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WINNIPEG, MARCH 18, 1889.

JAS. H. LOVE, merchant, Summerburg, Assa., is giving up business.

KEITH & Co. have opened a seed store at 409 Main Street, Winnipeg.

W. J. RICHARDSON, general merchant, Birle, Man., offers to sell out.

MCCULLOCH & Co. have taken over the woolen mills at Rapid City from Head & Christie, who had the property rented.

MCKAY & DENSMORE, now opening business at Regina in boots and shoes, have received their stock and are ready for business.

THE Calgary *Tribune* says. "We understand that Mr. Mathews, formerly of the C. P. R. Hotel, has leased the Sanitarium at Banff, and will take possession on the first of the month.

MESSRS. Ackland who established a carriage factory at Emerson last fall, are fitting up their building with a lot of new machinery, which arrived from the east last week.

MASSEY Manufacturing Company sold implements and thrashing machinery at Deloraine last year to the amount of \$53,000, and is expected that the sales this year will exceed that amount.

A RAPID CITY paper, says: D. A. Hopper has been in Winnipeg for some days seeking to induce the Commercial Bank of Manitoba to open a branch in Rapid City with himself as manager.

H. COLLINS, general merchant, Calgary, left that place last week for Vancouver, where he proposes going into business. He has purchased a stock in the east which has been shipped to Vancouver.

MCCONNELL & BRIDE, Portage la Prairie, have formed a partnership and will start a bakery.

THE Toronto board of trade has condemned the anti-combine bill. The board has also decided to send a deputation to Ottawa to assist the millers in agitating for an increase in the duty on flour.

A MEETING of the shareholders of the Canada Anthracite Coal Co., (Banff mines) was held in St. Paul, Minn., last week, when it was decided to continue the shipment of coal to San Francisco. No effort will be made at present to ship coal eastward.

TRADE papers continue to increase. *Hardware* is the name of a new weekly paper, which will be published at Toronto, by J. B. McLean. *Hardware*, as the name implies, will be the organ of the hardware and metal trade. The first number of the new publication has reached this office, and it is a creditable production.

A London cable says: The Scotch office has reported favorably to the Treasury upon Alexander Begg's proposal for an Imperial advance of \$150,000 to the British Columbia Government for the settlement of Crofters in that province. Mr. Begg believes the Treasury will promptly sanction the advance at a low rate of interest, and hopes to settle fifty families this season to pave the way for much larger emigration in future seasons.

At the last meeting of the Medicine Hat board of trade, M. Porter was chosen as the delegate to go east to induce immigration to the Medicine Hat district. It was moved that a pamphlet descriptive of this section, be printed and placed in the hands of the delegate for distribution. Mr. Tweed moved that a resolution be passed, a copy to be sent to Thomas Mitchell, Jr., stating that the the board will give the Medicine Hat Railway & Coal Co., every legitimate assistance in its power, to further the work of the undertaking about to be commenced.

PORT ARTHUR *Sentinel*: The room in the rear of O'Connor's store, in the Cordingley's block, is now fitted up in fine shape as the board of trade quarters, or more properly speaking as the secretary's office. It has been nicely fitted up and furnished and is now very comfortable. Cabinets have been ordered to take up one side of the room, where a mineral collection is to be displayed. It is the intention to keep the office open continuously, so that members and visitors can enter at any time. It is quite fitting that with the growing importance of the board such an office should be provided.

Westminster *Columbian*: From the Atlantic Coast comes the demand for fresh salmon, and in such quantities as will keep the fishermen busy during Lent at least. On Saturday orders were received from three of the largest fish dealers in New York, each ordering a carload of fresh salmon to be shipped immediately; a similar order came from Chicago and smaller orders came from Montreal and Winnipeg. It is quite evident the salmon fishing business will be unusually active this year, and should the run be as good as expected the Fraser will yield a far greater revenue than ever before.

THE Manitoba & Northern Pacific railway company has opened an office in Calgary with G. C. Marsh as agent.

R. S. SMITH, of Fort Qu'Appelle, will go to Eastern Canada, under the auspices of the Qu'Appelle Business Association, to drum up settlers for the district.

VAN VOLKENBURGH & Bro., large wholesale and retail meat dealers, of Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., have purchased a train load of beves from the Northwest Cattle Co., Alberta, which will be shipped to the coast for beef.

THE *Columbian*, of Westminster, B.C., says: From Mr. Higgins, manager of the Ross McLaren Lumber Co., we learn that it has been definitely decided to build the long talked of saw mill in this city, on the site purchased by the company from Senator McLunes. This puts all surmise at an end. Work will be commenced at an early date. Logging camps will be established within a few weeks, so that a large supply of timber will be ready the moment the mills are prepared to cut.

FROM all accounts cattle on the western ranges are in excellent condition, and have come through the winter with practically no losses arising from weather conditions. Stockmen are in good spirits, as this is the second exceptionally fine winter which they have had in succession. A year ago this spring cattle came out rolling fat and in almost better condition than when they went into the winter. The past fall and winter some losses have been experienced from anthrax, or blackleg as it is sometimes called. This disease it is said is caused by the great richness and profusion of the natural prairie grasses. Various remedies have been proposed as preventatives and cures for the disease, but so far it seems that none of these have been entirely effectual.

It has been reported that Hodgson, Sumner & Co., wholesale importers of dry and fancy goods, smallwares, etc., Winnipeg and Montreal, intend closing out their stock at Winnipeg. This announcement is a little premature. The firm have for some time contemplated largely reducing or partially closing out their stock here, but an actual decision on this point has not been arrived at, and the result will depend a good deal upon future prospects. At present new goods are being imported right along. Mr. Holiday, manager for the firm here, states that he has full confidence in the future of the country, and that he has no intention of leaving here himself. Even should the stock be closed out, he will remain to manage the western business of his firm. The house has no intention of relaxing its efforts to push business in the west, and to show that this is the case, it may be stated that the firm has put an additional traveller on the road here this season. The population in this country is yet rather small for such a large and varied stock as is carried at Winnipeg by Hodgson, Sumner & Co., and the idea contemplated is to reduce the stock, and occupy smaller premises. At any rate, a full line of samples will be carried here, and probably a light sorting stock, while large orders will be filled from the Montreal warehouses. As stated, however, the future course which may be taken, has not yet been fully decided upon.