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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 26, 1884.

R. BELLAMY, hotelkeeper, Virden, is offering his business for sale.

H. E. FAIRFIELD, saloon keeper, Winnipeg, is about giving up business.

GOOD & HALL, general storekeepers, Griswold, are giving up business.

ROGERS & HASTINGS, general storekeepers, Tisdale, have assigned in trust.

WAIT & FLAYER, hotelkeepers, Rat Portage, have been sold out by the sheriff.

G. T. GOURLAY & Co., general storekeepers, Medicine Hat, have assigned in trust.

J. A. KOBOLT, butcher, Rat Portage, has sold out his business to Thompson & Palmer.

JOHN MCKAY, dealer in boots and shoes, Swift Current, is closing out business there.

With the disappearance of snow a service of street cars will be put on north of the C. P. R. track.

J. H. McNULTY, general store, Moose Jaw, has settled with his creditors at 30c on the dollar.

THE Lacrosse Hotel, King street, has been in trouble again, a bailiff having been in possession.

J. ROBINSON & Co., dry goods merchants, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, D. E. Starr retiring.

THE effects of A. Blanger & Co., dealers in Winnipeg, have been sold out under a landlord's warrant.

THE alleged irregularities of the Emerson Custom House have resulted in the arrest of Collector F. T. Bradley.

THE state of the Winnipeg labor market may be judged from the action of the Town Council in reducing street laborers' wages to \$1 50 a day.

THE business of Low & Hobbs, general storekeepers, Chater, has been bought by Mrs. Hobbs, the stock being taken at 53c on the dollar.

ALREADY material for the further construction of the C. P. R. is arriving in this country, among which, last week, were several car loads of bridge material.

AMONG the other signs of returning activity in the city are numerous orders at the different machine shops, which have been doing very little since the opening of 1884.

THE business of Stalker & Hutchins, harness dealers, Winnipeg, will in future be carried on by E. F. Hutchins, while a portion of the interest of the deceased Mr. Stalker will remain in the business.

THE C. P. R. managers have given notice that unless the unclaimed baggage, now lying at the Winnipeg baggage room, is not called for by owners within a very short time, an auction sale of the same will be made.

THE Emersonians are determined to assist in the booming of the Hudson's Bay route, and a meeting for that purpose will be held in the Opera House there on the 4th and 5th of March next.

It is now beyond question that Premier Norquay will return to Manitoba without securing any concessions from the Ottawa Government.

The Honorable gentleman is now on his way home, and may be expected here, not later than to-morrow.

THE St. P. M. & M. Railway Co. have issued a new table of rates, to take effect on March 1st. The changes include a reduction on some classes of freight, and a promise is made of a very liberal reduction on immigrants' effects after March opens.

MR. FIELD, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Ontario Bank, is shortly to be succeeded by Mr. Porter, who has been over two years in charge of the Bank's branch at Portage la Prairie. Mr. Field's loss will be regretted by a large circle of friends here.

ON Monday a meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the Board room. The meeting, after routine business had been gone through, was opened to the public, and Mr. C. N. Bell read an able paper on the Hudson's Bay and Straits, dealing with the matter first historically, and afterwards as to the resources of the country there, the navigability of the Bay and Straits and other points. As the whole paper will be printed in pamphlet form in a few days we refrain from giving any lengthy report.

AT the last annual meeting of the Western Canadian Loan and Savings Company, the portion of the report referring to the Winnipeg business, after eulogising the local manager, Mr. F. B. Ross, for the able conduct of the Company's affairs here, concludes with the statement: "I may further add, that the directors have every reason to feel satisfied with the business done in the Prairie Province." Such statements are strong proofs of the advantages offered in Manitoba for investing capitalists.

A MEETING of the citizens of Ortonville, Minnesota, was held on the 8th inst., at which the construction of a waterway from the head waters of the Mississippi to those of the Red River, by way of Big Stone Lake and Lake Traus, was discussed, and a committee appointed to urge upon the Congressional representatives of Minnesota and Dakota the necessity for aid in the work from the Washington Government. The promoters of the scheme hope for a waterway from the Gulf of Mexico to the Hudson's Bay at no distant date.