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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 12, 1888.

A. E. MANDEVILLE, livery, Winnipeg, is selling out.

BELL & GRAY, butchers, Qu'Appelle, have dissolved partnership.

MACLEOD has been made a branch of the Post Office Savings Bank.

C. C. BAILEY, jeweller, Qu'Appelle, has removed to Sherbrook, Que.

MONTGOMERY & Co., dealers in carriages, Winnipeg, closed out by sheriff.

F. W. COLCLEUGH, dealer in flour and feed, Selkirk, has sold out to Samuel Robertson.

THERE is still a capital opening for a shoemaker in Neepawa, says the local paper of that place.

THE engine and machinery for a grist and saw mill at Duck Lake, Sask., has been shipped from the east.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Alberta Stock-growers' Association has been called for November 16th.

S. CORISTON who has managed the Conway House, Manitou, has given up his lease of the place. Jas. Conway has again taken possession of the premises.

A CLEAR sample of mica 16 inches square has been brought into North Bay, Ont. Its parent seam is regular and the mineral lies horizontally in large quantity.

GRAY & BELL, butchers, Qu'Appelle, Assa., have dissolved partnership. W. H. Bell will continue the business. W. H. Gray of the late firm has opened a shop in Regina.

THE grocery business of C. J. Chalmers, of Winnipeg, will be continued by his widow, Mrs. Mary Chalmers.

REILLY & MARTIN, of the Royal Hotel, Calgary, have dissolved partnership. Reilly will continue the business.

NEEPAWA Register of Nov. 2 says: The fall has been unusually favorable for fall plowing. Quite a few farmers have finished plowing and the balance have fully as much ground ready for wheat in the spring as is usual.

Z. MATHIOT, C.E., who lately returned from a prospecting and surveying tour through the Rainy River country, reports a railway through the narrows of Rainy lake and Lake of the Woods as quite feasible and easy of construction.

GRANT & HORNE, produce merchants, Winnipeg, recently shipped westward the first full car lot of Manitoba cheese ever forwarded from this province to British Columbia. Only broken lots have heretofore been shipped to the Pacific coast.

IN THE COMMERCIAL of the 25th ult. it was stated the the \$5 issue of the Bank of British North America dated in 1887, had been tampered with. It should have been given as the \$5 issue of 1877. The new issue, which has not been forged, is dated 23 May, 1886.

CALGARY Tribune: Some time ago Mr. FitzGerald wrote to President Van Horne requesting him to make a special rate by which Alberta butter and cheese could be profitably sent to points east and west to find a market. He has received a communication from Robt. Kerr saying that such a rate would be made to meet the demands of shippers and asking for suggestions in the matter.

MANITOU Mercury: H. J. Rockett returned last Saturday from Winnipeg, where he had gone to dispose of the balance of cheese manufactured at the three factories, Manitou, Thornhill and LaRiviere. The entire product was successfully disposed of at prices ranging from 9 1/4 to 9 1/2 cents per pound. One lot of one hundred cheese was forwarded to Victoria, British Columbia, and another lot of three thousand pounds was shipped to China.

THE Manitoba Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining company is to be reorganized on the 29th of this month. It was established in 1883, and the company in that year sank a shaft 120 feet in depth at Clearwater bay, Lake of the Woods, and then running out of funds suspended operations. It is said a Toronto capitalist has bought out several of the stockholders, and, assisted by American capital, will make another effort to develop the mine.

THE fall term of the Supreme court opened at Ottawa on Nov. 6. The Manitoba railway matter was the first business. Gormully appeared for the Manitoba Government, Hogg for the Dominion Government and Clarke for the C. P. R. Gormully moved on behalf of the Attorney-General, to fix a date for hearing. He suggested that Friday, the 16th, be set apart for hearing the case. It was finally agreed that Wednesday, 21st inst., should be the date. The Manitoba Government will be represented by Hon. Oliver Mowat and Dalton McCarthy. Hon. Edward Blake will conduct the case for the C.P.R. company,

THE Port Arthur Sentinel says: Business generally is keeping up good and the town is growing finely.

S. V. BRAY, lumber dealer and butcher, Walseley, Assa., is adding ready made clothing, boots and shoes and groceries to his business.

THE C. P. R. are putting on round trip tickets between Winnipeg and Banff at a rate of \$50, including a week's board at the Banff Springs hotel. Those desiring to remain at the springs longer can make special arrangements at the hotel and their tickets will be made good for any length of time.

THE fire insurance company lately formed at Portage la Prairie, Man., held a meeting lately and adopted the name, "Urban Mutual Fire Insurance Company." The head office will be in Portage la Prairie. The following were elected directors of this company: Judge Ryan, Hon. Jos. Martin, T. A. Garland, M. Blake, J. J. McRobbie, Wm. Garland, and A. McLean. Another meeting will be held shortly to perfect arrangements for beginning business.

THE Northern Pacific & Manitoba Ry. Co. in order to prevent all possibility of further complications will seek incorporation from the Dominion Parliament. Formal notice has been given of application at the next session of the Dominion Parliament for a charter for the company, embracing the line to the boundary, the Portage extension, and the extension of the Morris-Brandon branch to the Souris district and into Eastern Assiniboia. In any case the Local Legislature could not authorize the building of the line beyond the province; and the objective point of the western branch of the Northern Pacific is believed to be the Souris coal fields.

THE big C.P.R. elevator at Fort William is nearing completion. Some idea of the immensity of the elevator may be gathered from the fact that it is 18 feet higher than the first one, its total altitude being about 136 feet from terra firma, while its length is 300 feet and in width it covers some 75 feet of land. When this elevator and the annex to the old elevator are completed the combined capacity of the three will be something like 5,000,000 bushels. This, with the elevator at the east end of Port Arthur and the flat warehouses, will afford storage room for about 7,000,000 bushels of grain at our Lake Superior ports. Work on the annex, however, has been discontinued for the present, and it is not likely it will be completed until next season.

THE following are customs returns for the month ending October 31st, 1888, at Vancouver, B.C.:

Imports, dutiable	\$28,670
Imports, free	8,767
Exports	\$37,437 00
	\$25,115 00
COLLECTIONS.	
Import duties	\$ 8,420 54
Chinese Revenue	10,999 00
Minor receipts	547 28

Total

For the corresponding month of last year the figures were:—

Import duties	\$4,045 88
Minor revenue	170 50

Gross increase for 1888. \$ 15,750 44