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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 13, 1890.

F. FAFARD, physician, St. Boniface, is dead.
 The Manitoba Legislature will meet on the 30th inst.
 DANIEL CAREY, barrister, and a pioneer of Winnipeg, is dead.
 RICHARD COULTRY has opened a meat shop at 240 Main street, Winnipeg.
 The Imperial Oil company has sold out its branch business at Brandon to Darrach.
 The Woodbine saloon, Winnipeg, has been sold out to James Rutley and Wm. Bateman.
 The estate of W. M. Wright, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, has been sold to J. S. Douglas & Co.
 VAN BUSKIRK's, manager of McLaren's branch drug store at Manitou, has resigned and been succeeded by E. Scarlett.
 G. W. BRYSON, of Minnedosa, has opened a branch law office at Neepawa, Man., with M. H. Fieldhouse in charge.
 H. J. ROCKETT is now sole manager of the Manitou case factory, having bought out Burrows' interest in the business.
 WALTER TAYLOR, a well-known resident of Portage la Prairie, and partner in the livery business of Jardine & Taylor, is dead.
 KENNETH MURCHISON, formerly in the dry goods business at Winnipeg, died at the general hospital here last week from pneumonia.
 NEEPAWA Register: The volume of business done by J. A. McGill, agent of the Watson Manufacturing company here, this past season amounts to about \$25,000, which is said to be the largest machine business done in Neepawa for 1889.

MR. BLACK, of Robertson, Linton & Co., dry goods, Montreal, paid Manitoba a short visit last week, with the object of sizing up the situation here.

H. G. MATHIES & Co., advertising agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, E. C. E. Steffens retiring. H. G. Mathies will continue under the old style.

W. E. SANFORD, of the W. E. Sandford company, wholesale clothing, has through his architect called for tenders for the erection of a solid stone and brick warehouse on Princess street, Winnipeg.

THREE passenger coaches and two combination baggage mail and express cars for the Great Northwest Central arrived last week. A passenger service will be established on the line early in the spring.

JOHNSTON & RARCLAY, of the oatmeal mills, at Portage la Prairie, have imported a quantity of seed oats of fine quality, from the United States, which they purpose selling to farmers in the district, with the object of improving the quality of oats grown in the Portage section.

W. S. PIERCE, agent at Manitou, Man., for John Elliott & Sons, implements, has purchased the lot and warehouse formerly owned by John Elliott & Sons, and will continue the implement business in his own name. He will open a branch business at Thornhill, with L. Irouside in charge.

A MEETING of the Urban Fire Insurance company was held at Portage la Prairie last week, at which the manager, Harry Foote, who leaves in a short time for the coast, handed in his resignation. The company has at present over \$200,000 of insurance among the farmers in the district.

GRO. BROUGHALL, manager at Winnipeg of the Equitable Life Insurance company, has been offered another important position and territory with his company. He left last week for New York. W. S. Jones, late special agent here for the Mutual Life of New York, has received the appointment of assistant manager of the Equitable and will have charge during Mr. Broughall's absence.

WINNIPEG, or rather certain creditors in Winnipeg mourn the departure to the United States of two well known characters, known as Lottie Glenmore and Mell Wood, keepers of the Woodbine saloon and restaurant. It is stated the couple got away with between seven and eight thousand dollars in cash, and they leave about \$1,000 liabilities to parties in the city. A day or two previous to the departure of the couple, the sale of the Woodbine was made to Rutley & Bateman.

THE painful news which reached Winnipeg early last week of the death at Chicago of Horace G. Lewis, was a great shock to the many friends of the young man here. Mr. Lewis has represented the Gillett manufactures, baking powder, etc., here for some time, and he was well known among the trade. At the Leland house in this city he was a special favorite, his friendly and gentlemanly manner commending him to all the guests. At the time Mr. Lewis left here, shortly before Christmas, he was suffering from a severe cold, but complications set in which led to his untimely end. The news of his death will be received with sorrow, especially to commercial men, among whom he was so popular.

ACCORDING to an agreement between the dry goods merchants of Port Arthur, their stores will be closed at 6 o'clock, excepting Saturdays, commencing with the new year.

A BRANCH of the Imperial Trust company will be opened in Winnipeg shortly, under the management of Mr. Haspeler, with a board of directors consisting of G. J. Moulson, G. F. Galt, F. H. Mathewson and W. I. Mitchell, with Mulock & Roberts as solicitors. The business of the company is to act as agents or attorneys for the management of estates, collection of rents, securities and bonds, or in any line of trust.

THE council of the Winnipeg board of trade met Thursday last to consider correspondence with the Department of Public Works, Ottawa; in relation to improving the navigation of the Red River. The replies from the Department are not satisfactory inasmuch as they are not definite one way or the other. Mr. Scarth, M.P., was present and promised to again write for information. Mr. Linn addressed the council on the subject of the erection of reduction works at Rat Portage to develop the gold and silver mines in that region. He explained the manner in which the company was being organized. The council, as a body, were not asked to take any action, but several members expressed their interest in the work.

At the annual meeting of the North of Scotland Mortgage company, held recently in Scotland, the chairman said: "We also discussed the propriety of erecting offices for the company in Winnipeg. They thought that could now be done very judiciously—that is to say, our managers and advisory board in Toronto thought this step might now be taken with very considerable advantage. The reaction has had full effect in Winnipeg, and there was no doubt that from the location of the railways and other circumstances that Winnipeg would remain the chief town of the province of Manitoba. The only difficulty was as to the selection of the site which might be expected to prove to be, and to remain, the centre of the town. When they had made up their minds upon this point, they would report their views and communicate with the board at home. I think that a judicious investment in a central locality in Winnipeg would be of advantage to the company."

THE annual meeting of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange was held on Wednesday last. The annual report refers to the work of the exchange during the year. It refers to the satisfactory effect of selecting standards for grading at Winnipeg, instead of at Toronto, as formerly. The question of admitting parties who are not residents of the city to membership at a lower fee is referred to in the report. It is stated that some arrangement might be made to this end. The treasurer's report showed a rest account in the bank of \$1,216.61. The following officers, members of the council and board of arbitrators were elected by acclamation: President, N. Bawlf. Vice-President, F. W. Thompson. Secretary-Treasurer, C. N. Bell. Council—S. A. McGaw, E. L. Drawry, S. Nairn, W. W. McMillan, A. Atkinson, S. Spink, S. P. Clark, Wm. Martin, John Wilson, James Anderson and Robert Burns. Board of arbitrators—S. A. McGaw, J. A. Mitchell, S. Spink, R. P. Rollin, R. Stewart, W. W. Watson and S. Nairn. A vote of thanks was tendered to retiring president S. Spink.