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WINNIPEG, MARCH 31, 1890.

B. HOLLINQUEST has opened a grocery store at Oak Lake, Man.

FRED Reiman has decided to open a general store at Langenburg.

H. W. KOBOLD & Co., butchers, Rat Portage, have sold out to Alfred Bird.

MRS. G. W. WATTS has opened a millinery and fancy goods store at Regina, Assa.

J. J. SMITH, general dealer, Emerson, Man., has assigned to R. J. Whitla, Winnipeg.

*Town Talk*, Winnipeg's new society and comic paper, made its appearance last week.

SEEDING commenced at Medicine Hat last week. Plowing is said to be general in that district.

SAMUEL HUNGERFORD, hotel, Carberry, Man., has given up business and is succeeded by Angus McKenzie.

SAMUEL Hartford, general merchant, of Neepawa, Man., has made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand.

LEE & KING, blacksmiths, Calgary, have dissolved partnership. W. H. Lee will continue the business.

W. HAMILTON'S livery and feed stable at Pilot Mound, Man., was destroyed by fire last week. Insurance \$500.

CONSTRUCTION on the Medicine Hat Coal company's railroad to connect the mine with the C.P.R. at that place will it is said be begun at once.

The Saltcoats Creamery Association has been organized at Saltcoats, on the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway, with the following directors and officers: President, T. McNutt; secretary, T. A. Patrick; directors, president and secretary and Messrs. Thompson, Henderson, Riche, Holton and Crerar.

A LEADING British trade journal reaches this office addressed "Winnipeg, Manitoba, United States."

KEITH & Co., of Winnipeg, have issued their twelfth annual seed catalogue. It is quite a fine thing of the kind.

THE estate of W. G. Watts, boots and shoes and furnishings, Regina, will be sold on April 5, at the office of the official assignee, Winnipeg. The stock is invoiced at \$3,542.

THEY are coming thick and fast. The latest publication to appear in Winnipeg is *The Western Law Times*, the first number of which was issued last week. It will no doubt be welcomed by the legal profession.

D. ROSS, proprietor of the saw mills at Whitemouth, Man., is already preparing for the spring trade. He has a good supply on hand, and will make a large cut this season. Work has already been commenced at the mill.

THE estate of J. D. Gillies & Co., Minnedosa, Manitoba, will be offered for sale by auction, at the office of the official assignee, Winnipeg, on April 5. The stock of general goods amounts to \$14,688, and \$11,817 book debts and notes.

THE Manitoba Government has decided to grant \$7,500 in aid of the proposed exhibition at Winnipeg. Though not as large an amount as was asked for, the sum will be very acceptable, and the exhibition is now fully resolved upon.

AT a recent special meeting of the board of trade of Medicine Hat, Assa, it was decided to hold a convention at that place on May 25 to discuss questions affecting the Territories. Delegates will be invited from all centres in the Territories.

THE town council of Port Arthur has decided to submit a by-law to the ratepayers providing for the granting of an additional bonus of \$15,000 to the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway, payable on the completion of the road to Gun Flint lake on the International boundary.

THE early closing movement in Winnipeg is progressing favorably. Those interested are now obtaining the signatures of the merchants to a petition to the city council, asking that a by-law be passed providing for closing at a stated hour, in accordance with the Act of the Legislature bearing upon this matter.

A JOINT stock company has been formed at Rapid City, Man., with a capital of ten thousand dollars, to operate a brick kiln and pottery. The provisional directors are T. Houlding, D. A. Hopper, C. J. Whellams, A. Carss and M. Turriff. The company will be called "The Saskatchewan Brick Kiln and Pottery Company, limited."

A SPECIAL colonist excursion train for Manitoba left Clinton, Ontario, on March 25, via Toronto and North Bay, having on board about fifty-five passengers, among whom were some of the oldest and wealthiest settlers from that vicinity. They also took with them about 14 cars of stock and settlers effects, all of which goes to Manitoba points.

THE new immigration journal *The Western World*, which has been looked for for some time, made its first appearance the first of last week, and hereafter will be issued on the 15th of each month. The first issue is largely devoted to the city of Winnipeg, and a number of very fine illustrations are given of views familiar to the citizens of this place. The number contains well written articles by C. N. Bell, secretary

of the board of trade; H. N. Ruttan, city engineer, and others.

THE Brandon Sun says: J. D. McGregor & Co. will arrange at once for space for shipment east of one thousand head of cattle from Calgary. They will be selected from the lot taken west last summer. They have improved wonderfully on the western range, and are now excellent stock cattle.

J. A. CHRISTIE, of the Brandon saw mill, is making arrangements to attach a planer to his mill with a capacity of 90,000 feet a day. He expects to start the mill about the first of May, and if the logs come down as expected will run night and day and employ in the neighborhood of 60 men. He is estimating on turning out between five and six million feet of lumber this summer.

DESPITE the expected shortage of beef cattle this spring, a good number of animals have already been secured by wholesale cattle men. The *Mercury* of Manitou, Man., says: "Jas. T. Gordon was skimming around the country in the vicinity of Manitou for a couple of days this week hunting for fat cattle. He succeeded in purchasing one hundred and five head during his travels. The animals are intended for the Winnipeg market. Evidently the farmers in the Manitou district have been able to supply their cattle with plenty of feed."

A COPY of "The Canadian Shoe and Leather Directory" has been received at this office. It is a handsomely bound book of over 300 pages, and forms a complete hand-book of the leather and shoe trades of the Dominion. All manufacturers of leather and leather goods, as well as all dealers, wholesale and retail, in such goods, are given in the directory. Altogether it is a most complete work of the kind. Published by the *Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal*, of Toronto.

THE fifth colonist party of the season from Ontario left Toronto last Tuesday for Manitoba. There were eight trains, with about one hundred cars of settlers' effects and seven hundred passengers. The Union station was the scene of great bustle for several hours prior to the departure of the trains. Great crowds assembled, and huge piles of baggage were on every hand. The settlers appeared to be of the best class of Ontario farmers. Agents of the Manitoba Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company accompanied the train to look after the comfort of the passengers.

J. McLEOD HOLIDAY & BRO. occupy very nice quarters on Portage avenue, where they carry a full line of samples of the goods handled by Hodgson, Sumner & Co., of Montreal. Since the closing of the Winnipeg branch of this house, Messrs. Holiday have acted as agents for the Montreal firm, and goods are now shipped direct from headquarters to the western trade. Messrs. Holiday have also been appointed agents for Wm. Ewan & Son, wholesale clothing, Montreal. In the clothing branch they carry a light stock of staples in Winnipeg for the sorting trade, in addition to full lines of samples. They have also been appointed agents for J. & C. Hodgson, manufacturers of iron pipe, and Geo. W. Reed, manufacturer of refrigerators, slate and metal roofing, etc., of Montreal. The refrigerators are a very fine thing of the kind, and at a low price. They have not been handled heretofore in the West, but are well known to the trade east.