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THE Saskatchewan is not yet frozen over at Medicine Hat.

D. H. SCOTT, general store keeper, Marquette, is reported away.

McEWAN, DUNSFORD & Co. have opened up a banking office at Morden.

E. F. HUTCHINGS has bought the stock of C. H. Field & Co. at 50c on the \$.

R. REID, woollen mill and general store keeper, St. Boniface, has assigned.

THE Douglas mills at Minnedosa will be sold by public auction on Tuesday, Dec 2nd.

THE Saskatchewan House at Minnedosa has been rented for five years to Mr. Simpson.

HARRY HODGES, dealer in groceries and crockery, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

THOS. C. HAND & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, are giving up business and selling off the stock.

MR. WM. BROWN, late assistant superintendent of the C.P.R., has left for Chicago to enter his new position of general freight agent of the Chicago and Atlantic railway.

Work on the N.W.C. & N. Co. Ry. has been stopped for the winter. Eighteen miles of road has been graded.

THE Hudson's Bay mill at Prince Albert is about completed. It is a very substantial building in every respect.

MR. VARLEY, contractor on the C.P.R., has finished for the winter in the Mountains and sent his stock to Swift Current.

THE *Alberta*, the last of this season of the C.P.R. steamers from Port Arthur, left that place for Owen Sound on Saturday last.

J. Kilgour, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, has admitted F. Rimer into partnership. The style of the firm will be Kilgour, Rimer & Co.

WM. A. SMITH, of Rat Portage, is negotiating with the Dominion Government for the erection of a grist mill on the Rainy River.

THE stock and plant of the Rock Lake *Herald* has been purchased by Messrs. J. A. & W. Murdock. They will move it to Birtle where they intend starting a weekly paper.

THE copper in the McDougall mine, back of Silver City, is reported to yield about 1½ oz. of gold to the ton, the copper being of the richest quality. Every preparation is being made to begin work in the spring.

THE first car load of oranges ever shipped direct from Florida to Manitoba arrived in Winnipeg this week. They were consigned to Vipond, McBride & Co., commission merchants, of this city, and were three weeks on the way.

SUPERINTENDENT MURRAY, of the western division of the C.P.R., is Mr. Brown's successor, and will enter into his duties at once. Owing to this appointment there will be a change in the divisions as follows: the Thunder Bay division, Supt. Niblock; Emerson to Broadview, Supt. Murray; Broadview west, Supt. Shields.

THE big wheat deal mentioned in our last, is according to the *Montreal Post*, to be carried through without delay. According to the *Post* the Bank of Montreal advance \$4,000,000 for six months at 5 per cent. and on this fund the syndicate will work. Messrs. Geo. Stephen, D. A. Smith and Alex. Mitchell are still named as the head of the undertaking.

The Ottawa correspondent of the *Pioneer Press* has at last been cornered in direct falsehood regarding that Manitoba wheat shipped to Mc Kay & Co., millers of that city. That firm have telegraphed to their agents here denying the statements in toto.

AT the meeting of creditors of Wallis, Ramsay & Co., private bankers, Minnedosa, Mr. H. V. Carter, the assignee, presented a statement showing liabilities of \$32,206.54 and assets \$28,200.82. The Merchants' Bank, the heaviest creditors, held security to the extent of \$16,000. The assignee refused to give names of debtors and amounts due, a course which has caused considerable dissatisfaction among creditors.

THE nomination of candidates for mayor and aldermen for the city of Winnipeg took place in the council chamber yesterday. Three candidates were nominated for mayor, namely, Messrs. C. E. Hamilton, E. G. Conklin and Alex. McMicken. There will be a contest for aldermen in every ward in the city, and next Monday the election day will no doubt be a lively one. Mr. Hamilton's nomination papers have been signed by over seven hundred electors.

A COPY of the proposed new grain inspection standards, as proposed to be made law during the coming session of the Dominion Parliament, has been mailed to the secretaries of the different Boards of Trade throughout Canada by Commissioner Miall of the Department of Inland Revenue. The addition of a class of grades called Northern and a fancy grade above No. 1 hard are the changes that will be necessary in our present system of inspection at Winnipeg.

FOR the first nine months of this year Great Britain sent to Canada woollen fabrics to the value of £648,344 against £726,010 for the same period of 1883. In worsted fabrics alone the export to this country for the same period was £427,749 against £294,825 in 1883. In carpets the export to Canada was £171,320 against £179,932 for the nine months of last year. British exports of wool to us fell off greatly, there being 365,800 lbs., valued at £20,564, in 1883, and only 232,200 lbs., valued at £10,607, in 1884.