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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 23, 1884.

H CERRAN, grocer, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

R. BAKER has gone into the grocery business in Winnipeg.

THE HUDSON BAY Co.'s mill, at Edmonton, has begun gristing.

H. N. JACKSON & Co., druggists, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

H. J. HALL, hotelkeeper, Mountain City, has retired from the business.

B. F. JOHNSON, pickle manufacturer, has closed his business in Winnipeg.

DENMARK & BROWNS, general storekeepers, Shell River, have assigned in trust.

CHAS. WISHART & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, have closed their business.

EDMONTON is to have a new industry in the shape of a port curing establishment. The proprietor is Mr. H. S. Robertson.

A LARGELY signed petition, requesting that a canal be built from Lake Winnipegosis to Lake Manitoba, at Meadow Lee, has been forwarded to the Dominion Government. The estimated cost is \$100,000.

E. D. ALLEN, of West Lynn, is about to start a soda water manufactory at Mantou.

MESSES. CAIL & GRAY have started a steam grain chopping mill, at Morden, on Railway street.

WM. CLOUGHER has purchased the stock of Rigney Bros, grocers, Winnipeg, at 19c in the dollar.

H. ARMSTRONG, general storekeeper, Portage la Prairie, has sold out his business to G. L. Landy.

THE steam grist mill at Crystal City will be offered for sale by public auction on the 14th of January.

IT is the intention of the Hudson's Bay Co. to open a store at St. Anne, 60 miles north of Edmonton.

FOUR THOUSAND feet of lumber is already on the ground for the crib work of the breakwater at Fort Wilham.

J. L. WELLS, hardware merchant, Winnipeg and Port Arthur, has decided to close out his Winnipeg house.

THE C.P.R. have discovered a coal mine at the Crowfoot Crossing. It is reported that the seam struck is 14 feet thick. If this is true an entire revolution may be expected in the coal trade, as the coal is reported as being anthracite.

GRIFFIN & DOUGLASS are going on with their pork packing operations at their warehouses. As yet they have got but a limited supply of dressed hogs, but they have representatives now through the country buying who will soon increase the supply.

THE jackfish fisheries on Lake Manitoba are assuming large proportions. This winter several hundred persons are engaged in the business. The fish are delivered at the railway at 1 1/2c per pound. S. McIlvane has supplied lumber for one hundred shanties for those engaged.

EARLY on Monday morning the thermometer at St. John's College dropped to 43 below zero, the lowest reached this season, and probably the lowest that will be reached this winter. There were all sorts of rumors in the city during the forenoon, some stating that 53 below zero was reached, but 40 below was probably the minimum temperature within the city.

MR. SEDELY BIANCHARD has purchased for Mrs. Wood the stock of M. B. Wood, late wine and liquor merchant, at 70c on the dollar.

AMONG other artistic adventures of the now dying City Council of Winnipeg was to have their portraits taken in a group, along with other city officials, and about the last sample of their impudence was to pass, among other city bills, that of \$100 for the photographer's pay. The picture will be useful in future, as when we wish to start a "Rogue's Gallery," we will have some stock to commence upon. Alderman Drewry must get credit for kicking against the city paying the bill.

THE business of snipping lake fish to southern points has commenced for the season. Several car loads of jackfish have been shipped during the past week. There is a movement on foot to get the exporting of fish prohibited, which we hope will not be successful. The fisheries of our lakes and rivers will stand a big export trade at present, and if any more is wanted, it is one to extend 'he close season, so as to preserve the fish as much as possible from being caught out of season.

THE Bank of Ottawa statement as laid before the shareholders at their annual meeting on December 10th, is one which shows management of an enterprising and at the same time conservative character. The total liabilities of the bank, including the paid-up capital and rest of \$1,115,580 amount to \$3,317,701.99. The resources in hands reach \$520,950.33, while the overdue loans, not specially secured, amount to only \$3,260.46. The statement, altogether, should be a very satisfactory one to the shareholders.

MONTGOMERY SMITH, grocer, Winnipeg, whose being in trouble we noted in our last issue, has since left the city rather suddenly. Developments have shown that he had been disposing of his stock in large lots for cash at low figures, and when he left he probably possessed quite a few hundred dollars. His departure was doubtless hastened by his own fears as to whether his tricks were not within the pale of the criminal law. His case is one of crookedness for the sake of being crooked, as by persevering in an honest course he could certainly have made money freely in this city.