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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 4, 1889.

J. H. ASHDOWN has gone on a business trip to California.

PHIZACKLEA BROS. have rented the Royal hotel, Binscarth, Man.

W. B. UNSWORTH has been appointed agent for the Northern Pacific railway at Portage la Prairie.

MR. MCGAW, of Hastings Bros. & Co., was at Port Arthur last week to close the contract re flour mill.

J. A. BRECKON, of Whitewood, Assa., whose hotel was burned, will resume business at that place shortly.

FORGET & FRASER, advocates and conveyancers, land agents, etc., have opened an office at Battleford, Sask. Territory.

R. G. ATKINSON, of Deloraine, has been appointed H. S. Westbrook's agent for the sale of his agricultural implements, west of the Souris river.

T. HENDERSON, merchant tailor, of Edmonton, intends moving to Lethbridge, Alberta, and opening up in business about the middle of February.

THE new mammoth elevator at Fort William with a capacity of one and a quarter millions, was formally opened last week by Supt. Whyte, Passenger Agent Kerr, Supt. Timmerman and others.

At the last Port Arthur council meeting a resolution was adopted to pass a by-law reducing the number of hotel licenses in town from nineteen to ten. The license fee will also be increased; Hotel men are considerably agitated,

A MOVEMENT is on foot to establish a local insurance company at Brandon.

HERRON, of Deloraine, Man., is talking of adding a furniture line to his stock.

M. F. KALMBACH, of Minneapolis, was here last week with a view of going into the fish business on Lake Winnipeg.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to start a water works system at Brandon. Some of the leading citizens are agitating the question.

J. D. MCKENZIE, of the Brunswick hotel, Minnedosa, has returned from a trip to Colorado. He is still in poor health.

ED. TERRAN, of the International hotel, Maple Creek, has opened a blacksmith shop at that place, under the management of a competent smith.

A PETITION is in circulation among the business men of Rapid City, Man., asking Dr. Harrison, of Neopawa, to start a private bank in that place.

JOHN FLEMING succeeds Cowles & Yerex, late of the Commercial hotel, Maple Creek, Assa., the latter having taken the American hotel at Medicine Hat.

MACLEOD Gazette: Private advices from Ottawa assure us that construction upon the proposed bridges at Macleod, Kipp and Lethbridge will be commenced at the earliest possible moment.

DELORAINÉ Times: A letter was received in Deloraine last week from a flour miller in Heidelberg, Ont., asking particulars as to the opening for a flour mill here, what bonus would be given, etc.

THE bankrupt stock of George A. Crosthwaite, general merchant, Souris, Man., will be offered for sale by auction, on Feb. 5th, at Wolf's auction room, Winnipeg. The stock and fixtures amounts to about \$3,960, and book debts \$4,470.

A COPY of the Montreal Witness, illustrated carnival number, has been received. Those who cannot go to the great carnival, can get a copy of this number at the book store, and just imagine they are taking in the carnival while looking at the illustrations.

CALGARY Tribune: We have received a lump of coal, weighing about twenty-five pounds, from the sixty foot seam on the banks of the Red Deer. Although taken from the face of the cliff, and has been exposed for years, it is hard and solid, and resembles closely that taken from the mine at Anthracite.

JOHN CHAMBERS, of Lachute, Que., arrived in Winnipeg last week. He is here as the representative of some forty or fifty English speaking families, who desire to remove to this country next spring, and intends interviewing land companies and real estate firms with a view to securing locations for them in the same district, in Manitoba.

D. W. BOLE, the retiring president of the Regina board of trade, gives the following figures, gathered from threshers, of the grain threshed in the Regina district up to Dec. 31st, 1888, as follows: Wheat, 147,753 bushels; barley, 9,759 bushels; oats and other grains, 123,742 bushels; total, 281,242 bushels. Wheat marketed, 70,384 bushels.

J. BURGHALL & SONS have located at Qu'Appelle Station as contractors and builders.

D. KILGOUR, of Morden, has rented the McInnis hotel, at Thornhill, Man. It is understood a license has been secured for the house.

H. SHOREY & Co, wholesale clothing, Montreal, have contributed one of the finest calendars which have reached this office this season.

PORT ARTHUR has agreed to exempt C. P. Railway improvements from taxation, in consideration of the passenger and light traffic being handled at that port.

THE stables, slaughter house, piggery, engine and boiler-house of W. G. Smith, butcher, Port Arthur, were consumed by fire last week. Loss \$15,000; insurance \$7,000.

It is said that Otto Schultz and H. P. Hansen, late of the firm of E. Penner & Co., have purchased lots at Grotna and will open a store there as soon as a building can be put up.

THE H. B. Co. has been awarded the contract for the delivery of 75,000 pounds of oats required by the N. W. M. P. at Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan during the current year at 55c a bushel.

THE C. P. R. Company's telegraph system has been extended to St. John, N. B., and an office opened at that point. Connection will be made at once with all principal offices in the Maritime provinces.

WILLIAMS & GOOSIR, who started in the furniture business at Portage la Prairie about a year ago, have sold out to A. E. Thomson, of Winnipeg. Goosir intends leaving town. Williams will, it is said, remain and resume business on his own account.

L. A. HAMILTON, C. P. R. land commissioner, says the C. P. R. next season will undertake an extensive scheme to bring out and locate immigrants on the company's lands. The company has ten agents at work in Europe, and all report the prospects of an influx next spring very favorable. In addition to European immigrants two shiploads of Icelanders are expected.

AN Ottawa telegram says: Customs Inspector Young, of Winnipeg, seized about \$1,000 worth of tobacco from a Fort Macleod firm. He noticed the tobacco lying in the store, none of the packages having the Government stamp. The firm pretended that the duty thereon had been paid at Winnipeg, but subsequent investigation proved that the goods had entered the country from Montana.

SIR DONALD SMITH arrived at Montreal last week from England. Sir Donald denied the rumor that the Hudson's Bay company was to be run on the same lines as the old East India company. There would be no change beyond the necessary progressive changes that have been going on in the past, that is to adapt the business of the company to the altering circumstances of the country. There was some little misunderstanding, he said, at the annual meeting but the accounts of it were magnified and all was smoothed over now. The headquarters of the company would not be changed to Montreal at present. Canadian affairs, he added, are looking well in England and he is sure we will have a good class of immigrants next year.