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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 23, 1889.

W. W. DAVIDSON, livery, Neepawa, has sold out.

CHAS. CROTHERS, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, has sold out.

A. ROBERTSON, of Carberry, has opened a branch in the furniture line at McGregor, Man.

G. W. ROBINSON, general merchant, Portage la Prairie, has added dressmaking to his business.

THE Northern Pacific Railway Company is constructing a telegraph line from Carberry to Brandon.

A. D. McLEOD, an old timer of the Portage, will open a boot and shoe store in the Hay block, Portage la Prairie.

ANGUS McLEOD has sold out his interest in the Commercial hotel, Morden, Man., to Mr. Bell, formerly of Crystal City.

THE annual lectures of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association commence at the Medical College, Winnipeg, on October 2.

R. BOLTON, McGregor, Man., has sold his stock of boots and shoes to J. L. Gould, who proposes to add a line of gents' furnishings to the business.

A. J. GILLIES, grocer and stationer, of Bois-Sevain, Man., charged with attempting to burn his premises, has been discharged, evidence being insufficient.

A LARGE building will be erected at Carman, Man., close to the station, to be used as a store and hotel by Hemenway & Co. The ground floor will be 60x60.

C. J. MCGEE, of Winnipeg, contemplates opening a drug store at Brandon.

L' Agriculteur is the name of a new paper, to be published fortnightly at St. Boniface, Man., by Antoine Gauvin. The name implies the nature of the new journal.

THE new Alberta hotel, at Calgary, has been leased to H. A. Perley, a well known caterer. The building is claimed to be the finest in the country. It will be opened in a few weeks.

CROPS in Rockwood and Balmoral, the municipalities just to the north of Winnipeg, are very fine this year. Mr. Jackson, member of the legislature for the district, says wheat will average .25 bushels per acre.

THE office of the Minnesota and Ontario Lumber Company, at Oak Lake, Man., were burned last week, Neil, the agent, who lived in the building lost all his effects. There was some loss of doors, sash, etc., in stock.

ELMORE BROS, traders, have sold out their business in the Mackenzie river country to the Hudson's Bay Company. They had posts at Chipewyan, Fort Smith, Fort Providence and Fort Good Hope, the latter close to the Arctic circle.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made, says the Port Arthur Herald, for the erection of reduction works on a large scale. The capital of the company will be between three and four hundred thousand dollars. Nothing definite, however, will be done before spring.

THE rates fixed by the Company which proposes to light Portage la Prairie by electricity are: 16-candle light, 9 p.m., 85 cents per month; 1 a.m. \$1.35, and all-night light \$2 per month. These rates it is claimed are lower than any others in the province, taking the power of the lights as a basis.

THE stables used by the mounted police detachment at Edmonton, Alberta, the property of the Hudson's Bay Company, were burned recently, together with thirteen horses, the property of the police. For a time the Hudson's Bay Company's stores, etc., were in danger, but were saved.

THE Canadian Colonization Company has purchased 26,000 acres of land near Qu'Appelle, Assa. The intention is to establish a number of farms, to be worked by the Company. Families will be brought from England to work the lands with a view to their becoming actual settlers at the end of one year. Prof. Tanner is at the head of the enterprise.

THE Manitoba Northwestern railway is allowing farmers to load their grain on the cars at the gravel pit siding three miles west of the Portage. The freight rates from there east will be the same as from McDonald station, which is one cent higher than from Portage. On car lots to Portage special rates will be granted.

R. SCOTT, general merchant, Shoal Lake, who was burned out in the recent destructive fire at that place, has already made arrangements to open out again. He has rented premises on the south side of the railway, which he is fitting up for a store. A new stock of goods has been secured, and he expects to be ready for business by the middle of this week.

FOLLOWING is a list of the stations so far located upon the Morris-Brandon branch of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway, and at which buildings will shortly be erected: Myrtle, Rolland, Rosebank, Miami, Swan Lake, Mariapolis, Chesterfield, Belmont and Sipeweski. Following is the distance from Morris of each of the stations: Myrtle 21, Rolland 26, Miami 39.5, Musselboro 54, Somerset 62, Swan Lake 68.3, Mariapolis 79.5, Belmont 102, Sipeweski 120, Brandon 150.

THE Portage la Prairie Review says: Wheat has been coming into the elevators in a constant stream during the past week, but very little is being sold. The farmers all seem disposed to hold for higher prices, and the buyers hold off, offering only 60 cents as the outside figure. Oats are quoted at 38 cents, and are very scarce at that. Cattle range all the way from 2 1/2 cents to 2 3/4 and 3 cents, latter for real good steers for shipping. Butter is on the rise and 18 cents is the price now offered for real good. Eggs are scarce at 18 cents. Potatoes are quoted at 50 cents a bushel.

TELEGRAMS to the Winnipeg Free Press last week stated that arrangements had been completed with the British capitalists to build the Northwest Central railway. Fifty miles of this road were graded last year by the Canadian directors, but nothing has since been done on the road. It is stated that the British capitalists will take over the work already done, and complete the fifty miles this fall. It is claimed that next year the road will be extended through to Rattleford, on the North Saskatchewan. The graded portion of the road extends from near Brandon to Rapid City, and westward from the latter place 25 miles.

THE new grain elevator on the N. P. & M. railway at Portage la Prairie, is nearly completed. The arrangement for weighing grain will be different from that now used in other Manitoba elevators. The wagon will be driven on the scales weighed and emptied of its contents by means of a slide in the bottom of the box. There will be no need for using sacks in drawing the grain as by this process the wheat will be hauled loose, in tight wagon boxes. If this system were generally adopted in Manitoba, it would save a great deal of delay on busy days, during the rush of wheat deliveries, now consumed in handling and emptying bags.

THE Pilot Mound Sentinel says: The new roller mill at Crystal City, Man., will be an establishment most creditable to the proprietor, Mr. Cockerline, and to the district. The building is four stories high. A strong, solid frame is placed on a good stone foundation. The mill will be 130 barrels capacity and can be made to manufacture 150 barrels per day if required. In addition to the roller machinery there are two run of stones that will be used chiefly for chopping grain. The new 60 horse power engine, prepared for the mill, is a very fine one and is, at present, on exhibition at the Toronto show. In connection with the mill an elevator will be erected near the railway track and a cable from the engine of the flour mill will elevate the grain. The mill will be ready to commence work about the 15th October.

