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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 26, 1886.

MORE & BAINE have opened a general store at Cherry Creek.

G. T. DODDS, general storekeeper, Woiseley, is giving up business.

R. H. JOHNSON has succeeded to the hotel business of M. E. Johns, at Morden.

CLARKE & Co, dealers in line, etc., Stone-wall, have sold out to W. R. Clarke.

THE Queens Hotel, Rat Portage, is closed,—Morrison having given up possession.

ROBERTS & SINCLAIR, livery stable keepers, Winnipeg, purpose dissolving partnership.

THE people of Sheal Lake are agitating for the establishment of a flouring mill at that place.

THE people of Broadview and vicinity offer a bonus for the erection of a flouring mill at that place.

NATIVE coal is worth \$3.75 per ton delivered, at Edmonton.

THE Hand-in-Hand Rancho Co. has been organized at Toronto, with a capital of half a million.

FISHER & HAZLEWOOD, of Gretna, have dissolved partnership. Fisher continues the business.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE merchants will close their stores at 7.30 o'clock, after the first of February.

J. & J. FLETT, grocers, Victoria, B. C., have dissolved partnership. James Flett continues the business.

JAS. FAIRBAIRN, harness maker, Portage la Prairie, lately burned out, will re-open in the same line shortly.

JOHN DAWSON, druggist, Regina, has formed a partnership with D. W. Bole, under the style of Dawson, Bole & Co.

THE Rideout Hotel property at Rat Portage, will be sold at auction under mortgage foreclosure, on the 28th inst.

It is stated that an express train will be put on the Manitoba Northwestern shortly, in place of the present mixed train.

ABOUT 700,000 bushels of wheat were marketed in Brandon, up to the first of January, and nearly 200,000 bushels of oats and barley.

THE by-law of the city of Winnipeg, under the provisions of which butchers' licenses have been issued, has been declared invalid by Judge Ardagh.

THE town of Nelson has ceased to exist as a business point, the merchants having moved their business and buildings to Morden, on the railway.

J. A. MACDONELL has purchased a half interest in the Manitou Mercury, and that paper will hereafter be published by the firm of Spedding & Macdonell.

THE Nipissing and James Boy Railway Co. will apply to the Dominion Parliament for leave to change the route of their proposed line, also for an extension of time wherein to commence and complete the road.

J. F. MCFARLANE has purchased the bankrupt stock of boots and shoes of the Seamless

Boot & Shoe Co., at Winnipeg, and will move the stock to Brandon.

THE engineers who have been engaged in examining the proposed route of the Hudson's Bay Railway, returned to the city last week. They traveled on foot from the bay to Norway House, the lower terminus of navigation on Lake Winnipeg, examining the country closely as to its adaptability for railroad building. Their report is entirely satisfactory. No engineering difficulties were met with on the entire route, and the country is said to be of such a nature as to render railway construction comparatively easy and inexpensive.

THE equity case of McLennan vs. Winnipeg came before Chief Justice Wallbridge last Wednesday. This was an appeal from a finding of the master on taxation of costs. At the hearing of the case the bill was dismissed with costs. On taxation Mr. George Patterson, the solicitor for the plaintiff, argued that the defendant's solicitor being paid by a salary was not entitled to costs in suits in which the defendants succeeded. The laws of Ontario and England, bearing on the points in question, were argued at great length, after which the Chief Justice delivered judgement, dismissing Mr. Patterson's appeal with costs. This case has been watched with special interest by the legal gentlemen of the city, as on its decision depends the fate of several other cases.

A DISASTROUS fire took place in Winnipeg early on Thursday morning last, resulting in the almost complete destruction of several frame buildings on Main Street, and the loss of a considerable quantity of goods. The fire started in J. R. Cameron's tailor shop, extending to W. Uglow's book and stationery store, Schofield's millinery store, and Brydon & McIntosh's, dealers in musical instruments. The losses are as follows: J. R. Cameron, loss on stock and building \$8,000, insurance on stock \$5,000 and on building \$600. Very little of the stock was secured from the building W. Uglow's stock was entirely destroyed. Loss about \$4,000; insured for \$2,700. Mr. Schofield lost a considerable portion of his stock upon which he had \$2,500 insurance. Brydon & McIntosh succeeded in moving their stock, and their building is but slightly damaged, and fully covered by insurance.