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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 12, 1886.

J. M. TRACY, hotelkeeper, Port Arthur, has sold out.

The estate of Davidson & Hamilton, general storekeepers, Neepawa, is offered for sale.

McEwan & Cockburn, grocers, Winnipeg, are opening a general store at Cherry Creek.

SAMPLES & Co., butchers and cattle dealers, Calgary, have been succeeded by Dunn & Hamilton.

ALFRED ASHDOWN will open a hardware store at Cherry Creek about the middle of this month.

GRABAN & FLUMERFELT, boots and shoes, Portage la Prairie, contemplate dissolving partnership.

A NEW line of steamers, known as the Duluth and Sarala Transportation Line, will ply on the upper lakes next season, between the points mentioned, calling at Port Arthur.

A. H. WOOLEY has opened out in the fruit and confectionery business at No. 475 Main st., Winnipeg.

TELEGRAPH offices will be opened immediately at the new stations on the C. P. R. South-western branch.

A. MESSNER, general storekeeper, St. Leon, Man., has changed the style of his house to Messner, Sons & Co.

JAS. ROGERS, grocer, Winnipeg, has taken F. H. Sharp into partnership, under the firm name of Rogers & Sharp.

THE estate of N. A. White, dealer in clothing and groceries, New Westminster, B. C., is in the possession of the sheriff.

A MEETING of farmers has been held at Toddburn, near Birtle, to take preliminary steps toward establishing a cheese factory.

A POST-OFFICE has been opened at Solsgrith, the terminus of the Manitoba Northwestern railway, to be known as Allenburn post-office.

THE Club House Hotel, Port Arthur, was almost totally destroyed by fire last week. The building and furnishings were insured for \$4,000.

THE new elevator lately completed for the Winnipeg Elevator Company, was put in operation last week. Already quite a quantity of grain has been received.

THE official statement of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., shows the gross earnings for the first eleven months of last year to be \$7,638,557 83; working expenses, \$4,634,374 46, leaving net earnings amounting to \$2,984,183.35, or a gain in net earnings for the eleven months of \$1,963,607 00.

A WHOLESALE house in this city received a short time ago, two cars of goods from Chicago, upon which the total freight charges were \$523.00. From Chicago to St. Paul, a distance of 411 miles, the amount charged was \$134.56; from St. Paul to St. Vincent, 390 miles, the charge was \$267.44; and from St. Vincent to Winnipeg, 62 miles, \$121.00. According to this showing the rate per mile between the points mentioned would be as follows: From Chicago to St. Paul, \$0.3273; St. Paul to St. Vincent, \$0.6857; St. Vincent to Winnipeg, \$1.9516. Further comment is unnecessary.

THE Medicine Hat Railway and Coal Co., will ask for a charter of incorporation, with power to build a railway to the coal mines on the South Saskatchewan and operate said mines.

THE latest railway scheme is disclosed in the notice of an application for a charter to incorporate The Arden & Duck Mountain Railway Company, "with power to construct a line of railway from a point near Arden station, on the Manitoba Northwestern railway, westerly to the northern boundary of the province," etc.

A DETERMINED effort is to be made this winter by our neighbors in Minnesota and Dakota to secure from Congress a big appropriation for improving the Red River south of the boundary line. Seemingly our friends can see their own interests much more quickly and clearly than we can in the Canadian Northwest.

ON Friday the Dominion Express Co. will open up their system on the Manitoba South-Western Railway as far as the end of the track. They will have offices at Pilot Mound, Crystal City, Clearwater, Cartwright, Loog River, Killarney and Cherry Creek. This will be a great convenience to the commercial public, and a move which requires to be adopted on the Manitoba & Northwestern, where no regular express service exists, and on which beyond Portage la Prairie no banking institution can be found. Yet the population of the half dozen towns on that road must be about three thousand.

THE Northwest Council, in their memorial to the Dominion Government, state that the freight rates charged on the C.P.R. are a severe tax on the products of the Northwest, and ask the Government to use its influence to have the same reduced, especially on lumber from British Columbia. They also ask that food supplies for the police and Indians be purchased in the territories; that the Indians be supplied with home-grown beef instead of American pork; that a rebate be given on agricultural implements and lumber, equal to the duties imposed on those articles; the early settlement of rebellion claims, and the payment of merchants and settlers who furnished supplies to the troops; and that the council be given the power to incorporate companies having purely territorial objects.