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WINNIPEG, JAN. 30, 1883.

E. D. Worthington, dealer in confectionery, is selling out.

J. P. Biglow, general store, Virden, has made an assignment in trust.

The sheriff is in possession of the premises of Mrs. L. Black, milliner, Winnipeg.

Higginson & Vineburg, physicians, Portage a Prairie, have dissolved partnership.

A. G. McKay, dealer in gents' furnishings, Winnipeg, has sold out to Alex. Ross.

The sheriff is in possession of the premises of R. J. Orris, dealer in fruits, Winnipeg.

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The scavenger system is again before the City Council. Let the cost be what it may the city should be kept as clean as a new pin.

The average monthly loss by fire in the United States and Canada is over seven millions, or nearly a quarter of a million daily.

Butler & Hick, jewelers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, the business being continued under the designation of Butler & Co.

Mr. Jas. Fraser, manager for James O'Brien & Co., wholesale clothiers is at present on an eastern tour making purchases of spring goods.

This afternoon the Winnipeg Board of Trade will meet in the City Council Chambers, when the election of officers for 1883 will take place.

The past week shows a blank so far as the fire record of the city is concerned. It is just possible that some of the insurance companies doing business here will raise rates on hearing of this.

The city of Indianapolis taxes telegraph poles with a view to compelling the telegraph and telephone companies to put the wires beneath the ground.

There is considerable irregularity in the mails both from the east and west, and returns from several of THE COMMERCIAL'S correspondents have not reached the office in time for publication this week.

N. Bawlf, dealer in grain is contemplating the erection of an extensive warehouse and offices at the corner of Princess and James Sts. and will probably commence operations as soon as spring opens.

During the next ten days G. F. & J. Galt, wholesale grocers will move into their new quarters on Princess Street near James. They will have one of the most solidly constructed buildings in Winnipeg, and plenty of space for their rapidly swelling volume of business.

CANADIAN and American Companies are prospecting for petroleum in the Oilheim and Linneburg districts of Germany. They are going down two thousand feet and have already met with encouraging indications. The German companies have neither had the capital nor the appliances proposed by the cis-atlantic companies.

A fleet of steamers is said to be at present being constructed on the Clyde to run in opposition to the Richelieu and Ontario line controls of which is now in the hands of the Grand Trunk. The new vessels are to be of steel and of the same pattern as those which are to be placed on the upper lakes to run in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mr. George McDonald of Ottawa has invented a new automatic fire alarm signal, which he has named the "thermostat." When the room

becomes hotter than a certain degree the alarm is sounded. The thermostat is being introduced in Ottawa hotels and manufacturing establishments. A Scotch inventor named Symington has had a similar contrivance in use for fifteen years.

The plans for the new post office have been approved of by the Minister of Public Works. The building will be of brick and will occupy all the site of the present building. The cost of building and fixtures will be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. Plans for a new custom house to cost a like sum are also under consideration, and probably its construction will be proceeded with this year. The post office business will be transacted in temporary premises.

Harris, Son & Co., wholesale dealers in farming machinery, have moved into their new premises on Market Square, where they have four floors of 33 by 100 feet. The building is admirably arranged and laid out. The show room is on the street floor, the offices on the second, the storage rooms in the basement and rear of second and third floors. On the top floor are sleeping quarters for the employes, and the building, although near fire-proof as possible, has fire-escapes in the rear, by which safe descent from any floor is easy in case of a conflagration.

Messrs. John Woodley & Co., have entered upon possession of the Kildonan brewery, which will in future be known as "The British Brewery" with the Union Jack as the trade mark of its ales and porters. The senior partner, Mr. Woodley, belongs to what is known as a brewing family, and has been trained in the business from tender years upwards. For about five years Mr. Woodley was brewer for Bass & Co., and he says that the water, which is of prime importance in brewing, is more like that of the Trent than anything he has seen elsewhere. It is Mr. Woodley's intention to make quality his object before quantity, and he promises to produce an article superior to any brew in Canada and equal to the best English bitter. The water and the hops are here and the constant personal attention of a competent brewer, financially supported, is all that is required to make Winnipeg the brewing headquarters of the North-west. Mr. Woodley will not supply those who have not proper means for keeping his stock in good condition after delivery.