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WINNIPEG, MARCH 3, 1890.

H. D. LEE, editor of the Fort William Journal, is dead.

S. J. RUGG, jeweler, Winnipeg; stock seized by creditors.

A BOARD OF TRADE is being organized at Morden, Man.

J. G. WALDOCK, of the Shoal Lake cheese factory, is selling out.

DOUGLAS, harnessmaker, Deloraine, has added shoemaking to his business.

NEELIN & WILKINSON, general storekeepers, Antracite, Alberta, have assigned.

T. N. CAMPBELL, bookstore, Prince Albert, Sask., sold out to Rev. Dr. Jardine.

J. H. HARTNEY is erecting a store at Souris, Man., to be occupied by Young, of Winnipeg.

A. C. McEOWN, general storekeeper, Boissevain, Man., has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

LEONARD GAKTZ, of Red Deer, Alberta, has gone east to act as immigration agent for his district.

MEDICINE HAT people have decided at a public meeting to petition for the incorporation of the town.

ESTATE of I. Andrew, millinery; George Andrew, executor of this estate, assigned to Margaret Andrew.

ZINK Bros., boots and shoes, Brandon and Rapid City, are offering their Rapid City business for sale.

ISAAC COOKMAN, of Basswood, Man., has decided to move to Minnedosa, where he has leased the Hartford building and will open a general store.

KERR & VINING, of the New Douglas house, Winnipeg, have sold out to Wm. Saults, formerly of Deloraine, and Johnny McLaren, of Brandon.

THE Bank of British North America has purchased material for a new bank building to be erected on the corner of Rosser and tenth street, Brandon, this year.

J. CLARKE, manager of the coal mines south of Deloraine, Man., reports work going on steadily at the mines. Farmers are driving to the mines and hauling their own coal.

PROF. SAUNDERS announced at the Fruit Growers' convention at Ottawa last week that 100,000 young shade trees were to be forwarded to the west from the Government experimental farm at Ottawa in the spring.

THE *Manitoba Colonist* for February has been issued. It contains ten of a dozen pages devoted to a description of the works and business of the Massey Manufacturing Company, which should be worth a great deal to this enterprising concern.

G. C. KING & Co., general merchants, Calgary, Alberta, have affected a settlement with their creditors on a basis of sixty cents on the dollar. Payments are spread over two years in quarterly instalments. The liabilities were placed at \$63,000 and assets at \$65,000.

A MEETING of the residents of Glenboro, Man., was held recently to consider the advisability of providing the town with better protection from fire. It was decided to buy hooks and ladders, ropes, buckets and hose, and dig wells in different parts of the town.

R. S. NORTON, traveller for Cornell, Spera & Co., is receiving the hearty congratulations of his Winnipeg friends. A few weeks ago he was married at Victoria, B. C., to a young lady of that city, and he and his bride arrived here last night. They are staying at the Leland.

THE manufacture of blankets, flannels and Halifax tweeds, etc., will shortly be undertaken at the woolen mill at Rapid City, Man. The new branch will be opened as soon as the necessary machinery arrives, which is now on the way from the east. Hitherto only yarns were made at this mill.

AT the last meeting of the Winnipeg city council it was unanimously resolved that the council considers it advisable that an annual industrial exhibition be held in this city; and that the council considers it advisable to procure a proper site and erect suitable buildings at the earliest possible date.

A BRANDON correspondent writes:—Alexander Kelly & Co., millers, Brandon, contemplate pulling down their present frame mill and erecting on the same lot a large brick mill during the coming spring and summer. J. S. McKay, millwright, was in the city last week discussing the plans of the proposed building.

A MONSTER whitefish, weighing 16 pounds, was on exhibition at J. H. Davis' fish market, Winnipeg, last week. This splendid specimen of the whitefish family came from Lake Winnipeg. Mr. Davis has several tons of the fish, all very large size, weighing from six pounds upward. This does not indicate that Lake Winnipeg is being depleted of fish.

THE first special colonist train of the season for Manitoba left the Union Depot, at Toronto, on Tuesday night last. Seventy-five or eighty Ontario farmers with their wives and families make up the emigrants. They are drawn from all parts of the province. The party was accompanied by Muldoon, of the Canadian Pacific staff, and started in colonist's cars, while a

train consisting of nine cars of stock, draught horses and cattle, seeds and household effects followed. This is starting too early in the season, unless the parties have previously been here and selected their lands and have buildings erected.

THE *Calgary Tribune* has the following to say of the recent assignment in the hotel line at that place: "The position of the affairs of F. La Penotiere, of the Royal hotel, who assigned the other day is not assuming any more favorable appearances. The books show that since the first of November \$10,000 has been taken in cash, and the liabilities have already reached nearly \$7,000, with doubtless others to hear from. Mr. Reilly has placed the sheriff in charge for rent, and it appears that the creditors will receive a very small percentage of their claims. The unpaid wages amount to nearly one thousand dollars. The business of the hotel will be carried on as usual without interruption."

PROF. W. J. SAUNDERS, director of Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, writes as follows: "By instructions from the Minister of Agriculture, a distribution of young forest trees will be made during the coming spring for testing on the western plains. The packages will be sent free through the mail, each containing about 100 seedling trees from 6 to 12 inches high, chiefly of the hardest varieties. Any settler who desires to receive a package of these trees with the understanding that he is to take care of them and report on them when required, will oblige by sending his name without delay to the undersigned at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Applications will be entered in the order in which they are received, and supplied in the same order as far as is consistent with the general distribution of the trees over the whole of the western country."

THE following circular has been sent out by Wm. Saunders, manager of the Dominion Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, Ont., which is of special interest to Manitoba:—"The summer of 1889 was not a favorable one in some parts of the Dominion for maturing a high quality of seed grain. Rust prevailed to such an extent as to interfere with its usual development and plumpness. Where the rust was severe the grain is unusually light, and its percentage of germinating power has been considerably reduced. This is especially the case with oats. Judging from samples received for testing, this injury has been greatest in the Maritime Provinces, and in some districts in Ontario. The important bearing of well developed, vigorous seed, of high germinating power, on good crops is now recognized by all thoughtful farmers, and no one who has any seed on hand, the vitality of which is questionable, should allow himself to remain long in uncertainty as to its value. The seed testing department at the Central Experimental Farm is now in full operation, and every farmer in the Dominion is invited to send any samples of which he may have doubt to this institution for test. The time occupied in testing is usually about a fortnight; an ounce or two is sufficient for the purpose. Samples may be sent through the mail addressed to "the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, free of postage, and the returns will be made as promptly as possible, and free of charge. The name and address of the sender should be written plainly, and accompany each package."