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WINNIPEG, MAY 14, 1888.

A CHEESE factory will be established at Assissippi, Man.

R. McLENAGHEN will shortly open a general store at Minnedosa.

ROBT. KING, blacksmith, Shoal Lake, Man., has sold out to Jas. Young.

JOHN EVERALL, furniture, Neepawa, Man., has sold out to Jas. Ritchie.

H. F. HOLMES, dealer in hardware, Rat Portage, will move to Keewatin.

ROBERT WOOD, jeweler, Port Arthur, contemplates giving up business.

S. PEASE, general store, Strathclair, Man., has sold out to A. R. Sutherland.

CURTIS & ROTT, furniture dealers, Emerson, Man., have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Rott.

THE available stock of the estate of J. A. Tees & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, amounting to \$13,319, is offered for sale by tender, up to May 19th.

It was reported in one of the local papers last week that J. D. Gillies, general merchant, Minnedosa, had suspended. We are pleased to state that such is not the case. Mr. Gillies considers himself in a perfectly solvent condition and fully able to pay 100 cents in the dollar, and he estimates his surplus in stock, accounts and real property at over \$40,000. Owing perhaps to a little too great freedom in giving credit, he finds himself in temporarily close circumstances financially, and at his request a party who has the confidence of all concerned has been appointed to oversee the business. The book debts are owing mostly by farmers in the vicinity, and are considered as mostly good.

SIDNEY SMITH will open a machine shop at Fort William.

AUSTIN & KEYTE, carpenters and builders, have opened business at Fort William.

JOHN COBN has again assumed management of the Ottawa House, at Virden, Man.

THE Northern Hotel, Port Arthur, F. S. Wiley, manager, opened on May 1st for the reception of guests.

McKINNON BROS., general merchants, of Rat Portage and Keewatin, will close their branch at the former place.

THE Virden, Man., *Advance* says:—We understand that J. J. Caulfield has purchased A. C. Freeborn's liquor stock at this place.

THE Bank of Montreal statement was discussed by the board of directors on Tuesday. It shows ten and five-eighths per cent net earnings.

A SCHEME is on foot for publishing a large number of circulars setting forth the advantages of Fort William and vicinity as a manufacturing centre.

VEASEY & BLAND, photographers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Bland will continue the business and Veasey intends leaving for Fargo, Dakota.

THE Medicine Hat *Times* now appears daily. This is certainly very enterprising. Medicine Hat will be the smallest town in Canada which can boast of a daily paper.

LESEUR has commenced a new industry at Calgary, as marble cutter and manufacturer. He uses the native stone, which takes a fine polish and looks very handsome.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to establish a hospital at Brandon. The Local and Dominion Governments will be asked to give assistance, as will also the adjoining municipalities.

THE drug and stationery business of R. B. Barnes & Co., of Lethbridge, Alberta, has been taken over by E. C. Wilson & Co., who will continue it in the future. Wilson was lately connected with Bleasdel's drug store at Macleod.

THE Commercial Bank of Manitoba has declared a dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, for the past half year. The annual meeting of stock holders for the election of directors will be held on Saturday, 23rd of June next.

IN the Manitoba legislature, Hon. Mr. Prendergast has given notice of his intention to introduce a bill to regulate the closing of stores and the hours of labor therein for children and young persons. The bill will probably be modeled after the recent Ontario Act.

STARTING May 1st, H. J. Woodside and A. H. McIntyre, jewellers, Portage la Prairie, Man., have commenced to close their respective places of business during the summer at 6 p.m. By this decision these gentlemen have set an example of consideration for their employees which is worthy of imitation.

AT a meeting of the Port Arthur dry goods merchants it was decided to keep the stores open, commencing May 1st, until eight o'clock in the evening, excepting Saturdays. It was also decided to give a Friday afternoon holiday each month, and it was expected the other stores would follow this arrangement.

J. A. OSBORNE, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, has sold out.

AL NEALY has opened a blacksmith shop at Regina.

A. ALLAN, hotel, Langenburg, has sold out to J. Leacock.

— DAVIDSON, photographer, Rapid City, has moved to Carberry, Man.

FRANCIS MIDDLETON, general store, Viola Dale, Man., is giving up business.

THE value of goods imported into Regina in March was \$486; duty, \$147.40. Value of free goods, \$380. April dutiable goods amounted to \$348; duty collected, \$138.32; free goods, \$981.

THE Brandon board of trade has been invited by the Ottawa Government by telegram to send a delegate to Ottawa on the 15th to represent the board in deciding the proposed new wheat grades for the West.

PRICES at the Brandon farmers' market last week were: Wheat, from 55 to 57c; oats, 23 to 25c; cattle, 3½ to 3¾c live weight; hogs, 5c live weight; butter, 15 to 18c per lb.; eggs, 12½c per dozen; potatoes, 25c a bushel.

A CABLE, May 8th, says: The Glasgow exhibition was opened to-day. The Canadian exhibit, in charge of Captain Clark and Thomas Graham, includes cereals, timber, minerals, natural history, paintings and photographs. The exhibition promises to be the most successful ever held in Scotland.

EVEREST & KERN, of Greenridge, have built a steam launch with which they intend to navigate Lake Manitoba. The dimensions of the boat are 22 feet over all with eight feet beam. Everest is interested in the New Douglas house with F. Starkey, and he proposes placing his boat at the disposal of guests of the hotel for sporting purposes.

THE bucket shop bill before Parliament excites much comment, a strong revulsion of feeling has taken place among the members of stock exchanges regarding its effects. A. R. Lunn, Q.C., and C. A. Geoffrion, Q.C., legal advisers to the Montreal board, declare that if it becomes law all marginal transactions will come under its provisions.

THE committee on agriculture of the Manitoba Legislature will recommend that a sum be placed in the estimates for the collecting of samples of agricultural products, the same to be expended through the various electoral division agricultural societies, and that a sum be placed in the estimates for the encouragement of cheese factories and creameries on a basis of not over a \$50 grant to each factory that manufactures 20,000 lbs. of cheese, and each creamery that makes 7,000 lbs. of butter.

THE special Mackenzie river committee of the Dominion Senate, over which Senator Schultz has presided, has sent an exploration party to the district; and accompanying them a naturalist has been sent by the Government to investigate the natural products of that great region, both as regards its vegetable as well as its mineral products. In the person of James Macoun, son of Prof. Macoun, the charge of making extensive collections both of the flora and fauna of that great basin has been entrusted.