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WINNIPEG, JULY 1, 1888.

GEO. BARNES grocer, Rat Portage, is giving up business.

F. DAVIS, formerly of Regina, has opened a general store at Saskatoon, Assa.

MISS SHIELDS has opened a dress making establishment at Macleod, Alberta.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for the erection of an elevator at Crystal City, Man.

J. D. SIBBALD & Co. commission dealers, Regina, were awarded the Mounted Police beef contract for that place.

PORT ARTHUR is moving in the direction of establishing as system of lighting by electricity: The incandescent light will likely be used.

THE price of washed wool at the Rapid City, Man. mill is from 12 to 15 cents per pound. The amount coming in to the woolen mill is increasing.

THE first consignment of cherse from the Crystal City, Man. cheese factory has been shipped to Winnipeg, for which 12 cents per lb was paid.

E. CLAY will open a general store at Rapid City, Man., for which purpose the Queen's hotel will be fitted up, Clay having been unable to obtain a license for the house.

J. D. SIBBALD, of Regina, has called for tenders for a three story brick hotel with basement and fifty foot frontage upon Scarth street, a few yards south of South railway street.

FOR the past two weeks, up to June 25, 413 cars of wheat arrived and were inspected at Port Arthur, making 705,000 bushels arrived since navigation opened. The total amount of wheat in elevators is 1,500,060 bushels.

JAS. T. GORDON, of Pilot Mound, Man., has forwarded eleven cars of stock to Winnipeg since 1st March last.

BURCHILL & HOWEY, of Brandon, shipped lately a car of beef cattle to Winnipeg and a car of hogs to Calgary.

W. H. HOOPER, grocer, Brandon, has returned from San Francisco, where he had been making arrangements to import California fruit.

CALGARY will vote on July 28th, on a by-law to raise \$12,000, to be expended in providing fire apparatus, etc., to the amount of \$6,000, and the balance in sidewalks, drainage, etc.

THE contract for supplying the Mounted Police at Battleford with beef has been secured by C. M. Daunais & Co. Daunais is of the opinion that he will be able to find in the home district most of the cattle required to fill the contract.

BRANDON Times: Nearly 50,000 bushels of wheat have been received here during the last month and a good deal keeps coming in still. Early in the past week as high as 70c was paid farmers, but this last day or so from 60 to 65c has been the ruling price. Oats have a downward tendency, 28 to 30c is being paid. Cattle, 3½c; hogs from 5 to 5½c; eggs, 12½c.

THE Woodlands Cheese Manufacturing company of Manitoba, commenced cheese making on May 21st with an enrollment of 268 cows and a probability of the number being increased to over 300. The daily make is 11 cheese of an excellent quality. Under the supervision of G. H. McKwan, the factory has been supplied with a number of new parts of machinery of the newest invention. Sales in the future, as last season, are to be confined strictly to the wholesale merchants, no single cheese being offered for sale to the retail trade. The sales last season were over 55,000 pounds, all paid for in cash at fall market price.

THE Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller* has just been giving the slow-going East an example of Western enterprise. The annual convention of the Millers' National Association was held at Buffalo, N. Y., this year, and during the convention the *Miller* issued a sixteen page daily edition, giving full particulars of proceedings. The *Miller* has now issued a supplement, giving in one volume the complete proceedings of the convention. The supplement is printed in the usual excellent style, characteristic of the *Northwestern Miller*, and handsomely illustrated with Buffalo scenes and leading personages known among millers.

Advices from Rat Portage intimate that the excitement still increases over the finds on the Ontario Mining company's claim. The lead, it is said, has been traced 1,500 feet and appears to be getting richer all the time. Old an experienced miners claim it to be the biggest find in the world. A boat came in from the mine for a large force of men. The Lake of the Woods region had something of a speculative mining boom in 1882, about the time the Manitoba land boom was commencing to collapse. Nothing of importance, however, transpired, and notwithstanding the efforts of speculators, the excitement soon died out. Mining stocks were put on the market, and

met with some sale whilst the excitement lasted, but those who invested did not value their purchases very highly a short time after. Very little has since been heard about mining in the region, until the reported find of last week. Developments will be awaited with interest, but it will be difficult to get up another mining excitement until the value of the reported find is assured.

DR. HARRISON has opened his bank at Neopawa, Man.

ALEX. POLSON, grocer, etc., Winnipeg, is offering to sell out.

JAS. HEMMINGSON, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, has the sheriff in possession.

ARNOTT & Co., general store, Anthracite, Alberta, has sold out his interest to Thomas Wood.

H. TALBOT, harnessmaker, Neepawa, Man., has sold out; Hutchings & Penrose are his successors.

THOMAS WOOD, general store, Anthracite, Alberta, has admitted C. W. Main into partnership, under the style of Thos. Wood & Co.

MANITOU Mercury: It is reported that Rountree, of Winnipeg, has made arrangements to purchase the Stewart House property at this place.

JAS. STUART, of Pilot Mound, Man., who lost so heavily in the recent fire at that place, has commenced the erection of a new building, 28x50, and two storeys high, to be used as a blacksmith and carriage shop. Watson is also putting up a new building, 20x40, and McKay has commenced the erection of a new store 24x50.

A MEETING of the directors of the Canadian Anthracite Coal Company was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Winnipeg, on Tuesday last, when resolutions were passed authorizing the president to take steps to organize a company with a larger capital than the present one. It is understood that the company will double their force and open up new locations. The president, McLeod Stewart, of Ottawa, has gone to England, where he will make arrangements authorized by the directors.

A LONDON cable of Wednesday last says: At the Hudson's Bay Company's meeting to-day Edin Colville, chairman, expressed regret that a fall of 20 per cent. in the price of furs had so decreased profits as to prevent the payment of a dividend. He believed the fashion would veer round and good prices return. Prospects in the Northwest were bright, and there was every promise of a gradual and satisfactory realization on the company's landed property. After discussion the report was adopted.

CHIEF JUSTICE RITCHIE has delivered judgment in the famous customs case, involving over \$380,000, of the Crown vs. Ayer & Co., of Lowell, Mass., dismissing the action with costs and granting an order for the restoration of the goods in the hands of the firms agents throughout Canada seized some three years ago. The affair, the chief justice intimated, was a huge conspiracy organized by customs officers O'Hara and Brossseau, of Montreal, along with Underhill, a dismissed employe of the Ayer Co. McGibbon, counsel for Ayer & Co., says the firm will enter an action against the Government amounting to one million dollars.