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WINNIPEG, MAY 25, 1886.

Mrs. BENOIT has opened a millinery store at Wapella.

P. MCKENZIE will open a blacksmith shop at Clearwater.

G. J. CHAMBERS, hotelkeeper, Shoal Lake, has sold out.

D. EVANS, tailor, Emerson, has gone to British Columbia.

J. HEIMAN, liquor dealer, Emerson, has moved to Morden.

COOMBS & STEWART, Brandon, contemplate giving up business.

MACHINERY for the cheese factory has arrived at Shoal Lake.

J. WALTON will open a carriage and blacksmith shop at Edmonton.

C. F. POWELL has opened a stock of general merchandise, at Solsgrith.

A. V. BECKSTEAD, hotelkeeper, Emerson, will go to Devil's Lake, D. T.

THE new International Hotel at Wapella, erected by Ashton, is now open.

H. G. HENDERSON, general storekeeper, Minnedosa, has moved to Solsgrith.

THOS. CARNEY, hotelkeeper, Emerson, has been succeeded in business by James Dowswell.

JERMYN & BOLTON, saw and grist mill, Minnedosa are reported to have dissolved partnership.

FULLERTON & ROSS, dry goods dealers, Manitou, will likely open a branch store at Pilot Mound.

J. GAMBLE, JR., and H. B. Hughes will start a bakery and confectionery business at Macleod, Alberta.

S. DOWNING, boot and shoe dealer, Port Arthur, has opened a branch store at Fort William.

J. TOTTLE, livery keeper, Stonewall, has gone into the hardware business in partnership with J. Lawrence.

J. CAMERON, of Minnedosa, has received the contract for putting up fences along the line of the M. & N. R'y.

It now appears probable that the C. P. R'y. Co., will extend both of their southwestern branches this summer.

NELSON ZIMMERMAN, a small clothing and furnishing dealer of Winnipeg, has assigned in trust to Donald Fraser.

CARBERRY & NIXON, warehouseing, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. J. Carberry will continue the business.

A FIRE in the cellar of W. D. Pettigrew & Co's hardware store, Winnipeg, last week, was extinguished with slight loss.

OGLIVIE & Co. shipped 100,000 bushels of wheat from Lake Superior ports in one tow of barges, last week, besides several consignments by single steamers.

ANOTHER weekly paper has made its appearance in Winnipeg. It is called the Advertiser and seeks to be nothing but an advertising medium. The paper is distributed free, though the first issue contains more reading matter than can profitably be given away gratuitously.

THE railway committee at Ottawa have rejected the bills incorporating the Rock Lake, Souris and Brandon Railway, the Alberta Railway, and the Portage la Prairie and Lake of the Woods railway.

E. J. LAWRENCE and party left Calgary last week for the Peace River country, 500 miles north of Edmonton. They took with them machinery for the H. B. Co.'s steamboat to run on the Mackenzie river, also machinery for a saw and grist mill.

THE Manitoba Northwestern R'y Co. have decided to change the route of their railway and deflect the line in a more southwesterly direction. A branch will be run from near Birtle in a northerly direction, through the country originally intended for the main line.

NEW finds of gold quartz have been made in the Rat Portage district, said to be richer than anything heretofore discovered. However in mining matters the latest discovery is always the richest, and until this very latest one has been further tested it would be rash to place too much confidence in the ultimate result.

JAS. HAY & Co., furniture manufacturers, Woodstock, Ontario, have purchased the property on Main Street, Winnipeg, belonging to the estate of Bishop & Shelton and now occupied by the furniture house of Wishart, Bishop & Co. The sale does not include the warehouse and property on Fort Street, but it is understood that the Woodstock firm are negotiating for that portion of the estate also. They will open a branch in Winnipeg at once. Wishart, Bishop & Co. will move to new premises.

NORTHWESTERN weekly country papers have commenced to reduce their subscription prices to the rates prevailing in eastern Canada, namely \$1 per annum. The publisher of the Qu'Appelle Progress is the first to make the reduction. This price is far below the real value of almost every paper published in the country, either east or west, but the tendency of the times is to give the public cheap reading matter at the expense of the advertiser. The tendency is a good one in so far as it encourages the more general reading of newspapers, but it is doubtful if it be a wise course to be pursued on the part of the publisher.