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WINNIPEG, JUNE 24, 1889.

— ERNST is opening a bakery at Regina.

HENRY ROME has opened a butcher shop at Nanaimo, B. C.

ROBERT MUNN will take possession of the Queen's Hotel, at Wapella, July 1st.

WHITEWOOD, N. W. T., will offer an inducement for the erection of a roller flour mill.

AN unsuccessful attempt was recently made to crack the Bank of Montreal at Regina.

SMITH & BURTON, wholesale grocers, Brandon, have admitted D. A. Hopper into partnership.

MILLIKEN & MURPHY, harnessmakers, Qu'Appelle, have dissolved partnership. J. B. Milliken continues.

CALGARY is revelling in the luxury of a steam laundry. The machinery was brought from Troy, N. Y., and cost \$4,000.

IN our last issue a typographical error occurred, which made the quotation for strong baker's flour in Winnipeg \$2.00 instead of \$2.50, what it ought to have been.

ROBERG & ROY, hotelkeepers, Lethbridge have dissolved partnership; business will be continued by Roberg. Roy will open out in the restaurant business.

TENDERS are called for the erection of a fire proof building for the use of the land titles office, at Morden, by the Provincial Government.

It is stated that arrangements for the immediate construction of the Red Deer Valley railroad have been completed and that leave will be asked at the next session of Parliament to extend the road to Battleford.

MARTIN has disposed of his interest in the Bodega restaurant, Winnipeg.

P. JANIENS, restaurant, Nanaimo, B. C., advertises his business for sale.

FRANK MARAGGI, restaurant, Winnipeg, has been closed out by the sheriff.

THE Virden Milling Company have sold out their flour mill to C. Koester.

D. F. BURK publisher of the Port Arthur Herald is said to have sold out.

H. BRISBOIS, general storekeeper, St. Norbert, has sold out to C. R. Pacaud.

HARRY MUTTER has purchased the stationery business of H. Mitchell, at Neepawa.

NEEPAWA's assessment totals \$281,000, or \$179,000 more than the year previous.

ALEX. DAVIDSON has purchased the blacksmith business of O. B. Fysh, at Moosojaw.

FULLERTON & ROSS, general storekeepers, Manitou, suffered slight damage from fire recently.

E. PARKER & Co., general storekeepers, Treherne, have effected a compromise with their creditors.

ANOTHER party of eastern farmers arrived in town last Friday. They were all of an investive turn of mind and of the 384 arrivals it is expected fully 40 per cent. will locate in this country.

By the payment of a subsidy of \$4,500 the municipality of Argyle have secured the N. P. & Man. Ry. line through their district, on the line south of the Tiger Hills. The company buy their own town sites.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Federal Bank, held at Toronto recently, it was decided to institute a suit against S. Nordheimer to recover a half a million dollars, said to have been lost by the bank through its transactions with the Commercial Loan Co. while Nordheimer was president of the bank and a member of the company.

RICHARD HARDISTY, H. C. Wilson, John Cameron, Goo. J. Kinnaird, C. Young, H. S. Young, P. Daly, Alex. Taylor, of Edmonton, N. W. T., have applied for incorporation under the name of "The Edmonton Building and Investment Company," to conduct a general loan business, at Edmonton. The capital stock is to be \$2,000 in shares of \$200 each.

THE Morgan farm, at Headingly, as also two other farms, at Balmoral, has been purchased by an English lady. The former property was purchased for \$1,500. Land sales during the past month has been the heaviest with the Hudson's Bay and other companies since the boom. The movement is principally in Southern Manitoba, along the proposed Souris branch route. The sales have mostly been to actual settlers.

THE mail service on the Glenboro branch of the C. P. R., might be re-arranged to provide many points along that line with better mail accommodation. Mails and papers sent to Blythfield via Starbuck, by the present arrangement are frequently two weeks on the road, and when it is borne in mind that that place is but twenty miles from Winnipeg, it can readily be

seen that some arrangement is imperatively necessary to give a better service to this district.

THE prospects of a short crop of hay are daily becoming more apparent. East of Brandon to Lake Superior the rain fall has been light and limited only to local showers. The early cutting in years past of prairie hay shows its evil effect very decidedly this season of scant moisture and the action of the Government in preventing cutting on their lands until the latter part of July has been a little late, but its beneficial effects will be seen in a couple of years if the spirit of the measure is carried out. The acquisition by the Provincial Government of the title to swamp lands in the province year before last from the Dominion Government was a wise move and it would be to the interest of the province were the authorities to follow up the regulation of the Dominion in this respect of too early cropping, as on these lands the greater portion of the hay crop of 1889 will have to be secured. The cultivation of grasses will ere long be a necessity in this country.

FOR some time past representations have been frequently made to the Dominion Government by those engaged in mining that the duty on machinery for that industry was a serious injury to the more general prosecution of the work, the most expensive portion of it having to be brought from the United States, Canadian manufacturers being unable to furnish the class required, in fact, being only able to supply what could be made in any ordinary town. Last week, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Ontario, while visiting the Sudbury mine, stated that the latter company have complained very much of the customs duties, but Mr. Richie and Mr. Cornell informed him that they had at last prevailed upon the Government to admit any mining or smelting machinery not made in Canada, duty free. The Port Arthur board of trade are to enquire of the Government confirmation of the foregoing statement.

THE Provincial Department of Agriculture issued last week the first crop bulletin of the season, or rather the first since 1887. It deals with the agricultural affairs of the province from the spring opening until the end of May. Besides taking note of annual crops, it deals with such points as pasturage, growth and destruction of noxious weeds, dairying, live stock, tree planting, and so forth. The following interesting figures about growing crops we take from it. Area of wheat in crop, 623,246 acres, or an increase of 190,111 upon 1887; area of oats, 218,744 acres, an increase of 63,568 acres on 1887; area of barley, 80,238 acres, an increase of 24,128 acres over 1887; peas, 1,491 acres, an increase of 619 acres over 1887; flax, 13,333 acres, an increase of 4,794 acres over 1887; potatoes, 11,941 acres, an increase of 1,150 acres over 1887. In tabular form is given the average of each product in the different municipalities, which are divided into four groups, named the eastern, central, southwestern and northwestern. The bulletin contains quite a lot of valuable information on many points, and does not fall into that too common blunder of making forecasts or probable estimates of the quantity or average yield of the coming crop.