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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 29, 1887.

W. T. BEHNES has opened a harness shop at Binscarth, Man.

J. L. GUERIN, dentist, has opened an office at Qu'Appelle station, Assa.

CROSBY & LAW have started business in Manitou as pump-manufacturers.

A. E. BOAKE, general merchant, Wallace, Assa., has given up business.

A. M. HERRON, agent, Deloraine, Man., has opened a fruit and confectionery store.

SUTCLIFF & THOMPSON, hotelkeepers, Glenboro, Man., have dissolved partnership.

WILSON & SMYTH, furniture dealers, Brandon, have added upholstering to their business.

THE stock of dry goods, cloths, furnishings and tailors effects, of the estate of Jas. N. Chatwin, Regina, will be offered for sale by auction, at a rate on the dollar, on September 10th. The stock amounts to \$1,250; book debts, \$850.

DR. RALSTON, of Beulah, has moved to Elkhorn, Man.

THOS. GELLEY, M.P.P. has the contract for fencing the Red River Valley road.

CHRISTIE & FARES, of Emerson, shipped two car loads of cattle to Port Arthur on Wednesday.

THE managers of the Virden cheese factory intend sending five cheese to Toronto for exhibition at the fall show.

THE Portage la prairie *Tribune* favors connection with the Red River Valley railway via the Hudson's Bay Railway route.

AT Regina oats are coming in in small quantities and sell on a lowering market at 50 cents a bushel. Potatoes from 75c to a \$1 a bushel.

A. B. MCKENZIE, blacksmith, who left Moose Jaw, Assa., about a year ago, has returned to that place and intends opening again in the same business.

INTELLIGENCE has been received of the death of John Harris, of Brantford, Ont., president of the well-known agricultural implement firm of Harris, Sons & Co.

THE members of the recently elected Emerson council have resigned, protests having been entered against them on the ground of non-qualification. Another election will be in order.

THE Qu'Appelle *Progress* says the contract for the construction of the first section of the Wood Mountain & Qu'Appelle railway has been let to a Toronto man, and work will be commenced at once.

THE Bow River Stock Company has applied for incorporation. The applicants are: W. C. Wells, Montreal; E. N. Brown, Cochrane, Alberta; and R. Mearse Wells, Toronto. Calgary will be the chief place of business. Capital stock, \$52,500.

IT has been decided to reduce the price of the Northwest Land Company's lots in Regina. Inside the square they will range from \$100 to \$150; previously they were \$250. North of the track and east of Broad street they will be sold for from \$20 to \$50 apiece. The reason for the reduction is to reduce the company's assessment as they have now agreed to pay taxes.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "Several parties are endeavoring with millers and Winnipeg dealers to handle wheat a Moose Jaw. The production of the Moose Jaw district in Number One Hard, no second quality, and we want the highest price." This is a hopeful sign, and extends the exporting district over 100 miles further than last year.

MEDICINE HAT *Times*: The Canadian Pacific railway company is discriminating against Winnipeg, by carrying freight to points west of the Manitoba capital from Montreal in less time than from Winnipeg. The Canadian Pacific is putting forth all encouragement possible for a parallel road west of Winnipeg.

A NUMBER of the small contractors employed on the Red River Valley road have completed their work. They are trusting that work will soon be commenced on the connection with Portage la Prairie. It is expected that the entire grade of the R. R. V. will be completed in about a week's time. The contractors have received word that a portion of the rails are now on their way here. Bridging is now progressing rapidly.

THE station of the Red River Valley railway at West Lynne has been located and the work of grading the station grounds and railway yard commenced the early part of last week. The grounds are located on A. Muchmore's property about one-half mile directly west from the Park street bridge, and about equi-distant from the business portion of West Lynne and Emerson. Muchmore generously donated to the Government right of way across his property and station grounds (in all 34 acres). Work will shortly commence upon a large station house and a two-stall engine house.

COX & Co., general merchants, Crystal City, Man., have assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand. Liabilities are placed at \$10,000, with assets nominally the same. The firm offered to compromise at 50 cents in the dollar, cash, before the assignment, but the offer was refused. A meeting of the creditors was held on Thursday last, without reaching a settlement, and another meeting will be held. The claims are spread over a large number of houses, which seems to be one cause of the trouble, combined with too liberal buying. The creditors are largely local firms, though the suit of a Hamilton house forced the assignment.