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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 16, 1889.

L. H. DOLL, jeweler, Donald, B.C., has sold out.

THE Victoria, B.C., Standard News Co. have discontinued.

L. STOCKTON, tailor, Brandon, has sold out to Miller & Co.

D. ROBINSON, flour and feed, Meadow Lea, has gone out of business.

J. M. BENSON, livery, Winnipeg, has rented stable to T. H. Richards.

THOS. RYAN, boots and shoes, has sold out his retail business to Geo. Ryan.

MURRAY & HUME, hotelkeepers, Vancouver, B.C., have sold out Mrs. S. Burr.

CANNELL & RATCHFORD, hotelkeepers, Kamloops, B.C., contemplate selling out.

C. STEWART, general storekeeper, Meadow Lea, has sold out to A. E. Hainsworthy.

M. E. BOUGHTON, general merchant, Arden, has admitted H. D. McCanis into partnership.

COOK & COLE, grist mill, Wolseley, have dissolved partnership. W. D. Cook continues the mill.

RAT PORTAGE and Norman, Ont., is to be connected by telephone and an exchange established.

GEO. MITCHELL, fruits, etc., Winnipeg, is about to dispose business to his brother, L. Mitchell.

THE Prince Albert mail bag, in transit to Winnipeg, and which left that place on August 7th, did not arrive at the office here. Merchants at that place, are somewhat uneasy over the matter.

J. BLACKWELL, will open a harness shop at Melita,

SIMPSON, has opened a bakery at Portage la Prairie.

JAMES PIERCE, has opened a butcher shop at Lothbridge.

RAT PORTAGE taxation this year is 43 mills on the \$.

LARUE & PICARD have opened a general store at Edmonton.

JOHN DONOHUE, hotelkeeper, Calgary advertises to sell out.

D. ROBINSON, flour and feed, Portage la Prairie, has closed out.

THE Commercial Bank, of Manitoba, will open a branch at Minnedosa.

The last issue of the Manitoba Gazette, was printed in one language only.

GRUNDY & Co., of this city, are opening a wareroom, at Portage la Prairie.

BIRTLE, is to have another newspaper; E. A. Bailey, of Rapid City, being the new aspirant.

RYAN & MACARTHUR, blacksmiths, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, business will be continued by John McArthur.

ROSS, of the firm of Fullerton & Ross, general storekeepers, and Fullerton, Ross & Gordon, hardware and lumber merchants, Manitou, is dead.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, is to be lighted with electricity in the near future. Arrangements are now being made, and the project established on a good financial footing.

MCCARTHY & Co., boot and shoe dealers, Regina, will immediately begin operations on a large extension to their premises when they will open out in the fur goods line.

E. RAYMER, & Co., jewellers and stationers, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. A. Raymer, of Portage la Prairie, retires and the business will be continued by E. Raymer.

THE Gas company, last week reduced the price of that commodity to \$2.70 per 1000 feet. Competition in this matter is bringing illuminating down to a reasonable price, and also improved service.

THE C. P. R., are about acquiring the Louisa bridge solely for the purpose of their road, in which event, the City Council will erect another to the north, or near the proposed new cemetery location.

HULL, TROUNCE & Co., butchers and stock dealers of Alberta, and British Columbia, have dissolved partnership. W. P. Trounce, withdraws entirely from the business, and the new firm continues under the name of Hull Bros. & Co.

Mr. Grant, representing the Imperial Oil Company, spent several days in McLeod, recently. After visiting the oil fields, he met a number of the gentlemen who have claims up there, and made an offer for the lands which was not accepted.

BRANDON civic authorities, are pushing the by-law in regard to overhanging signs, in that town and a general tearing down was done last week. A little attention to the same matter in Winnipeg, would improve the appearance of Main Street.

It is contemplated to again operate the Portage la Prairie paper mill.

JAS. H. BURKE, photographer, Fort Saskatchewan, advertises his business for sale.

COAL is announced for the coming season at a \$1 a ton reduction from former prices.

THE Morris-Brandon branch of the N. P. & M. Ry. will be opened for traffic about the middle of November.

THE framework of the large warehouse in connection with the flouring mill of Messrs. Smith & Brigham, at Moosomin, is about completed.

SPRAGUE & SCARLETT, general storekeepers, Regina, have dissolved partnership. Scarlett is about to open out a dry goods and grocery business.

THE quantity of wheat shipped from the Port Arthur elevators last week was 93,993 bushels; the amount in store on night of Sept. 7th, was 388,132 bushels.

BRYDON & CHARLESWORTH, carpenters, Winnipeg, were burnt out on the evening of Sept. 11th. Several kits of tools belonging to the workmen were destroyed.

ASPIRANTS to the mayor's chair for 1890 are already in the field and indulging in a little quiet canvassing. Alf. Pearson is definitely in the field, ex-Ald. Macdonald and Mulvey are also cogitating over the matter.

THE C. P. R. company are contemplating the erection of a mammoth hotel. Two railway hotels to the already large hotel accommodation of the city will shut out some of the small fry now catering to the public.

THE writ for a new election in Dennis has been issued. Nomination is to be on Sept. 23th and polling Oct. 5th. Provincial Secretary McLean is now working his constituency for all it is worth to secure his re-election.

IMPROVEMENTS are to be made to the rapids on the Rainy River in the shape of piers and capstans as suggested by the Rat Portage board of trade. The Government engineer has inspected the proposed work and reported favorably.

THE town of Shoal Lake, on the line of the Manitoba and Northwest Railway, suffered a serious loss by fire last Thursday. The blaze starting in the stables of the Grand Union Hotel, its progress to the other buildings was rapidly accelerated by the great gale of wind, and the whole solidly built north side of the town, was soon demolished. The following parties were the principal sufferers:—George Raymond, tinware, loss \$200; H. Burton, butcher, \$1,200; C. H. Greenshaw, carriage shop, \$800; Thomas Parkinson, general store, \$500; R. S. Hamilton, saddler, \$2,000; Grand Union Hotel, \$600; G. M. Chambers, Commercial hotel, \$2,500, C. P. Greenshaw, H. Colfas and Wm. Chambers, loose a total of \$1,800 with no insurance; Burton, butcher also had no insurance. The others were insured as follows: George Raymer, \$800; R. Hamilton, \$400; T. Parkinson, \$2,000; Commercial hotel, \$1,500; Grand Union hotel and stables, \$3,000, Messrs. Scott, Raymer, Greenshaw, McGregor, Chambers, Burton, and Hamilton will rebuild at once. The cause of the fire is unknown.