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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 15, 1887.

H. F. POND, wagons, etc., Maniton, has sold out.

D. FEENEY, of Virden, Man., furniture dealer, has moved to Elkhorn.

W. SMITH, of Killarney, has shipped a car of dressed hogs to Montreal.

W. F. FARRELL will commence the manufacture of pumps at Neepawa.

SCARTH & Co., general storekeepers, Virden, have sold out to D. Acheson.

J. H. WELDON, general storekeeper, Plympton, Man., has assigned in trust.

A. GILLIS contemplates opening a fruit and confectionery business at Boissevain.

A. E. SHANTZ, general storekeeper, Morden, is understood to be going out of business.

J. H. BARTLE, general storekeeper, Port Arthur, has sold out to Mathews & Fraser.

W. H. TODD, general storekeeper, Oak Lake, Man., is said to be about giving up business at that place.

S. R. BRADY and A. Dugnay have purchased the bakery business of R. Nightingale, at Lethbridge, Alberta.

THE contract for building the C.P.R. branch to Sault Ste Marie, has been let to James Reid, contractor for the Lachine bridge.

THE Moose Mountain Trading Co., millers, etc., Moose Mountain, Assa., are extending their business in the general store line.

THERE is a movement on foot to erect a 75 barrel flour mill at Pilot Mound. There is also some talk of a newspaper being established.

ATKINSON & NATION, general storekeepers, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. Each will continue separately in the same lines and place.

R. P. BUCHART & BRO., hardware dealers, Boissevain, Southern Manitoba, are opening a branch at Deloraine. Cowan & Co., druggists, of the same place, are also opening a branch at Deloraine.

WM. BADGER, general storekeeper, Carman, Man., will move to Ontario. It is understood that a son will continue the business. R. P. Roblin, general storekeeper, of the same place, has sold out his business.

AN outfit belonging to Craig, of Birch Creek, Montana, consisting of two horses, sleigh and harness, was seized by the Collector of Customs, at Macleod, Alberta, for infraction of the customs laws. On payment of \$80 and \$20 costs it was released.

JOS. C. VIVIAN, men's furnishings, Port Arthur, has assigned, with liabilities of about \$6,000. Nominal assets equal in amount. For a man without capital to get this amount of credit in so short a time, shows that some firms or persons must have been exceedingly anxious to sell goods in that town.

THE annual meeting of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., was lately held at Toronto. The report showed the business of the com-

pany to be in a satisfactory condition. The profits of the year, after deducting all charges, amount to \$167,870.00. Out of this sum have been paid two half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, amounting together with the income tax thereon, to \$131,974.80. The balance then remaining, amounting to the sum of \$35,895.20, has been added to the Manitoba Guarantee Fund, in accordance with the policy enunciated by the directors in their last annual report. The total amount of the company's debentures now held in Great Britain and Canada is \$2,529,287.08; and the amount placed with the company on deposit is \$1,255,385.63. No difficulty has been experienced in keeping the funds of the company actively employed. The loans on mortgages during the year amounted to \$956,277.72; and the repayments, which have been most satisfactorily met, amount to \$1,148,717.31.

THE Winnipeg Board of Trade will take up the mail service question, and agitate in favor of a daily mail on every day of the week. Under the existing regulations no mail arrives here from the east over the C.P.R., or goes west from here on Wednesday. On Thursday there is no mail from the west, or going east from here. This is caused by the fact that no trains are despatched from the Montreal and Port Moody termini of the road on Sunday. A local train runs west from here on Wednesday as far as Moosejaw, and returns on Thursday, but no mails are carried on this train. It is not therefore owing to any lack of facilities that a mail service between Winnipeg and the west is not furnished on the days named. As this is the supply point for the towns along the line, serious inconvenience to merchants often results from this lack of postal service. For instance, a letter arriving here from Portage la Prairie (a couple of hours distant by rail) on Tuesday, cannot be answered until the following Thursday. The additional service is badly needed by the city as well as the merchants along the line west. The post office department has no excuse for withholding the accommodation on the ground of lack of facilities, and it is therefore hoped that it will only be necessary to present the matter before the proper authorities, to secure the desired end.