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SHORE & Co., botel, Troy, have dissolved.

D. LITTLE, hotel, Stoney Mountain, has assigned in trust.

T. A. Gadbois has been appointed postmaster at Rat Portage.

W H. KEEFER of the Board of Trade Hotel is reported away.

H. McKellar, commission agent, Clearwater, has removed to Rowland.

REGINA merchants now close their places of business at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

THE drug stock of J. F. Rolls, Winnipeg, is to be offered for sale by tender.

DR. McConnell & W. G. McLAREN have opened a drug store at Manitou.

A New post office has been opened at Richland with Mr. Rice as postmaster.

W. A. MORKILL is now running a daily stage between Emerson and Dominion City.

IN Prince Albert wheat is worth 75c to \$1: 1 oats 65c, and potatoes 75c per bushel.

THE sheriff is in possession of the dry goods and grocery business of C. Prince Lorette.

THE Regina Leader and Selkirk Herald have been reduced in size for the winter months.

D. Ripstein & Bros., groceries and liquors, Winnipeg, offer to compromise at 25c on the

WALTON & BIRD, hardware, Emerson, have compromised with their creditors at 75c on the dollar.

THE dry goods stock belonging to the insolvent estate of H. Holmes is to be sold by the assignee.

WM. McAllister, general store, Wolseley, who assigned last week, offers his creditors 60c on the dollar.

McDowell & Levens, printers, Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business will be continued by J. B. McDowell.

THE November statement of the Post Office Savings Bank shows an increase of deposits over October of \$122,700.

GLADSTONE merchants have agreed that after lst of January they will sell only on a cash basis, or farm produce equivalent.

THE municipality of Russel has passed a bylaw granting a bonus of \$70,000 to the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Company.

THE Merchant's Bank has closed its agency at Regina. The business has been transferred to the agency of the Bank of Montreal.

FARMERS in the neighborhood of Rapid City are organizing a joint stock company with a capital of \$50,000 to build flouring mills.

Business in Emerson is reported as picking up percentibly, and affairs about the town are beginning to assume an old time appearance.

A FIRE brigade has been organized at Rat Portage with Wm. Matheson as chief; Messrs. Hose & Claus, deputy chiefs, and A. Matheson, secretary.

FARMERS in the municipality of Plympton have formed a joint stock company with a capital of \$12,000, in 6,000 shares of \$20 each, to build a mill.

THE stock belonging to the insolvent estate of McTaggart & Scott, Souris City, together with book debts, buildings, etc., has been sold at 35c on the dollar. Mr. McGilvery was the purchaser.

THE Saskatchewan Coal Mining Company now turns out about 200 tons of coal per day. They have been greatly hindered in their operations by the strike, about 100 car loads now awaiting shipment.

DONALD A. SMITH, George Stephen, and others, have been incorporated under the title of the Thunder Bay Land and Mining Company for the purpose of acquiring land, mining, etc., in the Thunder Bay district. The capital stock is forty thousand dollars of one dollar each share.

Work on the Canadian Pacific, on the north shore of Lake Superior, is progressing rapidly. The telefiraph line will be extended between Sudbury Junction and Port Arthur next spring, thus completing the connection. Work around Lake Superior is said to be not so difficult 20 had been anticipated.

BAKER & Co., general store, Rat Portage, have assigned in trust. They estimate thei: loss by the recent fire at \$18,800. They were insured for \$6,900, of which \$2,500 is in the semi-defunct Standard of Hamilton. They have made an offer to the creditors of 41c on the dollar, payable in three, six, nine, and twelve months.

DURING the week ending Dec. 15th, there were reported to Bradstreets 249 failures in the United States, 3 more than the preceding week, 19 more than the corresponding week of 1882, and \$4 more than the same week of 1881. About 73 per cent, were those of small traders whose capital was under \$5,000. Canada had 32 failures, a decrease of one.

NEELANDS & Co. have secured the premises formerly occupied by Ryan's boot and shoo store, and are having it fitted up as a drug store and expect to open in a few days. When all the internal arrangements are completed this will be one oi the handsomest drug stores in the city. The managing partner of the firm is Mr. Neclands, formerly of the firm of Rolls & Neclands.