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WINNIPEG, MARCH 18, 1884.

S. J. HOGG, dealer in lumber, Calgary, has opened a branch at Silver City.

H. T. DUPARS, of Emerson, has sold out his branch grocery store at Gretna.

A. D. SUTHERLAND & Co. are opening out in the grocery business at Fort William.

A. D. KERSH, tinsmith, Gretna, has given up business there and gone back to Emerson.

MR. A. WALLACE is opening a collecting and employment agency in McNee's Block, opposite the Brunswick Hotel.

J. A. WRIGHT, dealer in dry goods and clothing, Winnipeg, has sold out the dry goods branch of his business.

J. C. HASKINS, hotelkeeper, Port Arthur, has joined partnership with W. Dobbie in the grocery business, and the new firm will be known as Haskins & Dobbie.

THE Manitoba Parliament was formally opened by the Lieutenant-Governor on Thursday last. The prominent points in the address from the throne are contained in Mr. Norquay's memorandum.

THE Winnipeg Barb Wire Works are likely in future to be carried on by a joint stock company, J. A. Brooks & Co., the present proprietors being now endeavoring to form a company for that purpose.

MR. M. H. MILLER, an old resident of Winnipeg, who has been absent from the city for two years, has returned, and intends remaining here as resident agent of several of the leading cotton and woolen mills of eastern Canada.

THERE are considerable signs of returning life becoming apparent around the different iron manufacturing concerns in the city, and inside of two weeks it is expected that operations in this trade will develop into real activity.

IT is now almost beyond question that no bankruptcy legislation of any kind will pass the Dominion Parliament this session, and considerable discontent is expressed thereat by numerous of the Winnipeg wholesale merchants and manufacturers.

THERE has been another change in the proprietorship of the West Lynne brewery. A. A. Nugent [has sold out his interest to J. Martin who will continue the business in partnership with John Woodley under the firm name of John Woodley & Co.

THE new freight tariff on the C.P.R. will greatly revolutionize through rates from the east to the Northwest, but it is hinted by managers of the road that no change will be made in local rates, and the discrimination against Winnipeg, so keenly felt, will not be removed.

MR. C. N. BELL's new work, entitled, "Our Northern Waters," has only been on sale at the different stationery stores in the city since Friday last, and already nearly one thousand copies have been sold. No one interested in the Hudson's Bay route should fail to secure a copy.

THE Winnipeg & Western Transportation Company are already making preparations for the opening of navigation, and Captain J. B. Davies, their manager, is now in the city waiting for the commencement of operations. They will run only two boats upon the Saskatchewan this coming summer.

IT is rumored that during the coming summer the St. P.M. & M. railway company intend to place steamers on the Red River between St. Vincent and Winnipeg. This move is intended

to neutralize the choke-off rates which the C.P.R. have been working on between the boundary line and the capital.

MR. MOELLER, traffic manager of the St. P. M. & M., made a flying visit to Winnipeg on Thursday last, to take in the situation, and, although his stay was short, he learned enough to show that freight rates on the St. P.M. & M. must undergo a radical change. The summer freight rates on that line will probably astonish many people in this country.

LAST Tuesday the Council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade waited upon the members of the Local Government, and expressed their sympathy with Mr. Norquay in his endeavors to secure provincial rights as set forth in his memorandum. The subject of a reduction of tariff on agricultural machinery, lumber and canned goods was also urged. Members of the Government asked numerous questions upon the latter point, and were answered by the members of the Council. Mr. Norquay and his colleagues thanked the Council for their expression of sympathy.

THE City Council of Winnipeg are in a bad fix at present. They want a bye-law sanctioned by the citizens which will enable the Council to borrow \$671,000, and are afraid the ratepayers will vote it down. Of the amount asked only \$200,000 would be left after the city had discharged its present obligations in connection with contracts now let. The city has thus some \$471,000 of obligations incurred by the Council, the bulk of which are unsanctioned by the ratepayers, and undertaken in direct opposition to their expressed opinion. There is trouble brewing for the city of Winnipeg.

THERE are doubts about a settlement with creditors being reached in the case of Lewis Arnett, dry goods merchant, Winnipeg. Two creditors have been trying a little sharp practice which is likely to result in injury to themselves as well as the insolvent. Mr. Arnett has made a brave struggle, and at the same time a foolishly self-sacrificing one in favor of his creditors, and any pressure put upon him now would amount to placing a tax upon honest endeavor. Strange as it may seem, the creditor who has been best treated is now his greatest oppressor, but such is frequently the case.