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MALETT & CONROY have opened up a jewelry store in Brandon.

THOMAS & LAPLANTE, have started a livery stable in Winnipeg.

ROSS, BEST & Co., photographers, of Winnipeg, have opened a branch of their business at Calgary.

It is reported that a large vein of gypsum has been discovered on the Lake of the Woods, at Rat Portage.

DRAKE, BURROWS, & RUTHERFORD, saw millers and lumber dealers, at Selkirk, have dissolved partnership.

The stock of Joseph Metcalfe, dry goods dealer, Winnipeg, has been purchased by Rows & Newton, of this city.

H. BRUCE GORDON, one of our Northwest commercial travellers, of three years standing, has started out on his first journey for Sutherland & Campbell, the well known wholesale grocers of this city.

JAS. CAREY & Co., wholesale liquor dealers' Winnipeg, have given up their business, and are succeeded in the same by Alex. McIntyre.

THE Continental hotel, at Maple Creek, formerly run by J. English, is now being operated by J. D. Pierson, and has been materially enlarged.

THE partnership heretofore existing between H. T. Lewis and J. F. Woodley, under the title of the Emerson Brewing Co., at Emerson, has been dissolved.

THE Hingston Smith Arms Co., have succeeded by purchase to the stock and business of J. Hingston Smith & Co., late gunsmiths and sporting goods dealers, in Winnipeg.

W. M. MOWAT, pork packer, Brandon, has moved into new premises, and has made arrangements for much heavier operations during the coming winter. He is prepared to handle up to 20,000 hogs during the seasons, but scarcely expects to procure sufficient to keep his place going at full capacity.

AT a meeting of the shareholders of the Northwest Central Railway, held a week ago, it was decided to issue bonds to the extent of three million dollars, and to push the construction of the road from Brandon as far as Rapid City before the close of the present year.

AT the adjourned annual meeting of the Manitoba Cartage & Warehousing Company, held in this city last week, the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Kenneth McKenzie; vice president, L. M. Lewis; directors, Wm. Lyon, W. F. Alloway, A. G. B. Bamatyne, and G. H. Balfour. The manager is Mr. Wm. Harder, and the superintendent is Mr. Pearson.

FROM all parts of the province and the Northwest Territories, reports continue being received of the favorable aspect of the crops this year. The weather for some time past has been most favorable for ripening the grain, and haying having been completed, farmers have already begun to cut their barley, and expect within a week or so to make a start on wheat and oats, while potatoes and other garden products are also doing well, and the expectations of yield all round are satisfactory. At two or three points wheat cutting has actually commenced,

TRACK laying is being pushed with all speed on the Galt narrow gauge railway from Medicine Hat to Lethbridge. The work will be completed by the opening of September, and 110 miles will then be added to our western railway system.

MESSRS. THOMSON, DENNIS and others of the staff of the late daily Times are making arrangements for the publication of a new evening paper to be called the News. It will be independent in politics, and no doubt meet with considerable favor in the city, although the field for a third daily in Winnipeg does not promise well at present. We hope the new undertaking will meet with much better success than the prospects warrants us to expect.

A MEETING of the directors of the Winnipeg Gas Company was held in this city last week for the election of officers, and the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year:—Sedley Blanchard, Q.C., president; W. L. Boyle, vice-president; Wm. Bathgate, secretary-treasurer and managing director. The directors elected were Sedley Blanchard, W. L. Boyle, W. O. Smith, J. B. Armstrong, (Guelph), J. W. Lyon, (Guelph), H. E. Crawford and W. Bathgate.

THE cheese making industry is making rapid progress in the province of Manitoba this year, and there are numerous factories in different parts at work. In the rather isolated town of Rapid City a factory under the management of A. Paterson has made wonderfully rapid progress and the goods manufactured there equal the finest made in Ontario. The construction of the Northwest Central Railroad will no doubt open up a district from which cheese will be quite an item of export.

A MODEL of a self-acting and self-registering grain measure invented about a year ago by Mr. Witt, of Aix la Chappelle, and since patented in Canada, the United States and other countries, is shown by Mr. D. W. Riedle, of this city. It is an exceedingly simple, but at the same time ingenious design, and he claims for the machine the utmost exactness, together with great rapidity in its work, its capacity being from 5,000 to 10,000 bushels per hour. He is confident that it will prove of very great utility in elevators. He has imported one of the machines, which is now in Montreal.—*Free Press.*