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WINNIPEG, APRIL 29, 1889.

G. A. FARRELL, barber, Winnipeg, has sold out to Illingsworth & Co.

The new factory of the Vancouver Soap Co., B. C., has been completed.

MCDONALD & YOUNG, real estate agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved.

A. J. HIPPARSON, of Guelph, Ont., will open a tin shop at Lethbridge, Alberta.

McKNIGHT BROS. have opened a stock of gen's furnishings at Boissevain, Man.

G. A. WATSON has sold out his law business at Edmonton, Alberta, to S. S. Taylor, recently from St. John, N.B.

The number of entries at the Dominion Lands office, Regina, since March 20th is 198, representing 31,680 acres.

The real estate firm of Graveley & Barker, Vancouver, B. C., has been dissolved. Graveley will continue the business.

It was expected that the Manitou cheese factory would commence operations for the season, about the end of last week.

BURTON BROS., two young men from Toronto, are fitting up a store at Regina, Assa., where they will open in the tailoring line.

The failures in British Columbia for the first quarter of 1889 were six in number, amounting to \$46,200. Last year, for the same period, there were eight, with \$85,048 liabilities.

The Medicine Hat Coal Co. has commenced to develop its property, near Medicine Hat, Assa. A contract has been let and work commenced on sinking a shaft. The mine is eight miles due west of the town.

THE by-law to borrow \$14,000 by debentures to build a public market, to replace the one burned, has been carried by a vote of the electors of Winnipeg.

SHERLOCK, FREEMAN & Co. is the name of the firm which has purchased the Botterill estate, at Lethbridge. They are adding new lines and will carry on the business as a full general store.

A TEST will be made of the Banff coal, with a view to discovering its suitability for use by the ships of the British squadron in the Pacific. If the coal is found satisfactory, it will be used by British war ships visiting British Columbia ports.

THE weather forecast service will not be extended to Manitoba this year. The telegraph companies would not carry out the service at less than \$5,000, and the Government decided to hold the matter over for another year.

THE directors of the Bank of Montreal have declared a dividend of five per cent. The profits of the year were unsatisfactory, but a bonus is withheld. A bonus of one per cent was looked for, and disappointment was expressed at the decision of the directors.

THE Government will not grant the increased mail facilities on the Southwestern Railway on the score of expense. The matter was very fully represented to the Government, but they showed the revenue and expenditure on that line, and said that the expense was altogether too great.

THOMAS FOSTER, a traveller for J. W. MacKedic & Co., Montreal, while driving from Carberry to Neepawa, Man., last week lost the trail. The team ran into a wire fence, throwing Foster on the barbs head first. He was cut badly about the mouth and received a smaller cut on the neck.

A BOLD attempt was made one night last week to burglarise W. F. Doll's wholesale jewelry establishment at Winnipeg. The burglars who had gained an admittance into the premises, were disturbed by one of the clerks who sleeps in the building. Shots were exchanged, the clerk receiving a flesh wound in the arm. The burglars decamped without receiving anything.

At a labor meeting at Vancouver, B. C., held recently, a motion was unanimously passed, "that the tradesmen and laborers here present pledge themselves to refuse to work for any contractor who employs Chinese labor." It was also moved and carried "that on and after the first day of May next, nine hours shall constitute a days work, and bricklayers' and stone-masons' wages shall be \$5 per day, and laborers' wages \$2.50 per day.

THE creditors of Messrs. Marks, Dobie & Co., Thessalon, Algoma district, met last week to the number of twenty-five, representing houses in Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and Collingwood. A statement was presented showing liabilities amounting to almost \$100,000, with assets at \$95,000. The assets consists of \$40,000 stock in the firm's store at Thessalon, real estate and personal property. Samuel Marks, who recently entered the firm when his father George Marks retired, now goes out and his father returns. The new firm offered a settlement of 60c at 4, 8, 12 and 16 months.

E. J. DIGNUM, of Dignum, Wallace & Co., manufacturers' agents and commission merchants, Toronto, arrived in Winnipeg last week. The firm represents a number of British and foreign manufacturers of linen goods, cloths, underwear, linings and dress goods, fancy lines, etc. Mr. Dignum, who is an old resident of Winnipeg, has not been west for three years, and expresses himself as pleased with the prospects here and delighted with Manitoba weather.

MANITOBA must be rapidly coming to the front as a stock country, judging from the constant stream of importations of fine stock being brought in this season. A large number of horses, cattle, and other animals have been brought in this spring, and every issue of the country papers tells of additional importations of fancy stock for breeding purposes, working horses, etc. In some of the provincial towns from five to twenty cars of horses have been imported and sold within the last few weeks. New settlers have also brought a great deal of stock in with them.

THE publishers of the *Dominion Illustrated*, G. E. Desbarats & Son, Montreal, announce their intention of giving special prominence to matters affecting Western Canada, with a view of disseminating knowledge concerning the resources, scenery and people of the Great West. There is certainly an ample field here for subjects which may be taken up to advantage, by our excellent illustrated journal. People in the East, who nearly all have friends in the West, will also be interested in anything concerning this country. A simple illustration will often convey to the mind more distinct knowledge than can be imparted in columns of reading matter. J. H. Brownlee, of Brandon, has been appointed special agent in the West for the *Dominion Illustrated*, and correspondence concerning the journal, photographs, sketches, etc., should be forwarded to him. It will certainly be in the interest of this country to have its resources and features set forth in this excellent journal.

It is quite a common thing for the journals in the West to publish "boom" issues, but special numbers of this nature do not often come from the East. When the eastern journalist does go in for something of this nature, however, he does not do it by halves, if the special number of the *Daily Sun*, of St. John, New Brunswick, which has reached this office, is a fair sample. The special number of the *Sun* is really a splendid sample, twenty-four large pages in size, and printed on fine paper. The number describes the progress, position and prospects of St. John, mainly from a commercial standpoint. From a glance over the paper it would appear that things are not moving along so slowly down east, at least in the neighborhood of St. John, as we westerners are inclined to suppose. Throughout, the paper exhibits and tells of a spirit of progress which has often been considered as peculiar only to western towns. The paper contains a map of the three Maritime Provinces, showing the position of St. John as a winter port, the Chignecto ship railway, railway and steamship lines, etc. There is also a map showing the course of the St. John river, with points along the river, from the Bay of Fundy to Frederickton.