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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 25, 1884.

THE new elevator at Moosomin is completed. J. A. BRONGEST, has sold out his saw mill at Waubeesh.

A. J. MUNROE, hotel keeper, Winnipeg, has sold out his business.

THE steamer *Victoria* has laid up at Rat Portage for the winter.

MR. J. T. BLOWEY, of Nelson, is removing his business to Morden.

G. COWLES, butcher, Winnipeg, has sold out his business to N. Slaveu.

THE general store of L. L. COLLINS, St. Boniface, has been burned out.

A. KEEPING, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out his business to one Neelands.

THERE is some talk of opening a pork packing establishment at Brandon.

J. E. WELLS, publisher of the *Moose Jaw News*, has sold out to J. H. Ross.

WILLIAMS & HOWARD, grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by W. T. Howard.

THE private banking firm of Moffat & Caldwell, Winnipeg, have given up business.

LAST ear Thunder Bay froze over on the 13th of November; this year it was one week later.

THE C.P.R. are sinking a shaft at Crawford, and it is reported that they have struck a seam of coal.

It is reported that the Dominion land office is shortly to be removed from Nelson to Manitow.

THREE trial lines have been run on the M. & N. W. Ry. to Shell River, 150 miles west of Minnedosa.

E. H. SCOTT, dealer in drugs and stationery, Moose Jaw, has his stock advertised to be sold by the sheriff to-day.

DUN, WIMAN & Co. have moved their Winnipeg offices to the new Forrest block over the Ottawa Bank on Main street.

THE last boat of the season will leave Port Arthur on the 28th of this month unless there is an extension of time, as the 18th, first fixed upon.

LAY & SUTHERLAND, general store keepers, Fort Qu'Appelle, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Sutherland & Atherton.

THE Lake of the Woods Mining Co. have secured the co-operation of several Ontario capitalists and expect to be able to keep things on the move all winter.

THE purchasers of Fish Island gold location have commenced sinking the shaft. They have also built several substantial buildings in connection with the mine.

A WINTER time card is being prepared by the C.P.R. The change in time will take place next Sunday. It is also proposed to reduce the number of trains running east and west.

AT a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade held yesterday the report from the committee on bankruptcy legislation was heard and adopted, and action taken to co-operate with the Boards of Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton in securing the passage of an Act next session. The new arrangements about stamping canned goods was also taken up and a committee appointed to draw up and forward a petition on the subject to the Minister of Inland Revenue

ALEX. MOFFAT, of the late banking firm of Moffat & Caldwell, Winnipeg, has been admitted a partner in the financial agency of Drummond Bros. The new firm name will probably be Drummond Bros. & Moffat.

BEFORE lake navigation closes over three-quarters of a million bushels of the wheat crop of 1884 will have been exported from the Northwest via Port Arthur, nearly 550,000 of which has been shipped by the Ogilvie Milling Co. alone. Last year this company shipped out only some 25,000 bushels before navigation closed.

BUFFALO robes, from being the commonest of furs, are likely to become the rarest. It is believed that the only remnants of the mighty herds that once thronged the Canadian Northwest are a few thousand animals, scattered about the vicinity of Wood's mountains. Not a single herd is now to be found upon the prairies of Dakota or Minnesota, where buffalos once wandered in thousands. Last year but 10,000 robes were handled in St. Paul, where in 1881 100,000 robes were turned over, and this year the entire trade has amounted to four robes.

ON Thursday last a rumor went around town that R. Gerrie, one of the leading property owners of Winnipeg, had assigned in trust. The rumor found its way into the columns of the *Sun* but was afterwards contradicted. The sheriff had been in possession of the Princess Opera House owned by Mr. Gerrie, but he had no intention and no necessity for making an assignment. The rumor caused a little excitement around the city as Mr. Gerrie is one of the old time business men of the city and is one of its wealthiest property owners.

FROM Montreal we are favored with the news that a syndicate has been formed in that city for the purpose of purchasing Northwestern grain on a large scale. The Bank of Montreal is said to be prepared to advance \$4,000,000 in the enterprise, on condition that the syndicate work in harmony with the C.P.R. The names of Geo. Stephen, D. A. Smith and Alex. Mitchell are mentioned as being members of the proposed syndicate, the existence and intentions of which it is probably premature to calculate upon as yet. The storage of 1,000,000 bushels at Port Arthur is absurd, unless the grain be spread out upon the rocks there.