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WINNIPEG, JUNE 17, 1889.

A. LEVY, tailor, Brandon, was burned out.

J. M. CARROLL has opened a general store at Beaver, B. C.

About 300 mining locations have been made around Nelson, B. C., recently.

RAWLINSON BROS. have opened a grocery business at Naniamo, B. C.

MURCHISON & DERRAUGH, soda water manufacturers, Vancouver, B. C., have dissolved.

S. JONES, hotelkeeper, Victoria, has leased to S. Jones, junr.

Two excursion trains from the East arrived last week with about 350 people on board.

THE C. P. R. have advanced the price of their town lots at Morden.

J. T. JACKSON has lought out the livery business of J. A. Whitmore at Moose Jaw.

MACAULA, HIGGINBOTTOM & Co., have opened a general store at Esterhaz.

A HARDWARE store, and two butcher shops are in course of erection at Saltcoats.

D. MOWAT, general merchant, Regina proposes disposing of his business.

A. CAMERON & Co., general storekeepers, Oak Lake. A. Cameron has purchased the entire interest in this business.

WINNIPEG CO-OPERATIVE TRADING ASSOCIATION, grocers, Winnipeg, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

THE use of barb wire for fencing is to be prohibited in this city. A by law is now in course of preparation for that purpose by the city solicitor.

GIRVING & ROBINSON, of the city, have been awarded the contract for bridging on the Morris Branch of the N. P. & M. Railway.

THE Royal Soap Company will resume manufacturing operations in their new building on King street to-day.

BURNELL, McDONALD & Co., general merchants, Victoria, Vancouver and Naniamo, have disposed of their Naniamo business.

JOHN McKelvie, of Brown & McKelvie, of Souris, has purchased an interest in the Crown Brewery at Brandon.

THE C. P. R. are going to rebuild many of the bridges between Port Arthur and Winnipeg and put the trestle work into shape.

J. P. CHILBERG, formerly of Chilborg & Davis, Vancouver, B. C., has opened out in the grocery business at that place.

MESSRS Timewell & Son., architects, have the contract for building a bank in Morden for Mr. Dunsford, which will cost \$8,000.

MOLSON'S Bank, the Bank of Hamilton, and the Dominion Bank have made arrangements with the Imperial Bank at Winnipeg, to have their notes redeemed at par.

THE Truth, one of our livest western exchanges, ceases publication at Donald, B. C., after July 13th, and will re-appear at Nelson on August 17th.

HALLECK & HOWE, of Naniamo, B. C., have formed a partnership and bought out the hotel business of Osterrout & Kennedy, of that place.

THE new registry offices at Morden are to be completed by November next. It will be a \$10,000 building. The Commercial bank will also shortly erect a \$6,000 building.

HENDERSON & BURTON, general storekeepers, Carberry, have dissolved partnership. Burton has formed partnership with A. E. Hill, continuing the business under style of Burton & Hill.

THE Reaburn Fair Association are holding a stock fair sale to include all kinds of live stock, under their auspices, at Reaburn station on June 26th. This is a convenience both to sellers and to buyers and it will no doubt meet with the success that it deserves.

THE Department of Interior have given notice that no hay will be allowed to be cut on government land before the 20th of July in any year. The custom of farmers in the past has been to cut before the grass seeded, with the result of leaving the land, which before produced luxurious crops of hay, practically bare.

THE Northwest Electric Light Co. have obtained their charter of incorporation. On Thursday the matter was considered by the Deputy Attorney General, who also gave a hearing to the representations of the Manitoba Electric and Gas Light Co, after which the action as above noted was taken.

THE following were the successful tenderers and the amount of their contracts secured on the Morris & Brandon Branch of the N. P. & M. Railway: Egan Bros., 5 miles; McAnneny & Erwin, 5 miles; McCrimmon, 3 miles; Sinclair & Flannigan, 5 miles; C. Macdonald, 2 miles; and Strevel, 15 miles. The company does its own tracklaying.

THE convenience of a banking institution is sorely felt at Medicine Hat. The Times says: Two large buildings now nearing completion were delayed for several months last winter for want of money accommodation. Not a day passes but difficulties in regard to cashing cheques, discounting notes, borrowing money, etc., occur. The re-opening of the Stair mine and the large increase in farming operations in the surrounding country will also create a demand for ready money.

THE C. P. R. are considering the asking of tenders for the construction of their Souris branch. It is also reported that the N. P. & M. Railway are making preparations to go on with their fifty-five mile extension to the same district. General Manager Graham left for Ottawa last week, when, it is said, arrangements will be completed for running powers of the N. P. & M. Road over the Manitoba Northwestern, and the ultimate sale of the latter road to the former. The movements of these two roads are becoming interesting to the people of this country, and ere long we will have railway connection and facilities unequalled in any new country.

THE plans for the N. P. & M. Ry. station and hotel are of a substantial nature, and when erected will be an ornament to the city. The entire building will be splendidly lighted and ventilated on all sides, and will be fitted with fire escapes, water, electric light and all the conveniences necessary in a first-class metropolitan hotel. The cost is estimated at \$150,000. Building operations will be begun as soon as the necessary arrangements are completed for diverting Water street, and probably excavation commences to-day. Four tracks are located immediately behind the depot, which will be covered by a shed seventy feet wide. Convenient access and egress to and from the platform is had through the general waiting rooms under cover.

A PROMINENT cattle man in this city is at present experimenting in placing Eastern cattle on the Alberta ranges for fattening for Eastern markets. He has purchased in various parts of Ontario two thousand steers; these he is shipping to Calgary, some two thousand miles, where they will be fed up, after which they will be taken back to Ontario and slaughtered. In Ontario pasturage is limited while in the far west there is an almost illimitable area of grazing lands, and it is asserted it is most profitable to ship the cattle from Ontario to Calgary and back again and pay the freight charges on them for over four thousand miles for the sake of the free grazing than to pasture them in Ontario. To take cattle two thousand miles to pasture is certainly a novel and striking idea in the business world. One thousand five hundred head of these cattle have already passed through the city, and are now grazing at the Quorn ranch. Another batch of 500 are now being collected in Ontario, and will pass through the city in a few days. They are carried on fast cattle trains that make almost as fast time as the express. Next fall the steers, after a summer's running over the prairies of Alberta, will pass through the city again on their way to the eastern markets.