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WILSON & CARRICK, blacksmiths, Brandon, have dissolved partnership.

W. R. DICK, general storekeeper, Dominion City, has moved to La Riviere.

S. J. HOGG & Co., lumber dealers, Calgary, have opened a branch yard at Banff.

W. P. McCORMICK, proprietor of the Palmer House, Regina, will open a hotel at Calgary.

— DICK, formerly of Dominion City, will open a general store at La Riviere, Southern Manitoba.

THE Canadian Live Stock Insurance Co. will apply for incorporation at the next meeting of the Legislature.

A SAMPLE of corn, grown at Headingly, near Winnipeg, took first prize in a contest offered by the *Rural New Yorker*, one of the leading agricultural papers of the United States.

There was a large competition, including samples from all sections of the continent.

THE town of Deloraine, at the end of the C. P.R. Southwestern, is rapidly upbuilding since the opening of the railway to that point.

CARROLL, MAULSON & Co., general storekeepers, Moosomin, Assa., have dissolved partnership. J. G. Carroll and M. Bull retire from the business, and W. F. Henderson and W. H. Maulson will continue the same.

THE following are prices current at Regina: Butter, 25c per lb.; eggs, 25 to 30c per dozen; dressed pork, 5 to 5½c a pound. Oats are retailing at 60 cents per bushel, and potatoes at from 75 cents to \$1. Wheat brings 50 cents per bushel. Poultry is worth from 12 to 18 cents per lb.

THE Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association have decided to donate \$100 to the leading charitable institutions of Winnipeg. \$50 will be given to the general hospital, \$25 to the maternity hospital, and \$25 to the infants' home. The annual dinner of the Association will be held on Wednesday evening, 9th inst., in Trinity Hall.

THE *Manitoba Gazette* contains a notice of an application to the Legislature for an act to revise the act to incorporate the Manitoba Central Railway and amending acts, and providing for the construction of a railway line from the city of Winnipeg to a point or points on the 49th parallel, north latitude, known as the international boundary line.

THE Royal Soap Manufacturing Company, of Winnipeg, will accept thanks for a box of assorted soaps, including the various brands of laundry and toilet soaps manufactured by the company. The different sorts are all very handsomely arranged, the laundries neatly put up in wrappers, and the toilets arranged in boxes. The soaps should be received with favor by the trade.

A COMMUNICATION from the secretary of the Calgary Board of Trade furnishes a list of officers for that institution for the current year as follows: President, James Martin; vice-presidents, W. L. Bowen and A. Ferland; secretary, E. R. Rogers; council, S. J. Hogg, James

Reilly, J. A. Lougheed, A. Allan, Dr. Lafferty, Major Walker and A. Lucas. The Calgary Board of Trade is one of the live institutions of the place, and has accomplished much good in the interest of that rising far-western metropolis. No doubt in the future the watchful oversight of the Board will be instrumental in accomplishing a great deal in the interest not only of Calgary, but the whole territory. Steps will be taken to have the Board regularly incorporated.

SUPERINTENDENT BAKER, of the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway, has issued a circular to the employees of the company, forbidding the circulation of presentation subscription lists among the men without his sanction. This is certainly a wise regulation on the part of the superintendent, and will do away with a system of extortion which often prevails to a great extent in connection with railways and other corporations where a large number of men are employed. This system of extracting money from the hard earnings of the employees, to make up purses for favored officials, is a practice which should not be tolerated by any large company. It has been carried on in this province, in connection with the C.P.R., to such an extent as to amount to nothing less than robbery. Many employees, with families to support, have been unwillingly compelled to subscribe largely from their limited incomes, to make up presentation purses, usually for officials receiving salaries many times larger than those who are obliged to draw upon their scanty earnings for such purposes. If these presentations were free offerings, outsiders would have no right to object; but it is well known, that as carried on among the employees of a large corporation, these presentations of sums of money, etc., are generally the result of systematic extortion. Instead of the presentations being free-will offerings, they are generally made up of sums extracted from the employees, who dare not refuse lest they incur the displeasure of officials above them which may lead to their dismissal on the slightest provocation. If the C.P.R. authorities would issue an order similar to that submitted by Mr. Barker, they would receive the heartfelt thanks of the employees of the company.