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—McINTOSH has opened a general store at  
Rapid City, Man.

THE Regina council has ordered 800 trees  
from Minnesota, for spring planting.

THE Birtle council has arranged with J. Dut-  
ton for the establishment of a cheese factory at  
that place.

THE Clemlow syndicate announce that the  
Northwest Central railway will be proceeded  
with this season.

A SIXTH assembly of Knights of Labor has  
been formed in Winnipeg, to be known as  
Progress Assembly of Carpenters.

H. BENTLEY & Co., general storekeepers,  
Lethbridge, Alberta, advertise reducing their  
stock, preparatory to a change of partnership.

THE Birtle *Observer* says THE COMMERCIAL is  
wrong in stating that that town is situated a  
mile from the railway depot. The *Observer*  
claims the distance is but half a mile.

THE Winnipeg journeymen tailors, who were  
out on strike, talk of establishing a co-operative  
movement. At the last meeting of the Traders  
and Labor Council, the tailors were advised to  
attempt something of this nature.

THE *Northwest Review* the Catholic journal  
published at Winnipeg, has passed under new  
management. J. J. Chaddock retires from the  
business, and the paper will be published under  
the firm name of Chaddock & Co, with N. D.  
Beck as chief proprietor.

### A Colossal Concern.

The extent of the business transacted by the  
great provision house of Armour & Co., of  
Chicago, is simply marvellous, and staggers the  
mind's effort to adequately grasp it. Apart  
from the firm's deals on the Board of Trade,  
their aggregate jobbing and distributive sales  
for the year 1886 amounted to the astounding  
total of \$50,000,000. During that period they  
canned 40,000,000 pounds of meats, besides  
manufacturing on an extensive scale lard, oil  
and butterine, as well as mess and fresh pork

and beef. Last year Armour & Co. killed 380,-  
656 cattle, 1,112,969 hogs, and 85,777 sheep,  
and in order to handle the product thereof, they  
employ 5,000 men daily, whose wages amount  
to about \$60,000 per week, or over \$3,000,000  
per year. The building of this mammoth con-  
cern cover thirty acres of land, with a  
floor area of over eighty acres, and a storage  
capacity of 90,000 tons. There is probably no  
other firm in the United States that has built  
up such a vast home and foreign trade within a  
comparatively short time.—*Ex.*

### Insurance Briefs.

The adjourned annual meeting of the share-  
holders of the Northwest Fire Insurance Co.  
will be held to-morrow (Wednesday) evening.

Portage la Prairie does not seem to get along  
very well under the management of the citizens  
committee. The movement to raise money to  
purchase a new fire engine has not resulted  
successfully. The old engine, which was dam-  
aged by fire, is undergoing repairs, and it is  
thought will be made to work successfully.

The year 1886 is said to have been the most  
disastrous for fire insurance companies in Cali-  
fornia, of any year since the establishment of  
the Insurance Commission in 1868. From the  
report of the Commissioner it appears that the  
average percentage of losses to premium on fire  
risks last year, is 51.2, against 44.8 in 1885.

J. J. Kenny, managing director of the West-  
ern Assurance Company, of Toronto, was unani-  
mously elected president of the Canadian Fire  
Underwriters Association, for the current year,  
and S. C. Duncan Clark, of the Lancashire, and  
W. Tatley of the Royal were re-elected vice-  
presidents. Robert McLean was re-elected  
secretary-treasurer, and A. W. Hadrill chosen  
assistant secretary-treasurer of the Montreal  
branch of the association. At the close  
of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks  
was tendered to G. F. C. Smith, for his very  
efficient services as president during the past  
four years.

### British Columbia.

P. Cannon, butcher, Vancouver, has assigned  
in trust.

H. C. Wilson, plumber and tinsmith, Victo-  
ria, is dead.

L. J. Cross, hotelkeeper, Vancouver; busi-  
ness sold by tender.

A. C. Perry, stationer, Vancouver, contem-  
plates leaving here.

Clements & Reinger, brewers, Victoria; ef-  
fects sold by sheriff.

A. Burns, dealer in wood, New Westmin-  
ster, is reported away.

L. J. Hall, fruit dealer, etc., Vancouver, has  
given up this business.

G. Montgomery, grocer and provision merch-  
ant, Nanaimo, is dead.

W. I. Grassie, watchmaker, Vancouver, of-  
fers to dispose of his business.

Kelly & Sherring, contractors and builders,  
Victoria, have assigned in trust.

J. E. Insley, hotelkeeper, New Westminster,  
has leased premises to L. Pitner.

W. F. Wood, wholesale boots and shoes,  
Victoria, contemplates moving to Vancouver.

Kelly Bros., bakers, New Westminster, have  
assigned in trust and stock to be sold by  
auction.

The B. C. Soap Works, Victoria, have for-  
warded a lot of soap to eastern Canada by the  
Northern Pacific.

J. R. Tait, hotelkeeper, Victoria, has ad-  
mitted Wm. G. Stevenson into partnership, and  
style now Tait & Co.

James Vair, hardware merchant, of Kam-  
loops and Vancouver, has sold out Vancouver  
branch to R. E. Dools.

Cowan, Shaw & Co., commission merchants  
and tinware dealers, Victoria, have sold out  
their stove and tinware stock.

A. R. Johnston & Co., general storekeepers,  
of Nanaimo and Chemainus, have sold out their  
Chemainus branch to Croft & Angus.

Collections at the port of Victoria for the  
month ending 31st March, 1887: Duties, \$60,-  
929.48; Miscellaneous, \$367.03; Chinese Im-  
migration Act, \$880.50; Total, \$62,177.01.

W. Heathorne, proprietor of the Victoria  
boot and shoe factory, received a medal and  
diploma from the Colonial and Indian Exhibi-  
tion for a display of boots, shoes and leather.

The Vancouver *News* and the *Advertiser*, of  
the same place, have been purchased by Cotton  
& Gordon. The papers will be amalgamated,  
and published as the *News and Daily Advertiser*.

The bill now before the Local House requests  
aid in the construction of the Kootenay and  
Athabaska railway from some point at or near  
Revelstoke to a point at or near the north end  
of Kooteney lake. 300,000 acres of land in all  
are asked for.

### Montreal Trade Notes.

Manufacturers report the boot and shoe trade  
looking up. Large lines of brogans have been  
placed at 85c for the Northwest.

Bids have been received by cable for wheat of  
98c c.i.f. Liverpool for No. 2 red winter. Here  
Canada red and white winter is quoted at 90c.  
May. Manitoba hard wheat on spot 94 to 95c.

Fair quantities of syrup has been received  
during the past few days, some of it quite new,  
but the bulk being of a doubtful character, a  
little warmer weather being requisite to make  
sap run freely. Prices range all the way from  
75c to \$1.00 according to size of can and quality  
of syrup.

In flour sales of about 3,500 bags of low  
grade, (red dog off) are reported for shipment  
to Lower ports at equal to \$2.30 per barrel net  
here. Offers from Liverpool for the same grade  
however, at 13s. 9d. freight, would only net  
\$1.98 per barrel here. English buyers are  
nevertheless showing some interest and are  
gradually coming up on their bids for May.  
There has been a fair amount of business on  
local account, with sales of superior at \$3.95 to  
\$4, extra at \$3.72½ to \$3.75, and spring extra at  
\$3.45. Ontario patents have been placed at  
\$4.50 to \$4.60 for high grades, and at \$4.15 to  
\$4.35 for less desirable qualities. A fair trade  
has also passed in Manitoba strong bakers' flour  
with sales at \$4.30 to 4.35, and at \$4.10 to \$4.15  
for medium qualities. In American flour, sales  
were made of 300 barrels of Minnesota strong  
at about \$4.60.