

GARRETT & MENNIE will establish a foundry at Morden, Man.

BALKWILL, of Deloraine, announces a sale by auction of his grocery stock, etc.

R. BALKWILL, grocer, Deloraine, has closed out his stock and moved to Ontario.

Geo. SILLERS has bought out the blacksmithing business of A. L. Wells, Balmoral, Man.

W. J. MITCHELL, of the Mitchell Drug Co., Winnipeg, returned from the east last week.

JOHN MASON, grocer, Winnipeg, is in difficulties, and is being closed out by his creditors.

G. MANUEL, Deloraine, Man., has again taken hold of his old blacksmithing business at that place.

SELKIRK merchants have decided to close their stores daily at 7.30 p.m., on and after Monday, 11th inst.

P. J. FOULDS & Co., groceries, Westminster, B.C., advertise retiring from business and offer stock for sale at cost.

The selection of a site for Hastings Bros. & Co's flour mill at Port Arthur, has been made and the property secured.

The Morden Monitor says: Strachan & Campbell, of Winnipeg, are about to open out in the dry goods line here.

W. N. Johnson, of W. N. Johnston & Co., wholesale leather, etc., Winnipeg, has returned from an eastern business trip.

PARTIES in Fergus, Ont., are said to be negotiating with a view to erecting a hundred-barrel steam flour and oatmeal mill at Birtle, Man.

N. H. JACKSON, drugs, Winnipeg and Stonewall, Man., denies a rumor that he intended closing his branch at the latter place.

R. H. GILHULY, merchant, Selkirk, Man., has been appointed agent at that place for the Northern Pacific & Manitoba Railway.

R. T. RILEY, manager at Winnipeg for the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Co., returned last week from an extended western tour.

An early opening of navigation is predicted on Lake Superior. Open water may now be seen from Thunder Cape, near Port Arthur.

The bankrupt stock of Hamilton & Co., Morris, which was sold by auction in Winnipeg on Tuesday last, brought 62 cents on the dollar. Lawrie Bros., general merchants, of Morris, were the purchasers. From the time Hamilton started in business about a year ago, it was considered that his failure would only be a matter of time. He seemed, however, to have had little difficulty in obtaining credit.

At the last meeting of the Port Arthur board of trade the secretary read a letter from the Department of the Inland Revenue acknowledging the receipt of the communication from the board dated Feb. 26th, and stating that amendments would be made to the Inspection Act which would allow the Governor-in-Council to appoint a representative of the Port Arthur board on the board empowered to fix the standards of western grain. Geo. A. Graham and Geo. T. Marks were appointed a committee to draft resolutions to be forwarded to the Dominion Government with reference to the dredging of Port Arthur harbor and the Kaminiatiquia.

THE Cincinnati Price Current of March 1st says: The total pork packing in the West the past week has been about 250,000 hogs compared with 290,000 the preceding week. The increase for the week over corresponding time last year has been approximately 50,000 hogs. So far as can be judged from data now available the winter season will close about 550,000 to 575,000 hogs short of the packing last year, in number. The quality of current receipts continues good, and above the average for the time of the year. Prices of hogs have shifted moderately during the week, and at the close are about the same as a week ago, at most centres. There is a growing feeling of confidence on the basis of current values, and most of the few packers now operating are evidently disposed to continue at work, while the supply is maintained. Not that any special advance in the near future is looked for or deemed likely to occur, but that the previous tendency to a decline in the prices of product has given way to a steadier condition, justifying the view that changes hereafter may be expected to be in the direction of some improvement.

A Great Success.

Citizen (to Uncle Rastus)—Well, Uncle Rastus, how are you getting on in the grocery business.

Uncle Rastus—Why, I guess de boss am very much pleased with me. De fust time I came into the sto' I tuk down de sign, "No trouble to show good," and institooted in its place "No trouble to receipt bills," and I deelar' de boss give me a plug o' tobacco.—*Harper's Bazar.*

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