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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 3, 1888.

KEYS & MACKIE, printers, of Emerson, are out of business.

R. LOGAN & Co., bankers, of Carberry, are opening a branch at Glenboro.

KIRKWOOD & RUBIDGE, wholesale grocers, of Winnipeg, are out of business.

J. CONWAY, hotelkeeper, 4 Mile House, B. C., has the sheriff in possession for the amount of \$1,800.

NIXON & Co., wholesale dealers in boots and shoes, Winnipeg, contemplates admitting a partner

H. CROWE & Co., dealers in lumber and grain, of Winnipeg and Carberry, are opening a branch at Glenboro.

THE Conway House, Manitou, has been leased by R. Ironside, and will be conducted as a temperance hotel.

HENDERSON & BURTON, general storekeepers, at Carberry and Oak Lake, have transferred their Oak Lake business to A. Cameron & Co.

W. H. VERINDER, Emerson, has sold out his bakery and confectionery business to Monroe D. Young. Verinder moves to Birtle to start again in the same line.

The Waverly House at Rapid City is being torn down, it being the intention to erect another hotel on its site. The Windsor has received a license recently.

THE publishers of the Brandon Times intends issuing a new journal to be called the Times Saturday Night. It will be a weekly as its title would indicate, and will be a family paper purely.

PEDDIE & Co, jobbers, Winnipeg are removing to Detroit, Michigan.

H. DEMPSEY, hotelkeeper, of Medicine Hat, is succeeded by Thomas Bassett.

GEO. R. THOMPSON, jeweler, Winnipeg, contemplates admitting a partner.

FRASER & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, has the sheriff in possession of their stock.

Howie & Lashor contemplates opening up in Manitou as bakers and confectioners.

The Northwest Vindicator has added stationery and books to their business at Rapid City.

H. RATH, Moosomin, has disposed of his business to his former proprietor E. Rowe.

THE stock of Thos. Spence & Son, Oak River, is to be sold by the sheriff in Winnipeg to-day.

J. M. ROY, brewer, Fort McLeod, has moved to Lethbridge, where he will in future carry on business.

THE Calgary Tribune is authority for the statement, that the Coal Creek Mining Co. have struck a six foot thick seam of very fine coal.

ON Thursday evening last a warehouse belonging to Alex. Calder, situated on King street, was destroyed by fire. Stored in the building was a quantity of pressed hay and vegetables, the property of T. B. Carver, which were a total loss.

RUFUS ATKINSON has again given up business in Deloraine, and has returned to Winnipeg, where he holds the position of Northwestern agent for the Temperance and General Life Assurance Company, of Toronto. His appointment is a well judged one.

THE Manitoba Gazette of November 24th, contains a notice of application for incorporation of the Brandon Electric light Company. Among the applicants are I. R. Strome, W. R. Carscaeden, Judge D. M. Walker, A. F. Boisseau, W. Murray, E. F. Bucke, and P. E. Durst.

FRAZER & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, are in a financial embarrassment at present. The firm, Co. and all, is represented by Mrs. Frazer, while her husband and son have conducted the business as her employees. Lately they sued her for wages overdue, and finished up by putting the sheriff in possession. How the outside creditors will fare is as yet considerable of a conundrum.

ON Monday last the stock of Mulholland Bros., hardware merchants, Winnipeg, was sold en block by tender. The tender of J. H. Ashdown of sixty-two and a half cents on the dollar of the invoice price, was the highest, and has, we learn, been accepted by the creditors. The invoice price of the stock was over \$24,000. The purchase of the stock by Mr. Ashdown will probably make the number of hardware houses in the city one less.

A NOTICE has appeared in the local press of a petition to the Dominion Parliament at its next session for the incorporation of the Assiniboine Water Power Company, with power to construct dam, and other necessary works in connection with a water power on that river at or near Winnipeg, and the improvement of navigation on the same. The petitioners are all residents of Winnipeg, and include in their numbers several leading business men.

JERMYN's grain warehouse at Minnedosa collapsed last week, but the damage is not very serious.

CONSIDERABLE butcherr' cattle is being received in Winnipeg from points along the line of the M. & N. W. railway.

GRANT & HORN, commission and general merchants, Winnipeg, have moved their stand to the Gerrie block, on Princess Street, where they will have premises comprising cellar and four floors. In their former house they were paralyzed for want of space, but they have now secured room to allow for growth. It is scarcely three years since this firm opened in the commission business, and already in more than one line of produce, they figure as the heaviest exporters in Manitoba. They furnish an example of the business that can be built up in produce commission, where close attention to the interests of consignors and other patrons, is made a rule.

ON Saturday the Ontario Bank closed down their branch in Winnipeg, and may now be considered out of the Northwestern field. The Ontario was the second chartered bank to open up in Manitoba, and at one time did a big business in Winnipeg. Like some other banks they got caught in the boom of 1881, and after that pursued a stubborn policy of contraction. For a year or two it would not have been possible for them to do a paying business here, had they so desired. They have been gradually squeezing down, and have now probably no interest left in the country, except some that cannot be realized on for a time.

THE Montreal grain men and millers, as might be expected, are complaining bitterly about the high freight rates on grain between that city and points in Manitoba. They compare these rates with the great advantage given Minneapolis and other millers in the United States on shipments by the "Soo" route, over which the rate is only a little over half what it is from Manitoba points. They say they are unable under this discrimination to compete in their own province with flour shipped in from Minnesota, with which Quebec is now glutted, and their complaint is undoubtedly a reasonable one. The C. P. R. is a national highway, as Canadians know from its cost to the Dominion, and the reckless way in which public money has been voted to its owners. In return for this its managers seem to bestow all their favors upon United States shippers. Canadians have received none as yet.

A DISTINCTLY new departure in insurance is the Palladium, a newly formed mutual company insuring its members (who must be French) against risks to persons or property from war, insurrection, or riot, either in France, or in a war in which France may be engaged. The policies will cover all expenses incurred by any military proceedings affecting the insurer's property, including the destruction of woods, cost of provisions requisitioned by troops, &c., but no responsibility is accepted for the loss of money, bonds, or title deeds. The assurer will be held to undertake payment of premiums for fifteen years, but after the fifth year he may retire by giving notice, in which case he may claim repayment of one-third of the premiums he has paid, or after the tenth year two-thirds of the premiums, losing the right of repayment if he has made any claim on the society.—Ex.