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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 27, 1888.

COWAN & RICHARD, general store, Battleford, Sask., have assigned in trust.

DR. CROOKSHANK and E. McCormick will open a drug store at Rapid City, Man.

THOS. GRUMMETT, carriage shop, Rapid City, will add pump manufacturing to his business.

GEORGE BARD, the proprietor of the Morden House, Morden, Man., has sold out to Brown and McCallum.

A PARTNERSHIP has been formed between E. P. Davis and H. S. Cayley, of Calgary, for the practice of law.

A. SHAW is about to take charge of the Minnedosa town business of the Maxwell implement firm, in connection with John E. Menzies.

MCLEOD & MCKENZIE, Royal Oak hotel, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by L. McKenzie.

D. A. McARTHUR, grocer, Winnipeg, sold out to D. W. McLean; business will be continued under the style of A. D. McLean & Co.

INFORMATION it is said has been received from financial sources that the Regina and Long Lake Railway will be extended to Saskatoon this season.

W. M. FISHER, late assistant inspector of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company, has been appointed manager of the Winnipeg branch in place of F. B. Ross, who has gone east.

W. H. RONAN, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Morden, Man., has sold out to Angus McLeod, late of Winnipeg. It is said that Ronan has left for the United States, leaving a few sorrowing creditors to mourn his departure.

A. E. SHANTZ, grocer, Morden, Man., has sold out to Dorkson Bros.

FERDINAND & DION, butchers, Norman (Rat Portage), have given up business.

D. McAskill has rented the boarding department of the Northern Hotel, Winnipeg.

It is said Dr. Harrison, M.P.P., contemplates opening a private bank at Minnedosa, Man.

J. P. DILL, general dealer, of Wolsley, Assa, who has been east buying a plant for a cheese factory, has returned and will begin operations at once.

THE general stock of the estate of J. E. Thomas, of Portage la Prairie, amounting to \$10,050, and fixtures, \$860, will be offered for sale on March 1st next. R. J. Whittle is the assignee.

THE expenditure of the town of Calgary last year was \$44,010.20, made up principally of the following items: Fire, water and light, \$12,319.47; public works, \$1,001.76; executive and finance, \$7,669.53; police and relief, 3,379.95; markets and health, \$391.63, debentures for fire engine, \$4,000; public school, \$2,712.34; R. C. school, \$476.66, discount on notes, \$631.46; Elbow bridge, \$3,000. Of this amount \$30,000 was raised by debentures; \$9,000 in taxes, whilst fines, licenses, etc., furnished about \$4,000. A balance against the town of \$1,832 is due at the Bank of Montreal.

HON. JOSEPH MARTIN, Attorney-General of Manitoba, gives notice that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next session, for an Act authorizing and empowering the Government of the Province of Manitoba to construct a railway and passenger swing bridge across the Assiniboine river within the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba; and a railway and passenger swing bridge across the said Assiniboine river at or near the town of Portage la Prairie, in the said Province, with all the powers, privileges and authority necessary for the proper accomplishment of the object.

At a late meeting of the Calgary council a communication was read from Wm. R. Kennedy, of Ernestown, Ont., who proposes establishing a woollen mill at Calgary. He did not ask a bonus, but simply an advance of five or six thousand dollars from either the municipality or private resources. On this advance he would pay interest, and the principal would be paid back as in the case of an ordinary loan. He would expect the ten years exemption from taxation. The mill he proposed erecting would employ twelve to fifteen hands the first year and would be improved as was found necessary. He desired to begin operations in June. The communication was referred to the public works committee.

THE hotels and saloons at Calgary have heretofore been obliged to pay a license of \$100, though no intoxicating liquors are permitted to be sold. A deputation of the dealers waited on the town council lately to protest against this tax. They stated that the sale of cigars is about their only source of revenue, and it is therefore unfair to impose a tax whilst the stores are permitted to sell cigars free. It was offered that if the council would place a tax of \$25 upon all persons selling cigars, the hotel

and saloon men would pay the \$100 license fee. The members of the council believed that the hotel and saloon licenses should be protected in the manner set forth by the deputation, and it was decided to submit the question to the town solicitor as to whether a tax on retail cigar dealers was legal.

SAULTS, of the Revere hotel, Biuscarth, has sold out.

S. Jones, Royal Hotel, Victoria, offers his business for sale.

J. K. Ritchie, hotel keeper, Donald, offers his business for sale.

A MEETING of the council of the Regina board of trade was held on Tuesday last. A resolution was passed to memorialize the Minister of Agriculture to take steps for the erection of an immigrant shed and the appointment of an immigrant agent here. Another resolution was passed appointing a committee to obtain written information from reliable sources respecting the condition of settlement on homesteads and pre-emptions within a radius of twenty miles of Regina; the land board to be petitioned to proceed with the cancellation of such lands as have been found neglected by occupants for two years, and the further cancellation of pre-emptions obtained under homestead law, notwithstanding that patent shall have been obtained, provided the occupants be found to be absent for two years or longer and their pre-emptions remain unpaid. J. H. Brownlee was present and completed arrangements for the publication of twenty thousand copies of a map. The sum of \$400 was voted for this purpose.

NOTWITHSTANDING the vehement and emphatic denials from C. P. Ry. officials, it has been shown to the satisfaction of most people that the company has been using its rolling stock to carry flour and wheat from Minneapolis at 13½ cents per 100 pounds lower than the corresponding rates from Winnipeg, whilst Manitoba has been left without cars. The Winnipeg *Free Press* says:—

“Mr. Van Horne yesterday telegraphed Superintendent Whyte as follows:—

‘I see it stated by Winnipeg papers that blockade is owing to diversion of cars to Sault route. Only fourteen Canadian Pacific cars have gone west of Sault since connection was made at that point. All of this business has been done by cars of other lines.’

In response to a message of inquiry from the *Free Press*, its correspondent at Ste. Marie, Mich., wired as follows:—

‘The C. P. R. have sent over two hundred empty cars west to Minneapolis since the road opened.’

The discriminating reader is left to draw his own deduction.”

EVEN the Toronto *Monetary Times* a staunch monopoly organ, has at last been forced to recognize the injury to this country from grain blockade, etc. In discussing the subject it says: “The service rendered by the company cannot be expected to give satisfaction, if while Canadian traffic is delayed, even during one month of the year, foreign business is being done at a less cost than is charged to our own people.”