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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 12, 1884.

W. H. BOYD, gunsmith, Winnipeg, is in the hands of the sheriff.

S. A. SMYTH & Co., photographers, Minnedosa, have dissolved.

GEORGE WRIGHT, butcher, Winnipeg, has removed to Oregon, U. S.

KELLER & FISCET, hotel, Winnipeg, have been sold out by the sheriff.

A four feet seam of lignite of good quality has been discovered near Nelson.

H. S. & L. MASTERMAN, wholesale provisions, Winnipeg, have given up business.

JOHN HANNA, formerly of Portage la Prairie has opened a harness shop in Minnedosa.

MOWAT BROS., general store, Regina and Qu'Appelle, sold out their Qu'Appelle business.

WM. BROWN, general store, Prince Albert, contemplates removing from there to some other point.

ROBERT S. ALEXANDER will continue the general store business of Archibald & Alexander, Broadview.

ARNAUD & OGBURN, cigars, etc., Calgary, have dissolved. The business will be continued by R. J. Ogburn.

THE *Canadian* says that Neepawa wants a bank, a lawyer, a harness shop, a tailor, a brickyard, a bakery and a barber.

BUSINESS is said to be brisk at Manitou. About 100,000 bushels of grain have been shipped from there this season.

DART, BURKHART & Co., publishers of the *Siftings*, Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business will be continued by H. A. Dart & Co.

THE Davis House, Winnipeg, had a scorching by fire on Thursday night. The loss on furniture, buildings, etc., amounted to about \$2,500. Partly insured.

STEPS are being taken to separate West Lynne from Emerson, and a bill for that object is to be introduced into the Legislature during its next session.

WORK has been commenced on the addition to the Government dock at Port Arthur by the C. P. R. Co., who will use it as a passenger depot next season.

THE C. P. R. rate on oats for shipment by all rail to St. Vincent or Grétna, will, until the 10th of April, be the same as the present traffic rate for frozen wheat. This ought to encourage farmers to get rid of the oats they have on hand.

JACOB Y. SHANTZ, from Berlin, Ont., who has been buying grain in the Mennonite settlement, has purchased altogether 243,500 bushels of wheat, and 20,000 bushels of flax. The price paid for the wheat ranged from 60c to 75c per bushel. The Mennonites have retained 100,000 bushels for food and seed.

THERE were 365 failures in the United States reported to *Bradstreet's* during the week ending February 2nd; 53 more than the preceding week, and 89 more than the corresponding week of 1883. The largest previous report was 345 for the week ending January 12, 1884. About 87 per cent. were those of small traders whose capital was less than \$5,000. Canada and the Provinces had 37, a decrease of 1.

THERE have been some changes in trains on the Main line of the C.P.R. west. The daily service between Winnipeg and Brandon remains as it was. Between Brandon and Moose Jaw

there now three trains a week each way; trains leave Brandon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays for Moose Jaw, and returning will leave Moose Jaw on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. There will only be a weekly service between Moose Jaw and Calgary. The train which leaves Winnipeg Monday morning takes a through Pullman and makes close connection to Calgary. The train from Calgary arrives in Winnipeg every Saturday night.

At a public meeting held on Saturday evening, in this city, a resolution was passed endorsing the Hudson's Bay scheme, and urging the extension of the boundaries of the Province of Manitoba to the 60th parallel north, and that all the public land within the boundaries of the Province, so extended remaining undisposed of at the time of such extension, shall become the property of the Province of Manitoba. The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to the reeve of every municipality and the mayor of every city and town in the Province, with the request that it be submitted to a public meeting, to be held in the municipality: and if passed by said meeting, that a copy of the same be forwarded to their representatives at Ottawa. Messrs. H. J. Clarke, J. H. Brock and Ald. Mulvey were elected delegates to attend a meeting to be held in Brandon on Monday.

At a meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade on the 4th inst., the following resolution was passed, which the secretary was instructed to telegraph to Capt. Scott, M.P., at Ottawa: "That the Council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, recognizing the necessity for rapid railway construction throughout the Province, and especially in Southern Manitoba, expresses its firm conviction that in any new arrangements to be entered into between the Dominion Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the extension of the C.P.R. Southwestern lines during the coming summer to at least 300 miles southwest of Winnipeg should be made one of the conditions of these arrangements." Capt. Scott replied as follows: "The arrangements only refer to the main line, and Mr. Van Horne informs me that 110 miles of rail are ordered for the Manitoba Southwestern extension, and that at least 100 miles of road will be constructed this year.