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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 4, 1887.

C. RYAN, hotelkeeper, Boisservain, has sold out.

W. H. MUCKLE, general storekeeper, Neepawa, has moved to Brandon.

MRS. JAS. MARTIN, milliner, Portage la Prairie, has given up business.

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R. MILLS, boots and shoes, Manitou, contemplates retiring from business.

MOORE & BAIN general storekeepers, Boisservain, have dissolved partnership.

THE estate of Fishleigh & Dillon, tins, etc., Indian Head, is offered for sale by tender.

O. R. BALKWELL, groceries and liquors, Deloraine, contemplates admitting O. C. Smith into partnership.

— THOMPSON, general storekeeper, Carberry, who was lately burned out, has put up a new building and is again ready for business.

THE retail dry goods dealers of Winnipeg have agreed to close their stores at 6 o'clock in the evening. This arrangement went into force on January 1st.

THE Regina Leader announces that Gilbert Pugsley has made arrangements which will enable him to carry on the building of the Regina, Long Lake & Saskatchewan Railway in the spring.

THE following is an exact copy of a letter received by a Winnipeg wholesaler. It will explain itself:—"January 18. DEAR SIR,—Owing to be late for the registered mail which was intended to go to-day lies in the P. O. to-day which you will receive to-morrow.

CAMPBELL, SPERA & Co., wholesale men's furnishings, small wares, etc., have moved to more commodious premises at 27 Portage avenue east, lately occupied by Thibeau deau Bros. & Co. The firm now have more convenient quarters for the display and storage of their stock.

THERE is talk of a large flour mill and elevator being built at Keewatin, the mill to have a capacity of 1,000 barrels daily. A. Mitchell, of Montreal, and J. Mather, of the Keewatin Lumbering Co., are mentioned in connection with the scheme. There is fine water-power at Keewatin for running machinery.

THE following losses were caused by fire in Winnipeg:—F. Wellband, boots and shoes, \$4,000; no insurance. J. L. Powell, books and stationery, \$1,200; insurance \$200. Geo. H. Rogers, boots and shoes, stock damaged and fully covered by insurance. A. D. McLean, grocer, \$2,000; insurance \$1,000. W. Wellband, \$500; no insurance.

THE annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travelers' association was held on Tuesday evening of last week. The reports presented showed the affairs of the association, financially and otherwise, to be in a flourishing condition. The following officers were elected: W. M. Campbell, president; Ed. McKay, vice president; W. M. Ronald, treasurer; J. M.

O'Loughlin, secretary. Directors, M. R. O'Loughlin, Geo. Scott, Andrew Strang, Fred. Chilcott, J. C. McLean.

THE Lieutenant-Governor-in Council has granted a charter to the Manitoba Railway Construction Co., limited, for the purpose of constructing and operating a railway from Winnipeg to a point at or near Emerson, Man. The charter is granted under the general act passed by the legislature. The capital is placed at \$600,000. The directors are G. S. Mackay and Peter McLean Morrison, of Toronto, and Alex. McIntyre, J. H. D. Munson and C. S. Hoare, of Winnipeg. As provided by the provisions of the act under which the charter has been granted, five per cent. on the stock has been deposited in a chartered bank.

THE cork tree is a peculiar kind of oak, the cork being the soft cellular bark just inside the exterior woody covering. It is removed by making longitudinal clefts up and down the trunk, and then girdling the latter with horizontal incisions. This operation is not performed, however, until the tree has attained fifteen years, and the first crop is employed only for inferior purposes. Seven years afterward the tree will have another coating of bark which is stripped and used for making cork, and so on, every five or seven years, according to the quality of the ground. Between the cork and the tree there is another bark that is used for tanning, but this is only removed when the tree is cut down.

THE annual holiday numbers of the Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller* have become a feature of Northwestern journalism. When, therefore, it was announced a few weeks ago that the special issue for this season was in preparation, its appearance was awaited with interest. This year's holiday number has at last come to hand, and though in unique design it is hardly up to the standard of that of last year, still it is a most creditable production, and one which does honor to the publisher. Certainly whatever the *Miller* undertakes is carried through in the best possible style. The literary matter contained in the book is fully up to the standard of previous issues, and even the advertisements are marvels of the art preservative. Long may the *Miller* flourish.