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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 2, 1880.

• WAKE & SON have opened a flour and feed store at Neepawa.

THE Selkirk Record has resumed publication after a lapse of two months.

GRAY BROS., painters, Lethbridge, Alberta, have sold out and left there.

THERE has been about 150 binders sold at Carberry, Man., this harvest.

R. BOULTON, boots and shoes, of McGregor, is adding clothing to his business.

A. STEWART, baker, Morden, Man., has sold out to Phillips, a former employee.

JOHN HAVERTY has taken over the Sherman House, Winnipeg, from Harry Braun.

AIKENS, CULVER & Co., of Winnipeg, have opened a branch law office at Brandon.

PENROSE & ROCAN, butchers, Winnipeg, have sold out their south end store to W. Bell.

JAS. O'DONOHUE, of Selkirk, has purchased the St. Nicholas Hotel property, Winnipeg.

G. W. ROBINSON, dry goods, Portage la Prairie, has added groceries to his business.

JAMES STEWART, formerly editor of the Selkirk Record, has opened out a drug store at 577 Main street, Winnipeg.

THE effects of John Buchanan, the absconding Selkirk contractor, will be sold by the bailiff on Sept. 3rd.

FRED. S. STUART, solicitor, of Deloraine, Man., died at the Winnipeg general hospital last week, from typhoid fever.

GEORGE and Dan Hamilton, butchers, Neepawa, Man., have dissolved partnership. Geo. Hamilton will continue the business.

THE partnership subsisting between Latimer & McKay, blacksmiths, of Calgary, has been dissolved.

IT is rumored says the Emerson Times, that the Northern Pacific Ry. Co. intend building a hotel at that station.

LANGENBRO on the Manitoba Northwestern railway wants a blacksmith for which business it is claimed there is a good opening.

H. CROWE & Co., of Carberry, Man., shipped the first car of new wheat from that place on Thursday last. It grades No. 1 hard.

THE Springhill brewery at Minnedosa, Man., owned by Sherriff and Davis, was burned last week. Loss, \$3,000; insurance light.

CAPT. HOOPER, of the Beaver mine, has purchased the Elgin mine, and it is stated that he will at once commence development work.

IT is expected the new Northern Pacific railway branch from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie will be opened regularly for traffic to-day.

JOHN A. LOCK has been appointed manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Portage Milling Company in place of C. A. Stephenson, resigned.

CLOUGHIER will not replace his elevator at Otterburn, burned recently, unless a better train service is established on the Emerson branch.

THE building of the Williams' Manufacturing company, manufacturers of cement, brick, etc., Winnipeg, was burned Tuesday morning. The building was not very valuable.

IT is stated says the Minnedosa Tribune, that the Commercial Bank of Manitoba is endeavoring to secure a building for the purpose of establishing a branch in Minnedosa.

BOTH the C. P. Ry. and the Sarnia lines of steamers have announced excursions from Port Arthur to London and Toronto and return for \$25, from the 7th to the 30th of September.

THE Stair Coal Mine and Manufacturing company, limited, has been incorporated with a capital of \$500,000. The Stair mine is the old Saskatchewan mine, near Medicine Hat, Assa.

THE Martin Elevator company intend erecting a 45,000 bushel elevator at Portage la Prairie, Man., on the Northern Pacific railway, to be ready by the time wheat is being marketed.

MR. NEWELL, an employee in Ashdown's hardware store, Morden, will open business for himself in the hardware line at Miami, Man., a new town on the Morris-Brandon grade of the Northern Pacific railway.

THE new steel steamship Manitoba, built at Owen Sound, Ontario, for the C. P. Ry. Co's. Lake Superior service, made her trial trip last week, and showed herself to be superior to her sister ships the Athabasca and Alberta.

THE Calgary Tribune is greatly incensed at the action of the town council in refusing to allow the establishment of a rival electric light system, by refusing permission to erect poles on the streets. The projectors of the new system offer rates 50 per cent. lower than the prices of the system in use. The Tribune hints at a job.

THE charge of incendiarism preferred against Gillies, general merchant of Boissevain, Man., came up for trial at Brandon, but was enlarged for one month. Gillies, it will be remembered, is charged with attempting to burn his store.

THE Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Minister of the Interior, has been received with many demonstrations of friendship on his recent trip through the Territories. Addresses and banquets were tendered him at the different points visited.

THE Morden Monitor says: It will be gratifying to all to know that the principal merchants of this town are in perfect accord with regard to early closing, and they have unitedly entered into an agreement to close at 7:30 p.m., during the ensuing year.

WM. MCKAY, long chief officer of the Hudson's Bay Company at Battleford, Sask., has been transferred to the charge of Pitt district, with headquarters at Onion Lake. He will be succeeded by J. B. Parker, for some years accountant at Battleford.

BOURKE & CASS have been awarded the contract for building a roundhouse and repair shops at Winnipeg, for the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway company. It is understood the contract price is in the neighborhood of \$15,000. Work is to be commenced forthwith.

THE fifteenth annual exhibition of the Portage and Lakeside Electoral Divisions Agricultural Society, will be held at Portage la Prairie, on October 2nd and 3rd. \$1,500 will be given in prizes, and the managers will endeavor to make this the best exhibition in Manitoba this year. Portage should get up a good show, and with a little extra effort this year, the exhibition will be a success.

GREAT indignation exists at Port Arthur owing to the fact that scows, tugs, dredges and other plant from the United States are being used in connection with the work of improving the Kaministiquia river. The contract has been given to a United States citizen, who has been allowed to bring in his plant under a special permit from the customs department, while Canadian plant is lying idle at Port Arthur.

RAT PORTAGE is still exercised over the proposed establishment of reduction works at that place, in aid of which a \$10,000 bonus was voted some time ago. The parties having the scheme in hand do not seem to get along very fast with the work. They are now asking that the bonus be paid over on the arrival of the machinery for the works at the Rat Portage depot. The manufacturers do not care to ship the machinery until they are satisfied of receiving payment therefore.

THE Herald, of Battleford, Saskatchewan Territory, dated Aug. 23rd says: Harvesting is generally over, and in the case of wheat is much better than it was thought it would be. On new land it is uniformly good, and even on old land, where it was least promising in appearance in the early part of the summer, it has turned out fairly well as to quantity, while everywhere the quality is all that could be desired. The principal shortage in wheat is due more to the depredations of gophers than to the drought. Oats, barley and root crops are on the whole poor, some having fair crops and others none.