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To-morrow a grain fair takes place at Stone-wall in which our Winnipeg grain men will be exhibitors.

THERE is a movement on foot at present for the incorporation of St. Boniface as a town, which finds general favor among the residents there.

JOHN WOLTZ formerly of Woltz Bro., has opened out in the jewelery business on Main Street, in the premises formerly occupied by J. Hingston Smith.

In the early part of the week past, there was considerable irregularity in the mails from the South, all of which had their origin south of the boundary line.

THERE has been a change in the hardware business of G. M. Butchart, of Rapid City, and it will in future be carried on under the firm name of G. M. Butchart & Co.

At a meeting of the North-west Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada held last Saturday evening, Mr. Joseph Mulholland was

unanimously re-elected to the office of president.

J. R. Wright & Co., wholesale jewelers of Winnipeg, have taken in H. G. Levetus as partner, and the business will now be carried on under the firm name of Levetus, Wright & Co.

J. R. MULLET has sold out his interest in the Commercial House, Morris, to John W. Kastner formerly of the Grand Pacific Hotel, Portage la Prairie, who will assume the control of the house at once.

FROM the Peterborough *Examiner* we learn that a new woolen factory is about to be erected in that town, the machinery for which is partially ready. The factory is to be in operation before spring.

Mr. Gordon Brown has retired from the management of the *Toronto Globe*, which was founded by his brother, and the history of which it will be hard for older people to get separated from the name of Brown.

This is but another proof of the necessity for a Dominion bankrupt law, which will prevent one creditor from thus taking an unfair advantage of others whose claims are equally entitled to consideration.

In response to our article of last week on "An Elevator System," there is a movement on foot to secure a grain storage system for Winnipeg, further particulars regarding which we will give at some future time.

LAST week we recorded the assignment of George Mackie of St. Boniface, which we have since discovered to be a mistake, which had its origin in the fact of one creditor displaying an unnecessary inclination to force his claim. Mr. Mackie is now out of his temporary difficulty.

THE fact that a Winnipeg house should be selling goods to retail dealers in Ontario seems strange. Yet such has been the case during the past week, when Rolls & Neeland, druggists of this city, sent several consignments to retailers in Ontario.

In our last issue we noticed that Capon & Co., painters, were closing out their business in this city and going to Barrie. Mr. Capon informs us that the business here is being closed out, but that he will start in another line in Toronto and not in Barrie.

For several weeks back there has been some unfounded rumors going the rounds in the Province of Quebec regarding the bills of the Banque de St. Jean, and a great amount of unnecessary fears have been entertained by many on that score.

The people of Winnipeg sympathize deeply with Mr. Taylor, American Consul, at this city, who has during the week lost his wife by death, her demise having taken place at Troy, N. Y., whither she had gone in a vain attempt to recruit her broken health.

WESBROOK & FAIRCHILD have at present on view at their premises, the model plow exhibited at several state fairs by John Deere & Co. The metallic work is of nickel and the woodwork is beautifully inlaid with gold. Altogether it is a superb piece of mechanical skill, and is worthy of a call and inspection.

A MORRIS, Illinois, correspondent of the *Mining Review* suggests the use of coke instead of coal on railways, and adds "passenger engines can carry their full quantity of fuel and only have half the weight on board, and will not annoy any person by emitting dense clouds of black smoke."

Hall & Irvin, hotel keepers of the Mountain House, Nelson, have dissolved partnership. Irwin takes in Robert Johnson as partner and continues the business. Hall, the retiring partner, has purchased the livery business from Johnson, and will conduct it in future. The whole change is a trade between Hall and Johnson.

YESTERDAY a well founded rumor reached the COMMERCIAL office, that a controlling interest in the affairs of the Souris and Rocky Mountain railway had been offered to three residents of Winnipeg, and that these gentlemen were likely to take advantage of the offer, which was simply [the chance of securing two-thirds of the stock of that company.

THE project of arranging an excursion to the East during the holidays has not only fallen through, but passenger rates are now up to the top figures between St. Paul and Chicago, so that visitors to the East now have to pay full fare.