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WINNIPEG, APRIL 22, 1884.

DOIG & COOK, hotel keepers, have dissolved partnership.

BISHOP & SHELTON, furniture dealers, Winnipeg, have opened up a branch house at Calgary.

JOHN A. MOORE, dealer in glass and china ware, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust to A. Chevrier.

STONE & MEIGHEN, general storekeepers, Rapid City, are selling out their business to McDowall & Shannon.

PORT ARTHUR, Ontario, has been incorporated as a town, and the first election of a Council is fixed for May 5th.

NEXT week there will be a change in the C.P.R. passenger arrangements, and two trains a week will go to and from Calgary.

THE new mining regulations of the Dominion Government are causing great dissatisfaction among the practical miners of Silver City.

CALGARY has been made a Customs and Warehousing Port, and is placed under the survey of the Collector of Customs at Winnipeg.

MUNRO & WARWICK, dealers in stoves and tinware, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by George Munro.

J. B. FERGUSON, of Parsons & Ferguson, wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, is about to start for Victoria, British Columbia, to open up a branch house in that city.

A SPECIAL immigrant train having seven cars of stock and effects, and one coach of passengers, arrived from the Eastern Provinces last night, and proceeded westward shortly after its arrival.

WILLIAMS & HARRISON BROTHERS, general storekeepers and saw-millers, Wakopa, have dissolved partnership, Harrison Bros. continuing the saw-mill, and C. W. Williams the general store.

A CHARTER has been applied for, for the Assiniboine Valley Stock and Dairy Farming Company. The objects of the Company are farming, stock raising and cheese and butter manufacture.

THE ice on the Red and Assiniboine rivers has been slowly moving down to the lake for several days, and by the end of the week navigation on both will be open. There are no fears of any flood this season.

THE Saskatchewan Coal Co's effects are at present in the hands of the sheriff, and are advertised to be sold on the 30th inst. It is expected that an arrangement for sale by private bargain may be reached before that.

FERON, SHAW & STUART, commission merchants, Winnipeg, have rented extensive premises on Princess street, on the corner of Alexander, where they will carry on a wholesale grain and general produce business.

THE steamer *Argyle*, owned by Mr. R. R. McMannan, a contractor on the C.P.R. construction north of Lake Superior, wintered at Sault Ste. Marie. She is now being overhauled, and will be ready for work as soon as navigation opens.

HON. MR. LARIVIERE is laying his property, on the St. Boniface bank of the Red River, protected against caving in by means of piles driven, as has been done by the corporation of the town to protect the bank near the east pier of the Broadway Bridge.

BRADLEY & STANLEY, transfer agents, Brandon, have dissolved partnership.

ALREADY survey parties are busy at work locating a temporary route through the Kicking Horse Pass in the Rocky Mountains, and very shortly the work of construction of the C.P.R. through the mountain country of British Columbia will be vigorously pushed.

THE stock, appertaining to the estate of Rolls & Neelands, druggists, of the city, amounting to \$13,000, was bought last Friday, by J. S. Coolican & Co., at 27c on the dollar, cash. The book debts sold at 15c on the dollar; the purchaser was Mr. Stewart, and the amount \$6,900.

IT has been decided to rebuild the Hudson Bay Company's steam mills, which were recently destroyed by fire, at Prince Albert. Men are already at work getting out the necessary timbers. New machinery will be ordered at once. It is the intention to have the mill, which will combine all modern improvements in running order by the 1st of September.

ED. L. DREWRY, of the Redwood Brewery, Winnipeg, contemplates erecting a 50,000 bushel capacity elevator for the handling of barley alone. The manufacture of lager, which he already finds a profitable undertaking, will make extra demands on his malting arrangements, and warrants him in the new venture. His keg beer is fast displacing foreign competitors.

THE disgraceful state of our streets is not likely to undergo any improvement during the present summer. The bye-law providing for Main street being gravelled is pretty certain to be petitioned down by the property owners, and so will all practical schemes fail, until the City Council is composed of business men, instead of a collection of schemers and imbeciles like what are now in it.

SOME enemies of the Winnipeg elevator system, are so foolish as to assert that an elevator here will cost \$1 a bushel of its capacity. The mill and elevator of the Portage la Prairie Milling Company cost less than \$60,000, although constructed at a time when building material was at fancy prices. The elevator itself cost a little over 20c a bushel of its capacity, and a 500,000 capacity one can be constructed in this city now at much smaller proportionate figures.