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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 19, 1888.

CALGARY WANTS a flour mill.

T. E. MARTIN, lumber dealer, Regina, has sold out.

N. HOBSON, butcher, Grenfell, is admitting a partner.

A. W. DRAPER & Co., druggists, Fort McLeod, have sold out.

F. B. ANDERSON, journalist, Winnipeg, has sold out to E. Johnsson.

FRED. GILLESPIE, commission agent, Calgary, was burnt out on the 9th inst.

ALFRED BUNKER, grocer, Vancouver, B.C., has sold out his business to Berteaux & Co.

PELKEY & ANDERSON, general storekeepers, Glenboro; E. G. Pelkey of this firm is dead.

H. KEHOE, brewer, New Westminster, B.C. has sold out his business to Wright & Jamieson.

HUGHES & PETTIT, of the Clearwater, Man., mill, talk of putting in roller process machinery.

MANUEL & STEELE, blacksmiths Deloraine, dissolving partnership; succeeded by Steele Bros.

SCOTT, merchant, of Shoal Lake, Man., is making up a car of butter to be shipped to British Columbia.

WILLIAM LYONS, of Portage la Prairie, talks of erecting a \$10,000 hotel in Portage la Prairie next spring.

THE Northern Pacific & Manitoba Railway have completed their new platform in the rear of the general offices, and passengers now alighting from trains proceed through Wesley Hall buildings to Main Street.

A. SMITH, of Carberry, has removed to Glenboro, Man., where he will engage in the grain business.

THE proprietors of the Brandon weekly *Sun* contemplate beginning the publication of a daily edition.

J. & W. HENDERSON lately in the hardware business at Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership.

R. P. BUTCHART & BROS., hardware and tins, Deloraine and Boissevain, are selling off and going out of business.

FRANK BOISSEAU, hotelkeeper, Brandon, has admitted one Bowen into partnership, under style of Boisseau & Co.

W. B. TOWNSEND, butcher, New Westminster, B.C., has sold out his business; Manahan & Reichenbace are the purchasers.

WILLIAM NEVINS, of Portage la Prairie, has purchased the H.B. Co's hotel building in that town for \$3,500. The hotel is at present occupied by Lansdowne College.

LESLIE GORDON administration of the estate of the late H. J. Edwards, cabinetmaker, Qu'Appelle station is advertising for all claims against the estate to be sent in before December 7th.

THE Windsor Hotel, Rapid City, Man., has been granted a license; the Queen's will also likely receive a license. This ends the trouble at Rapid City over the refusal to license the hotels.

MITCHELL & BUCKNALL, saw and flour millers, Millwood, have made arrangements to place in the Birtle market a supply of flour manufactured at their mill. They will also have a lumber yard established in Birtle.

APPLICATION will be made to incorporate the Red-Deer Valley Railway company, to build a line from Cheadle station on the C.P.R. northward to the Red-Deer valley coal-fields; also the privilege of extending to Calgary from any point on the line.

THE semi-annual statement of the Bank of Montreal was issued at Montreal recently. The profits for the half-year, after deducting charges for management and making provisions for bad and doubtful debts are \$710,815. Of this \$600,000 goes for dividend and \$50,000 is reserved for bank buildings at Vancouver. A comparison shows the net earnings for the half year are greater by \$45,757.14 than the same period last year, the net earnings amounting to 5.49 per cent. of the capital against 5.45 for the same period last year.

THE Assiniboine Water Power Bill came before the House on Friday last and caused a considerable discussion as to the propriety of allowing a city council to engage in trade, the idea being prevalent that it should be left to private capital, and special taxation for such enterprises discouraged. No doubt these expressions of opinion in the main are correct, but the success of the scheme is far more probable than many things city councils usually dicker in, and one that after completion can be turned over to a private company with financial gain to the city. The bill was finally passed, but has yet to come before the Dominion Parliament.

AT Montreal Manitoba No. 1 hard brings \$1.36 to \$1.38; No. 2, \$1.38 and No. 1 northern \$1.35.

SIR DONALD A. SMITH has been appointed to the Deputy-Governorship of the Hudson's Bay Company.

RESIDENTS along the Emerson branch of the C. P. C. are complaining of the new time table, they only getting a train every other day.

GEO. MCBAIN proposes opening in the furniture line at Clearwater, Man. Wm. Ford, shoemaker has also commenced business at the same place.

CITY coal dealers had a big rush on Friday last, every available team in the city being engaged in teaming. The cold snap caught many citizens with empty coal bins.

THE Stony Mountain herd of buffalo is a thing of the past, their guardian being C. J. Jones, of Garden City, Kansas, who has completed arrangements for their removal at once.

IT is rumored that the writ for the election for Provencher will not be issued in consequence of the unpopularity of the Government on the coming question, *vide* Ottawa despatch.

THE Winnipeg City Market was destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning last at an early hour, and the entire stock of the following butchers lost:—Braden & Co., D. Doyle, P. Gallagher & Sons, S. Knight, Kobold & Co., Peebles & Braden, Penrose & Rocan, and Count de Simencourt. Wm. Barr, fruits and vegetables; J. Scarth, poultry; J. L. Taylor and George Chamberlain, butchers, had their stocks damaged by fire and water. The front portion of the building being brick, withstood the attack fairly well, and the latter parties were the occupants of that portion. The losses are as follows:—The building was owned by the city. Loss \$7,000; insured for \$5,000 in the N. W. Fire Insurance Co., the Guardian and the Commercial Union. Kobold & Co., loss \$4,000; insured for \$1,000. P. Gallagher & Sons, loss, \$1,000; insured for \$500. Penrose & Rocan, loss, \$4,500; no insurance. J. W. Taylor, loss, \$700; no insurance. G. Chamberlain, loss, \$700; no insurance. J. Scarth, loss, \$500; no insurance. Wm. Barr, loss, \$250; no insurance. Lisbyville market stall, loss, \$4,000; insured for \$2,000, Peebles & Braden, loss \$2,000; no insurance. H. Knight, loss, \$800; no insurance. Market Superintendent Marshall also had his household effects injured to the amount of \$150. The total loss aggregates about \$27,000, of which \$20,000 is a dead loss. The origin of the fire is not known. The manager of the Lisbyville stall says there was no fire in his stove Wednesday evening, and cannot account for the starting of the fire in that end of the hall. The majority of the butchers who were burned out have opened stalls in different parts of the city. A coincidence of the fire is that Capt. Douglas' dog Jim, of the Leland House, was the means of drawing the attention of the night watchman of the house to the conflagration, and then the alarm was given by telephone. The electric fire system being in the burning building no signal was practicable from that point. It is the intention of the council to rebuild at an early day.