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WINNIPEG, MAY 22, 1883.

Two paper mills are in course of erection at Rat Portage.

SAVING began in the mills at Keewatin on Thursday last.

THOS. HOULGRAVE, hotel keeper, Virden, is about to sell out.

The firm of Wallis, Ramsey & Co., bankers, Minnedosa, have dissolved partnership.

W. F. HUBLEY & Co., general storekeepers, Plum Creek, have sold out to McLean & Co.

THE new billiard hall in connection with the Tecumseh House was opened on Saturday night.

THE store of wheat in Winnipeg has been increased by the contents of the H. B. Co's. mill at West Lynne.

THE effects of Ward & Richards, brick-makers, St. Boniface, will be sold out in a few days by the sheriff.

HERV & SMITH, hotel keepers, Qu'Appelle, have dissolved partnership. Henry Herb continues the business.

THE bailiff has taken possession of the effects of D. McCaskill, lessee of the McCaskill Hotel, on the landlord's warrant.

ALLEN BROS., wholesale jewelers, of Montreal and Winnipeg, have decided on giving up their branch in the latter city.

DIER BROS., general storekeepers of Struth Clair, have now obtained the extension of time asked for by them some time ago.

THE firm of Meikle & Dickson, furniture dealers, Carman City, have dissolved partnership. Thomas B. Meikle continues.

WHITE & GIBSON, of the St. Lawrence restaurant, Main street, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Henry White.

MESSRS. HOFFMAN & co., of the New York Store in Portage la Prairie, are packing up their stock which they are about to remove to Port Arthur.

A MOVEMENT has been instituted at Brandon for the closing of stores at 7.30 p. m., but has met some opposition and is in danger of collapsing.

SAUL BROS., contractors and builders, intend to manufacture 3,000,000 bricks at St. Boniface West this season, and commence operations this week.

THE brewery of Messrs. Calcutt & Tait at Silver Heights was completely destroyed by fire last Friday night. \$12,000 of the loss was covered by insurance.

R. H. CROX, of the Palace Hotel, Notre Dame street, west, has got into financial difficulties in, consequence of which his effects have been sold out by the bailiff.

THOS. EMES, of the Norfolk House, has leased the brick block on Main street formerly occupied by Stobart, Eden & Co. He intends to convert it into a billiard room and restaurant.

AN agent of the C. P. R. has succeeded in purchasing upwards of 500 bushels of potatoes in the Selkirk district. They have been shipped to Winnipeg en route for the camps in the west.

THE crop prospects around Portage la Prairie are more favorable than ever this year. The

area is the largest ever sown, and the crops have been got in in excellent form. With the advent of rain last week, the felicity of Portage farmers was completed.

THE coal seam adjacent to Belly River, thirty miles below Fort Macleod, has been secured by an English company, who have contracted to supply 150 tons a day at Medicine Hat during the summer.

A CAR load of metal and hardware shipped from Toronto via the Credit Valley arrived in Winnipeg nine days afterwards. This is the best freight time on record. The usual time occupied in transit is a fortnight, but it is often a month or more.

THE store built on Broad street, Regina, by Mr. Harman has been taken by Mr. Fleetham, who will soon open with a stock of furniture, pianos, organs, etc. A millinery business will be carried on by Mrs. Fleetham.

THERE has been a good deal of discussion among storekeepers during the week as to taking active steps in the matter of early closing. Nothing tangible has yet been done, but the attention which the matter is now receiving seems very likely to result in action.

THE C. P. R. Co., is likely to be offered a bonus of \$100,000, on condition that they extend the Pembina Mountain Branch through the municipality of Louise by the first day of Nov. next. A by-law to that effect has been passed at Pilot Mound and is about to be submitted to the electors.

THE following are the ravages of the recent fire at Qu'Appelle so far as business places are concerned: The general stores of S. H. Caswell, John Gould and Lamb & Dickson, completely destroyed; T. Jones' hotel and Lee & Raymond's billiard rooms, also completely destroyed. R. McMann's hotel was slightly damaged.

SOME idea of the great future in store for the cattle ranche industry in the North-west may be formed from the success attained in the neighboring territory of Montana. The Miles City Press figures up 293,000 head of cattle now grazing on the ranges tributary to that place.