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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 28, 1886.

G. W. ROBINSON, will open in the furniture line at Killarney.

WALTER PELFORD is winding up his drug business at Stonewall.

W. McDONALD has taken charge of the Queen's Hotel, Minnedosa.

THE Saskatchewan Hotel, Minnedosa, is now conducted by R. Murdoch.

PEEL & Co., groceries and liquors, Winnipeg, have sold out to T. T. Smith.

CARMICHAEL & McDOWELL, have opened in boots and shoes at Portage la Prairie.

C. W. WILLIAMS, general storekeeper, Wakopa, Man., will move to Killarney.

W. WHITE, late of Scott & White, Regina, has opened a law office at Moosomin, Assa.

A. C. SPARROW, butcher, Calgary, has sold out to Dunn & Lincham, in the same line of business at that place.

MILLWARD & FREEZE, painters, Calgary, have dissolved partnership. J. H. Millward will continue the business.

COUNT DE SIMENCOURT, who has a ranch at Shoal Lake, has opened a meat stall in the Winnipeg city market.

GATLIFF & FRASER, lumber merchants, Emerson, have dissolved partnership. Gatliff will continue the business.

SARGEANT & GIFFORD, butchers, Virden, Man., have dissolved partnership. W. B. Sargeant will continue the business.

Three hundred and four Post Offices have been opened in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, during the past five years.

A HERD of 130 cattle were recently shipped from Brandon to Battleford. The price paid at Brandon was 3c and 5 per cent off for shrinkage.

THE *Northwest Indicator*, a monthly paper, published in the interests of provincial rights, by E. A. Bailey, of Brandon, will be published as a weekly.

C. H. WESBROOK, dealer in agricultural implements, Moosomin, Assa., has formed a partnership with — McKennit, under the style of Wesbrook & McKennit.

THE stock of Wm. Wellband, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, was bid in at 73c in the dollar at Sheriff's sale. It is understood the stock reverts to the former proprietor.

THE Bank of Montreal have rented offices in Dunn & Lincham's new block, now in course of erection at Calgary, and an agency of the Bank will be opened as soon as the building is ready.

WOODS, jeweller; Arthur, confectioner; and the Central Hotel, Port Arthur, kept by Rolph, were burned on Saturday. Marks, McKay & Co., gents' furnishing; Rodder, druggist; and Brown, dry goods; had their stocks damaged by moving.

THE Winnipeg Gas Co. has authorized the directors to borrow \$300,000 upon the debentures of the Company and give a mortgage upon the entire property of the Company. The works of the Company in the city will be greatly extended. The Gas Company has purchased the plant of the Electric Light Co.

Over 250 immigrants arrived last week in Winnipeg.

A new line of steamers has commenced running between Port Arthur and Duluth.

The Calgary *Tribune* reports that cherry trees set out there have borne fruit equal to Ontario cherries this season.

A meeting of delegates from a number of municipalities interested will be held at Brandon, to arrange a test case to see if the Northwest Land Co., cannot be compelled to pay taxes on its lands.

THE rate of taxes at Brandon for 1886 has been fixed at 12.85 mills on the dollar. This is something like two mills less than last year, notwithstanding that the assessed valuation of property has been reduced.

It is reported that negotiations are in progress between the Government and the C.P.R. Co., for the transfer of the Government telegraph system in the Northwest to the latter company. This would include the line to Edmonton and branches in the Saskatchewan country, in all about 1,000 miles of wire.

THE following unique letter was received from a farmer by a Winnipeg bank manager, in answer to a communication regarding an overdue note:—"Sir: I am unable to meet your note at present, I have not thrashed yet, but expect to next week, and as soon as I can I will pay you. Now boss you were constantly writing me last fall for money, will you please out of a favor to me never in God's name take any of my paper again after this is paid. I have over \$2,000 of paper out and somebody will get left sure.

THE secretary of the Winnipeg Board of Trade has received the following communication from the Post-Office Department at Ottawa, regarding the resolution lately passed by the Board:—"Sir:—I am directed by the Postmaster General to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 24th instant enclosing a resolution of the council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade asking that the postal car service be extended west of Manitou; and in reply have to inform you that the subject to which you refer is receiving due enquiry and consideration.—W. WHITE, Secretary."

