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WINNIPEG, MARCH 6, 1888.

L. ALEXANDER, it is said will purchase the Lethbridge hotel, Lethbridge, Alberta.

A. CARSS, late of the department of agriculture, Winnipeg, will practice law at Rapid City, Man.

HUMBER & BOYDE, hardware merchants, Minnedosa, Man., contemplate opening a branch store at Rapid City.

—BROWN, of Gretna, Man., is the purchaser of W. Saults Revere hotel, at Deloraine. Williams, son-in-law of Brown, will manage the house.

THE Avenue hotel property at Fort William was sold lately by auction and brought \$2,375, the purchaser being Mrs. Mary Scott, of Port Arthur.

JAMES HERALD, general merchant, Balmoral, Man., is reported to have left for the United States, and an execution has been taken out against his estate.

TWO columns of a late issue of the Montreal daily Herald is devoted to a description of the extensive cigar manufactory of Tasso, Wood & Co., of that place.

SEVERAL letters have been received at THE COMMERCIAL office from parties at a distance, making inquiries regarding Winnipeg and Manitoba lands. The wide circulation given our special issue of the 13th ult., has been the means of bringing in the letters.

MANITOBA Northwestern Railway invites subscription in the London market for £150,000 first mortgage bonds, identical with the £300,000 already on the market, the whole secured on the first 180 miles of railway. The issue price is 43s.

G D NORTHGRAVES, jeweller, Prince Albert, Sask., contemplates giving up business.

ALFORD & Co. will re-build their hotel at Oak Lake, Man., recently destroyed by fire.

GEO. GALLINGER, blacksmith, Dominion City, Man., has admitted E. B. Collins into partnership.

ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON, tailors, Prince Albert, Sask., have admitted Chas. Dickinson into partnership.

THE stock of E. Tobias, general dealer, Morden, Man., amounting to \$2,350 was to be offered at sheriff's sale on Saturday last.

SHANNON & McLEOD, dealers in boots and shoes, Prince Albert, Sask., have dissolved partnership; each continuing business, under the style of Shannon & Co., and McLeod & Co.

RAPID CITY, Man. has been endeavoring to obtain a branch of the Commercial Bank, but the manager writes that the board have decided to wait until spring before considering the establishing of branches. He hopes, however, to be in a position to extend banking facilities before long.

THE stock of J. G. Mills, the absconding Winnipeg tea dealer, was sold by the sheriff on Wednesday last, under an execution secured by Thompson, Codville & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg. The estate was found to amount to \$4,623, and it was knocked down to Thompson, Codville & Co., at 63 cents in the dollar. Thus realizing \$2,912.50, less expenses. As Thompson & Codville's judgment was for \$3,500, it will be seen that nothing remains for the other creditors. Total liabilities were about \$9,000, as previously stated, distributed between Winnipeg and eastern houses.

D. D. Doyle, butcher, Winnipeg, has become tired of being dunned by his creditors and departed suddenly for the United States on Sunday last. On Saturday afternoon he made over to a city bank, which had a claim against him, receipts for goods in his warehouse. That same evening an investigation of the warehouse was made when the contents were found utterly worthless. Early the previous week a Manitou firm shipped him a car load of beef valued at \$550. On Friday a member of the firm arrived in Winnipeg and called on Doyle for a settlement. Doyle replied that he had sent a marked cheque to Manitou that day, which, however, failed to connect. It is said that several country shippers will be out for meats shipped Doyle. Doyle sold out his stall in the city market a few weeks before his departure.

A LONDON, England, cablegram says: The Canadian Gazette states that the Manitoba Mortgage company has issued a circular announcing that in consequence of a number of foreclosures in Manitoba arising from defaulted loans made at the time of the boom, a certain amount of the company's money is locked up in land. The directors recommend the shareholders to form a new company and take over the property, otherwise calls will be made to meet the debentures.

In the Dominion Senate a petition was presented to incorporate the Port Arthur & Western Railway company, which is proposed to run from Port Arthur to Winnipeg, and from thence to Turtle Mountain.

— HAWTHORN will open a harness shop at Rapid City, Man.

W. H. HOLMES, representing Wyld, Grassott & Darling, wholesale dry goods, Toronto is doing the West.

GINSON & JOHNSTON have bought the stock of Bagshaw Bros., general merchants, at Birtle, Man. The price paid for was 68 cents in the \$.

THE Brandon Sun will shortly issue a special edition, [enlarged and] illustrated, for general distribution as a means of directing immigrants to that district.

MAYOR BAIN, ex-Mayor Macarthur and William Craig, of Prince Albert, Sask., have been elected by the citizens to interview the Ottawa government regarding railway communication for that district.

WE were vainly of the opinion that there was but one only and original Winnipeg. In this it seems we are doomed to disappointment, for in the last issue of an exchange an article from *The Commercial*, of Winnipeg, Massachusetts, appears. Thus one by one our fondest hopes, etc.

GEO. H. ROGERS & Co. have sold out the balance of their stock of dry goods, at their store on the corner of Main and McWilliam Streets, Winnipeg, to J. E. McCrossan & Co. It is understood the price paid was 50 cents in the dollar. Rogers & Co. will give more attention in the future to their boot and shoe business.

AT a meeting of the council of the Brandon board of trade, the council recommended the appointment of Jas. A. Johnston as immigrant agent, and passed a resolution giving \$100 as a portion of his salary. The council also undertook to raise \$100 towards paying for literature.

THE following statement shows the amount of inland revenue collected at Winnipeg during February:

Tobacco.....	\$ 4,735 30
Cigars.....	121 50
Spirits.....	9,324 23
Malt.....	1,165 39
Petroleum.....	108 00
Seizures.....	237 90

Total.....\$ 15,692 32

The appended statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption at Winnipeg, together with the amount of duty collected thereon during February, 1888, and also a comparative statement for the same month of 1887:

Description.	Value 1887.	Value 1888.
Exported.....	\$ 26,913 00	\$ 61,450 00
Imported, dutiable..	123,537 00	122,943 00
Imported, free.....	0,325 00	7,368 00
Total imported.	\$129,862 00	\$130,311 00
Goods entered for consumption—		
Dutiable.....	\$124,939 00	\$125,992 00
Free.....	6,325 00	7,368 00
Total entered for consumption..	\$131,264 00	\$133,360 00

Duty collected \$35,311 62 \$37,476 97

The transactions at the Dominion Government savings bank, Winnipeg, during February were: Deposits, \$22,507; withdrawals, \$25,039 96; withdrawals exceed deposits by \$2,532 96.