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WINNIPEG, APRIL 9, 1888.

R. J. WHITLA has returned to Winnipeg from a trip east.

JAS. CONWAY, having secured a mail contract, has leased his hotel at Manitou to S. Coriston.

S. E. WATSON, grocer and fruit dealer, Manitou, Man., has added dry goods to his business.

NOTICE has been given that application will be made to the Legislature for an Act to incorporate the Brandon, Souris and Southwestern Railway Company.

THE regular semi-annual examinations of the Pharmaceutical Association of Manitoba will be held in Winnipeg on Wednesday and Thursday, April 11th and 12th.

NOTICE has been given that application will be made to the Legislature of Manitoba, to incorporate the Brandon and Southeastern Railway Company, with power to build a line of railway from Brandon southeasterly crossing the Souris River at or near Souris City, thence southeasterly to the Red River at or near Morris.

A LIVERPOOL cable of last week says:—The report of the Manitoba Mortgage and Investment Company shows a profit for the year of £1,945, which with the balance from last year makes £2,695. The directors propose no dividend beyond the 4 per cent. declared for the six months ended June, carrying forward the balance of £395; £52,328 is carried to the suspense account owing to the unsatisfactory condition of a considerable number of Manitoba loans, but while making the already announced call of £1 per share in order to strengthen the capital account. The directors propose the extension of their business in British Columbia and the Western States.

J. B. DAVIES, merchant, Norman, (Rat Portage) will build an addition, 24x30, to his store, and will extend his business so as to include a full line of goods in every branch usually handled in a general store.

NOTICE has been given that application will be made to the Legislature for an act to incorporate the Turtle Mountain and Manitoba Railway Company, with power to build a line of railway from a point in the forty-ninth parallel of latitude, within Ranges twenty-four and twenty-five, thence in a northwesterly direction crossing the Souris River near Melita, in Souris county, to the western boundary of the said Province, with power to construct a branch line to or near the town of Virden.

THE inland revenue returns for the month of March, at the port of Winnipeg, were:

Tobacco.....	\$ 6,718 80
Cigars	224 70
Spirits	7,821 67
Malt	1,355 68
Liquors	110 00
Petroleum insurance fees	30 00
Total	\$ 16,261 45

THE following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption at the port of Winnipeg, with duty collected, during the month of March, as compared with the same month last year:

Description.	Value 1887.	Value 1888.
Goods exported	\$ 15,201 00	\$ 32,424 00
Goods imported, ...		
dutiable	143,558 00	115,488 00
Goods imported, free	7,858 00	15,004 00
Total imported.	\$151,416 00	\$130,492 00
Goods entered for consumption—		
Dutiable	\$146,571 00	\$117,968 00
Free	7,858 00	15,004 00
Total entered for consumption..	\$154,429 00	\$132,702 00
Duty collected	\$40,981 66	\$36,642 61

THE returns of deposits and withdrawals at the Dominion Savings Bank, Winnipeg, for the month of March show that the latter exceeded the former by \$3,404.73, the figures being: Deposits\$26,766 00 Withdrawals 30,170 73

THE first quarterly meeting of the new council of the Pharmaceutical association was held at Winnipeg, on Wednesday. Those present were W J Mitchell, N H. Jackson, John F. Howard, D L. McIntyre, Winnipeg, and B. M. Canniff, Portage la Prairie. After routine the election of officers was proceeded with. The vice-president of last term, Mr. Canniff, was elected president, N. H. Jackson, vice-president, and D. L. McIntyre, secretary-treasurer and registrar. Messrs. Mitchell, Howell and McIntyre were elected an educational committee, and Messrs. Neelands, Jackson and G. W. McLaren, board of examiners. H. E. Hitchell and W. Pullford were elected auditors. Arrangements were made for the holding of the annual examinations next Wednesday and Thursday, after which the council adjourned. The members were afterwards entertained to supper by the newly elected president and vice-president, a pleasant evening being spent.

ARNOLD has leased the Ellis house at Manitou, Man., and is putting it in a state of repair.

R. D. GUNSID, publisher of the *News*, Stonewall, Man., has sold out to Neil R. McDonald.

Shipments of flour will commence from the new Columbia roller mill, Enderby, B.C., as soon as the ice breaks on the river and Lake Mara.

A. & T. HUTCHINGS have secured the contract for the seed oats required by the Edmonton Indian agency. The price is 80 cents a bushel.

J. S. EDMONTON has sold out his interest in the Athabasca saloon, at Edmonton, to his partner, Jas Gibbons, and has leased the Hotel du Canada for a year from X. St. Jean.

A LONDON cable on Thursday last says: Canadian securities again this week show a gratifying and general rise. Dominion issues alone declined, both 4 and 3½ per cents. having receded one, though they still stand as high as 114 and 108. Canadian Pacifics, Grand Trunks and allied issues all advanced from one to 3½, while Hudson's Bay and Vancouver coal shares are also up.

Manitou *Mercury*. Very little grain is being marketed here at present. Both elevators are full and buyers are not particularly anxious to take in further supplies until more cars are available. It is estimated that about three hundred and fifty thousand bushels of grain have already been purchased this winter on the Manitou market, and that there are about seventy-five thousand bushels still to be marketed, which will probably not be brought in till after seeding.

A BILL to amend the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway company reducing the number of miles to be completed from 50 miles each year to 20, was considered at Ottawa last week. About 180 miles of road have been completed up to the present and in working order. An interesting discussion took place upon an amendment moved by R. Watson suggesting that a proviso be added, that it shall not be lawful for the company to amalgamate or lease its line to any railway company without the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. The amendment was lost and the bill approved of.

AN instance of the evils arising from the bonusing system is now to be seen in the controversy going on over the location of railway workshops at Fort William. The C.P.R. Co has demanded exemption from taxation as a condition of establishing workshops at Fort William. The company owns a large amount of real estate there which will be chiefly benefited by the erection of the shops, but notwithstanding this, the bonus is demanded. Of course every resident is strongly in favor of the bonus being granted, as they profess to see in it a great "boom" for the town. The rival town of Port Arthur on the other hand is very seriously affected by the proposal to establish shops at the Fort, and efforts are being put forth to make it an inducement to the company to locate at the Port, instead of the Fort. Happily under the Ontario regulations, neither town is in a position to vote large bonuses, or it would probably be another case of which place could offer the biggest bonus.