. Farming has been carried on in this settlement since 1861.

THERE are some country merchants in Manitoba who do succeed in business, and one of them is W. F. Scarth, general merchant of Virden, who has sold out his business to J. J. Dunlop, late of Smith & Dunlop, Winnipeg. Mr. Scarth holds the position of postmaster at Virden, and that and looking after some property he has amassed, he thinks will be employment enough for him in the future.

RAT PORTAGE News: The creditors of J. B. Davies, general merchant, Norman, met on Tuesday last, when it was decided to accept fifty cents on the dollar and put in a receiver. The estate valued at \$5,600 and the liabilities at \$5,400. \$1,200 of the assets is in book debts and of the liabilities about \$1,200 secured by mortgage.

W. T. WALKER & Co., job printers, Winnipeg, offer to sell out.

SEVERAL train loads of cattle from the Alberta ranges have recently passed eastward over the C.P.R.

CUTTLE & MURPHY have commenced business at Rapid City, Man., in the hardware and tinsmithing branches.

J. C. McLEOD, of Killarney, Man., is building an extension to his blacksmith shop and also building an addition for his carriage building department.

ARCHIBALD McNEE, formerly connected with the Winnipeg Free Press, has purchased the Record, a paper published at Windsor, Ont., and will assume charge at once.

A CONSIDERABLE number of horses have been brought into Manitoba and the Territories this season from British Columbia in car lots. They come principally from the Kamloops district.

THE last issue of the Dominion Mechanical and Milling News, of Toronto, was a special holiday number, prepared for distribution at the Toronto exhibition. The paper was handsomely illustrated, and contained a number of contributed and other articles of an interesting nature.

SURVEYORS under George A. Bain commenced last week to make the survey for the twenty miles of the Brandon branch of the Northern Pacific system which its proposed to build this season. The line will run due west from Morris the first twenty miles.

THE Imperial bank has opened an agency at Portage la Prairie. Mr. Moffatt, the accountant of the Winnipeg branch, is at present in charge. With the branch of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba just opened, this will give the Portage two chartered banks.

THE commissioners to investigate the financial affairs of the town of Minnedosa, Man., have been appointed by the Provincial Government, consisting of Judge Walker, Judge Ryan and Chas. A. Boxer. The commission will sit in Minnedosa on October 30th. It is to be hoped a satisfactory solution of the difficulties will result therefrom, so that the town may be placed in a position to enter upon a new season of prosperity.

MR. TAYLOR, cheese maker at Carman, Man., recently sent a sample of cheese to two of the principal cheesemen of Ontario. One sample was sent to D. M. McPherson, of Lancaster, president of the Eastern Dairymen's Association, another to D. Derbyshire, of Brockville, ex-president of the same association, and a heavy buyer and exporter of cheese. These gentlemen were asked to give an honest and unprejudiced opinion as to how Manitoba cheese would compare with Ontario make. Mr. McPherson reply was: "I congratulate you on the success of your make of cheese. If all your cheese are like this sample there will be no difficulty in getting the highest price on our markets. Write me full and precise details of your method of making, class of cows and feed and climate." Mr. Derbyshire's reply was: "It is a fancy cheese and flavor perfect. We cannot make finer here." This is encouraging to the infant dairying in Manitoba.