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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 5, 1888.

C. J. CHALMERS, grocer, Winnipeg, is dead.
 J. A. GUYER, hotelkeeper, Brandon, has sold out.
 THE Emerson Times, has been sold to Keys & Mackie.
 D. MCKILLOP has opened a furniture store at Rapid City, Man.
 ONE Gray, of Qu'Appelle, has opened a butcher shop at Regina.
 J. S. HUSTON, pictures, Brandon, is adding stationery to his business.
 MRS. H. WHITE, confectionery, etc., Brandon, has sold out to Henry Cowan.
 THE contract for 1,600 feet of an addition to the breakwater at Port Arthur, has been let.
 J. K. MCLENNAN, Winnipeg, has formed a partnership with W. Nelson, and opening up business at Treherne.
 LEANDER HIBBARD, furniture, Winnipeg, has admitted Frank Rogers into partnership, under style of Hibbard & Co.
 THE machinery has been taken out of the biscuit factory at Portage la Prairie, Man., and shipped to Vancouver, B. C.
 T. E. JACKSON, Prince Albert, Sask., contemplates building a new drug store on the site of his former one, which was burned down some years ago.
 THE Manitoba and Northwest Picket Wire Fence Company have established a factory at Moosomin, Assa., under the management of S. J. Emanuels. This is a new patent fencing, invented by J. G. Carroll.

JOHNSTON & Co, general storekeepers, Emerson, are selling out by auction.

JAS. SMITH, a practical tinmith, has commenced business at Virden, Man.

B. B. BRADLEY has started, in the butcher business at Qu'Appelle station.

HAMILTON & BADGLEY, lumber, Emerson, are disposing of their business to McDonald & Muller.

E. M. GATLIF, lumber, Emerson, has admitted one Adams into partnership, and is opening a branch at St. Jean Baptiste.

A BY-LAW to raise \$15,000 to assist in the settlement of the vacant lands surrounding Winnipeg, will be voted upon by the electors of this city, on November 20th.

THE first shipment of caviar ever made from Port Arthur was shipped last week, to Chicago, by John Hass. The shipment contained several hundred pounds. It is expected there will be great developments in this industry another season.

THE Massey Manufacturing Co., will erect a handsome implement warehouse at Portage la Prairie, Man. The building will be 40x70 feet, two stories in height, and the cost will be nearly \$2,700. Next spring the building will be brick veneered.

THE Brandon Times has changed the terms used in quoting live stock from "beef, mutton, and pork" to "cattle, sheep and pigs." The Times is still wrong. The word "pig" is only properly applied to the young of swine. "Hog" may seem a rather rough word for the evidently over nice market reporter of the Times to write, but it is nevertheless the correct commercial term to apply in the case.

THE report that Laurie Bros, the well known general merchants of Morris, Man., had formed a partnership with another trader of that place, is utterly without truth. The report is supposed to have been sent out by a newspaper correspondent at Morris, and was intended as a joke. It is difficult, however, to see the joke in the circulation of a report of this nature, and the correspondent, if he has any sense, should know that he is committing a very serious offence in perpetrating "jokes" of such a nature.

PRICES to farmers at Brandon last week, according to the Times, were:—Wheat—There have been about 115,000 bushels marketed in Brandon up to Saturday, Oct. 27. The price paid will average \$1.03 per bushel. The present price for No. 1 hard is \$1.05, damaged from 60 to 80cts. Oats—Are quoted at from 22 to 25cts. per bushel. Barley—Has dropped. The highest price being paid now is 45cts. per bushel. Potatoes—Are bringing readily 50cts. per bushel. Cattle—The market is firm with the price varying from 2½ to 3c. per pound. 2½c is about the ruling price, but sometimes 3c. is paid for an extra nice animal. Hogs—Have taken a slight advance, being now quoted at from 5½ to 5¾c per pound live weight. Chickens, Ducks and Turkeys—run from 10 to 11c per pound dressed. Butter—There was more brought in last week than for some time past. The price stands firm at from 20 to 23c per pound. Eggs—Are quoted from 18 to 20c per dozen.

ANDREW PATTERSON, of the Rapid City cheese factory, manufactured for the season between ten and eleven tons.

THE commissioners appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the town of Minnedosa, Man., will meet at the place named, on Nov. 27th. Parties interested should be represented at the meeting.

THE Territorial Assembly had an informal meeting Thursday, and selected Haultain, of Alberta, Mitchell, of Saskatchewan, Jelley, of Western Assiniboia, and Sutherland, of Eastern Assiniboia, as an advisory board to the Lieutenant-Governor.

THE town of Carberry, Man., is one of the progressive places of the province. Among the buildings in course of erection are Robertson's fine store, for a furniture show room; Miniack's two fine stores, near the centre of the town, and several fine residences. It is reported that Henderson & Burton, general merchants, of Carberry and Oak Lake, have sold out their Oak Lake business.

THE following are the customs returns at Winnipeg for the month of October:
 Collected in October, 1887.....\$30,424 27
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Increase.....\$ 15,191 99
 For the same time Internal Revenue collections were:—
 Spirits.....\$10,562 97
 Tobacco..... 7,040 40
 Cigars..... 255 00
 Petroleum inspection..... 345 65
 Malt..... 1,110 89

Total.....\$19,315 21
 Savings bank returns for October were:—
 Deposits..... \$21,834 00
 Withdrawals..... 37,472 57

Withdrawals exceeded deposits by \$ 15,638 57
 Balance due depositors, October 31.\$913,654 44

A RUMOR was circulated in Winnipeg on Tuesday that the C. P. R. railway bridge across the Assiniboine river at Headingly, had been burned. The rumor was circulated in a mysterious way, but later on it was learned that the bridge had actually been on fire, but the fire had been discovered and extinguished before much damage was done. The friends of the C. P. R., and one Winnipeg journal in particular, at once boldly asserted that the bridge had been fired by enemies of the company, on account of the present railway troubles. There is no good reason, however, to suppose that such is the case. There is no more reason to make such a charge than there is to suppose, as also hinted by many, that perhaps some friends of the company who wished to work up sympathy for the corporation know more about the firer than any enemies of the railway corporation. Hostility to the C. P. R. is not at all likely to take the form of outrage against the property of the company, and no attempts in this direction will be tolerated. So far there is little ground for belief that the Headingly fire can be attributed to enemies of the company, or that any unlawful acts will be committed of such a nature.