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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 5, 1880.

BENNETT has opened a boot and shoe store at Binscarth.

A. SUTHERLAND will open a photo. gallery at Morden, Man.

BUXTON has opened a blacksmith shop at Whitewood, Assa.

GREENFIELD will start a bakery and confectionery store at Pilot Mound.

R. G. OGBURN, & Co., hotel, Calgary, have sold out to Ingram & Clark.

GEO. E. PARKE, livery, Moosomin, has assigned in trust to Allan & Cameron.

A. J. GILLIES, general storekeeper, Boissvain, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

J. W. GALBRAITH, shoemaker, Portage la Prairie, has sold out to one McCullough.

H. J. WOODSIDE, jeweler, Portage la Prairie, has sold out his interest in this business.

STROME & WHITELAW, general merchants, Brandon, are giving up the crockery department.

THE contract for the building of the immigrant shed at Regina has been awarded to Jno. McRea.

J. D. MAVEETY, of the Prince Albert Times, has sold out to Loftus A. McGaire, late of Winnipeg.

A NEW hotel, the Leland, was opened at Portage la Prairie on Monday, July 29th, by Wm. Nevins,

THE Rat Portagers evidently want no peddlars in their town. The license fee for peddling has been increased to \$30 for one month, or \$70 for three months.

H. G. HENDERSON, general storekeeper, Salt-coats, has assigned to C. H. Mahon & Co.; stock has been sold to Wm. Walley.

It is said that **George Wood** will erect a hotel at Pilot Mound, Man., on the site of the Tremont House, destroyed by fire recently.

THE water in the Saskatchewan river is very low this season, and the river boats have been unable to run. At Edmonton the people have given up hopes of a boat getting in this year.

THE Medicine Hat Times says: It is reported that **Sir John Lester Kaye**, of the Kaye farms, will open butcher shops at Medicine Hat, Regina and Calgary; also that he will start a cheese factory at Swift Current.

THE Manitou board of trade has elected the following officers: President, **James Huston**; Vice-president, **A. Bethune**; members of council, Messrs. **Foley, Cruthers, DePencier, Wootton, Ironsides, Fullerton, Waldie and Chalmers.**

A SEVEN foot seam of coal has been struck by the company which has been sinking a shaft near Medicine Hat, Assa., the depth is 235 feet. At 200 feet a 4 1/2 foot seam was struck. The seam is pronounced good quality, and 20 tons will be taken out for testing.

CHARLES PILLING, **George Munro** and **George Arthur Brain**, doing business at Brandon under the name of the Crown Brewing Company, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued under the same name by **Chas. Pilling, Geo. Munro** and **John McKelvie.**

THE contract for hay for the mounted police at Lethbridge, has been awarded to **W. Whitney and Davis Bros.**, the amount being 200 tons and the price \$17.74 per ton. Messrs. **Colpman** have been awarded the contract for putting up hay for the **N. W. C. & N. Co.**, some 50 tons being required, at \$15.00 per ton.

THE Dominion Illustrated comes to us this week with a rich supply of British Columbian scenes, including some illustrations of Chinese life in and near Victoria. Some of the grandest features of Rocky Mountain scenery are a theme for artist and writer in the last number. It also contains a portrait of the **Hon. E. Dewdney.**

THE inland collections at Winnipeg for July were as follows:

Spirits	8,885 85
Malt	1,987 85
Tobacco	9,282 90
Cigars	375 00
Licenses	785 00
Petroleum Inspection	45 00

Total \$21,371 60

THE returns of the Winnipeg customs office for the year ending June 30th, show as follows: Value of goods imported, dutiable, \$1,622,939; free, \$250,410; total, \$1,873,349. Value of goods entered for consumption, dutiable, \$1,636,491; free, \$280,410; total \$1,866,907; duty collected, \$508,332.12. The value of goods exported during the same period was \$698,723. The returns for the previous year were as follows: Value of goods imported, dutiable, \$1,404,610; free, \$253,083; total, \$1,657,693. Value of goods entered for consumption, dutiable, \$1,425,475; free, \$253,083; duty collected, \$444,795.39. Value of goods exported \$1,239,689.

Jos. O. DAVIS has opened a stock of dry goods at Prince Albert, Sask.

THE Dominion Government has decided to lay out a town site at Canmore, in the mountains west of Calgary, on account of the discoveries of the coal there.

JOHN H. TILDEN, of the E. & C. Gurney Company, of Hamilton, Ont., has been paying the West a visit. He expressed himself as well pleased with the country and its prospects.

THE proposed location of the new crematory, for the disposal of garbage, in the centre of a thickly settled portion of the city, is naturally being met with strong opposition from the residents in the vicinity. The site chosen is in the Point Douglas district, which is closely settled mostly by mechanics, employed in the mills in the vicinity. It is claimed that the smoke from the crematory would be very offensive to the smell, and generally offensive to the eye. The residents and property owners petitioned the council at its last meeting against the establishment of what is considered a nuisance, right in the settled portion of the city, but received little satisfaction from the council. It appears the contractors for the disposal of the city garbage are putting up the works on their own responsibility, and the council refuses to interfere. There is no doubt that the establishment of the crematory in a central portion of the city, would be very objectionable to the residents of the neighborhood. The mere handling of the garbage alone, would be a nuisance, even if the smoke from the works should not prove offensive. It would seem to be the duty of the council to protect the citizens in this matter, and not try to shuffle the responsibility upon the garbage contractors.

THE last weekly crop bulletin for Manitoba furnished by the C.P.R. Co., is as follows: "Reports state that there has been a wonderful improvement in the condition of the crops during the past two weeks. At Morden, Glenboro, Cartwright and Deloraine, wheat and barley harvesting have begun, and if favorable weather continues harvesting will be general about the 10th of August, or fully two weeks earlier than former years. A noticeable fact is, that samples of wheat which will yield twenty-five bushels to the acre can be obtained in any district in the Province or in the Territories, and this fact strengthens the opinions of practical farmers that the partial failure of the wheat crop is almost wholly due to bad or careless farming. Farmers are now busy haying, and although there will be difficulty in some parts in securing sufficient hay for winter use, there will be no serious shortage; but every meadow will be mowed. Root crops have also much improved since the recent rains. A thoroughly competent authority estimates the wheat crop at 10,000,000 bushels." The estimate of the wheat crop as above can only be taken as a mere guess, and liable to be very far astray of the mark. It is practically impossible to give a reliable estimate of the entire crop of the country, owing to the very mixed nature of the crop situation. At any rate, it is greatly in excess of all previous estimates, some of which are made by probably as competent authorities as the "unknown," referred to in the C.P.R. report,