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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 8, 1888.

Boyd & Co., gunsmiths, Winnipeg, are selling out by auction.

McKILLIP, of Brandon, will open a furniture store at Rapid City, Man.

J. TAPLEY, baker and confectioner, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

PETER MITCHELL, blacksmith, Neepawa, Man, is giving up business.

WM. ROBERTS & Co., tobacconists, Winnipeg. Wm. Roberts of this firm is dead.

JOHN BURR, from Ontario, a practical watch-maker and jeweller, has opened business with a stock of goods, at Manitou, Man.

AN agricultural hall has been built at Wapella, Assa., by the agricultural society. The fall show on Oct. 2nd, was a success.

THE C. P. R. authorities have decided to give Calgary a Saturday train to Banff, returning Monday. Fare for the round trip, \$4.

THE firm of Macdonald, Tupper & Phippen, barristers, Winnipeg, will in future be known as Macdonald, Tupper, Phippen & Tupper.

THE plans for the new brick and stone court house, to be erected at Calgary, have been prepared. The structure will cost about \$25,000.

W. F. BUCHANAN, commission merchant, Winnipeg, is giving up business and commencing as general merchant at Saltcoats, Man., under style of Buchanan & Co.

It is stated that two brothers named McFarlane, will open a store at Minnedosa, Man., shortly in the stand formerly occupied by S. Hartford, general merchant, who has moved to Bridge Creek.

G. A. GRIFFITH, general storekeeper, Aurora, Ont., has moved to Balmoral, Man.

NIXON & SCOTT, boot and shoe dealers, Winnipeg, contemplate dissolving partnership

A. T. MORRISON will commence business at Wapella, Assa., as lumber and meat dealer.

THOS. BRODER, formerly of Emerson, has commenced business as a baker at W. St Lynno, Man.

THE C. P. R. will run cheap excursions from Manitoba and the Territories to Eastern Canada shortly.

S. O'BRIEN, saloon keeper, Winnipeg, has gone out of business; succeeded by H. A. Chadwick.

T. J. SMITH, lately burned out at Wapella, Assa., has resumed business with a new stock of general merchandise.

WM. MOORE and Joseph McCullum, of Oak Lake, Man., have entered into partnership in the livery stable business.

J. W. GILLBART, manager for Jas. Hay & Co., wholesale furniture, Winnipeg, was married recently to a Cobourg lady.

W. S. ROGUE, western representative of John Macdonald & Co., of Toronto, was married in Toronto last Wednesday, to Miss Faith Muldren, daughter of Wm. Muldren.

THE agricultural exhibition of the Regina district, was held at Regina on Tuesday and Wednesday last. The display of grains, roots, vegetables, dairy produce, etc., was very good.

THE Qu'Appelle Station board of trade is proving a very useful institution to the town. A system of protection against fire has been originated, and a number of water tanks have been put down.

A MATTER worthy of passing notice was the opening of a new educational institution in Winnipeg, on Monday of last week. The new college has been established by the Methodist denomination, and will be known as Wesley college.

THE contract for the first twenty miles of the Morris-Brandon branch of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway company's system, was awarded on Tuesday to George H. Strevel, who will commence work at Morris immediately. Mr. Strevel's tender was for eight cents per cubic yard, the lowest figure that railway construction has ever been done for in this country. The price created much astonishment among local contractors. Egan Bros. are interested with Mr. Strevel in the contract.

AN agricultural exhibition was held at Calgary on Sept. 25 and 26. The display of grain, vegetables, roots, etc., is said to have been very good. A feature of the show was an extensive exhibition of fruits from Westminster, B. C. Of the dairy exhibit the *Tribune* says:—The display of butter was magnificent and a finer lot could not be got this fall in any district of broad Canada. It indicates the beginning of a great industry in Alberta and it is apparent that the foundations of success in butter manufacture are being laid broad and deep. There were also samples of home made and factory made cheese which attracted great attention. Alberta expects a great deal from her future cheese manufacturing and she is not likely to be disappointed.

J. W. ALLISON, of J. P. Mott & Co., manufacturers of Mott's cocoa and chocolates, of Halifax, N. S., was in Winnipeg last week, introducing the goods of his firm h.c.e. John B. Mather, wholesale commission merchant, has been appointed agent in the west for the firm.

THE *Dominion Illustrated* is again to hand, replete with choice reading and illustrations. Among the latter are an excellent cut of Hon. Edward Blake, also a well executed engraving representing "C" battery on parade at Victoria, on the eve of departure for the Skeena. G. E. Desbarats & Sons, publishers, Montreal and Toronto.

THE Government has been advised that the schooner Brandon, loaded with 1,000 tons of rails for the line from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie, went down in the storm which raged over Lake Superior a day or so ago. This will delay track laying somewhat, but the Government intend securing rails from Chicago, so that the ironing of the branch will not be long delayed.

THE *Birtle Observer* has the following regarding the new town of Saltcoats, the end of the track on the Manitoba Northwestern railway. The M & N. Railway Co is building a station, round house, coal sheds, etc., at Saltcoats. W. Walley has been appointed postmaster and will also engage in buying grain this season. An agricultural show will be held about the 15th inst. There is an excellent opening for a doctor at the place. Saltcoats has three stores and another is going up. There are also three livery stables, a blacksmith shop and a butcher shop. Two large hotels are in course of erection.

THE *Calgary Tribune* says:—Mr. Smith, of Montreal, whose tender for the town debentures was accepted by the council, does not propose to let the town out of the bargain. It appears that Mr. Smith on receiving the notification of the acceptance of his tender instructed his lawyer at Winnipeg to examine the by-law, etc. The Winnipeg man asked for the usual declarations and proofs, and then the council without any notification to Mr. Smith or his agents, turned round, rescinded the resolution of acceptance and made an arrangement with another corporation, Mr. Smith feels aggrieved and has telegraphed that he will hold the town to their agreement.

THE following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption at Winnipeg with duty collected thereon during the month of September, 1888, and compared with the same month of 1887:

Description.	Value 1887.	Value 1888.
Exported.....	\$388,381 00	\$94,142 00
Imported, dutiable .	99,882 00	114,259 00
Imported, free	15,630 00	17,337 00
Total imported..	\$115,452 00	\$131,596 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable ...	\$101,761 00	\$120,025 00
Entered for consumption, free... ..	15,630 00	17,337 00
Total for consumption.	\$117,391 00	\$137,362 00
Duty collected	\$ 31,650 64	\$ 37,020 39