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WINNIPEG, MAY 6, 1884.

SWANSON & CHITTY, hotelkeepers, Virden, have given up business.

JOSEPH CLEMENTSON, general storekeeper, Broadview, has opened up as hotelkeeper in that town.

MAIL services on the M.&N.W. railway, will be extended from Gladstone to Minnedosa, commencing July 1st.

THERE is a movement on foot in Winnipeg to have all wholesale houses closed at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

GREEN BROTHERS, hotelkeepers, Medicine Hat, have given up business there to open up in the same line at Silver City.

G. W. MCKAY, carriage builder, Nelson, is retiring from the business, and has leased his business to Thomas Underwood.

THE steamer *Victoria* will be engaged in towing logs on the Lake of the Wood, this summer. Captain Gribbon will have command.

EMERSON has received an addition to its business institutions, in the form of a jewellery store, opened up by A. E. Hopkinson.

H. B. FAIRFIELD, of the Tenapin hotel and restaurant, Winnipeg, has died rather suddenly.

GEORGE & WEST, livery stable keepers, Nelson, have dissolved partnership, and the business will be continued by J. G. West.

REID & REID, general storekeepers, St. Boniface, have dissolved partnership, and the business will be continued by George Reid.

JAMES KIRKWOOD has opened up business as a wholesale tea and general commission merchant, in the Robert Block, King street, Winnipeg.

SILVER CITY is to have a newspaper soon, and some of the parties located there have already concluded arrangements for the purchase of a plant.

CARMAN & BROS., general storekeepers, Stonewall, have closed out business in that town, and are about to open up in the same line in Brandon.

HUESTON & SMITH, general storekeepers, Maple Creek, have sold out their business in that town, and are about to open up in the same line at Silver City.

COOK BROTHERS, general storekeepers, Newdale, are arranging a dissolution of partnership, with the intention of the business being continued by J. L. Cook & Co.

It is expected that two trains a week will start west, from Winnipeg to Calgary, commencing next week. At present frequent specials have to be sent out.

GEORGE GIBBONS, publisher of the *Minnedosa Tribune*, is about to give up business there. It is to be hoped that the *Tribune* will continue to appear under new management.

THIS week has been one of the dullest of the spring so far as immigration is concerned, but thousands of new settlers are expected to arrive in the country during May and June.

SEVERAL of the C.P.R. contractor's managers have started west for the Rockies, and active work in constructing westward through British Columbia will be under weigh in the course of a week or so.

CAPTAIN COLQUHOUN's steam plough has been fitting-up for some time at the Vulcan Iron Works, and is expected to be at work within a week. Its success will clear away many difficulties in prairie farming.

It is said that Mr. Jarvis, of the Winnipeg Lumber Company, has been successful in floating the scheme for which he went to England.

THE regular line of C.P.R. steamers, between Port Arthur and Eastern Ontario, are expected to commence their trips from Owen Sound about the 10th inst. Some older lines have already started their boats out.

CAPTAIN ANDREWS, of Selkirk, has been busy shipping the tug, *May Queen*, on flat cars to the Saskatchewan river, where she will be utilized in future. Captain Andrews will run her during the present season.

MR. McDADE, of the Winnipeg *Times* editorial staff, contemplates moving to Port Arthur to assume the editorial management of the *Herald* there, and will take a share in the ownership of the journal at the same time.

W. J. WHITE, the founder of the *Brandon Sun*, has bought out that paper and its plant from the Sun Publishing Company, and once more assumes complete control of that journal. It is to be hoped that he will meet with success in his undertaking, as he deserves to.

THE rains of the past week have interfered somewhat with seeding operations, which will not be generally finished before the middle of the present month. The rain has materially helped grass growth, and grazing will be good within two weeks should no further frosts intervene.

THE impassable state of Main and other leading streets of Winnipeg, during the past month, has at last waked up the inactive City Council, and a series of plans are to be placed in the hands of the City Engineer, with instructions for him to report upon the most desirable improvements within a week. It is intended that the work of improvement will be pushed with vigor thereafter.

THE C.P.R. authorities are arranging a mail and banking system for the season at the end of the C.P.R. track in the Rockies, by which all letters will be forwarded to the men in the different camps, and drafts or money orders sent direct from the company's office to any part of the world. This has been found necessary, owing to the irregularities which attended the remittance of money last year by men to their friends.