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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 20, 1888.

DONALD McCASKILL, restaurant, Winnipeg, sold out by sheriff.

M. MOSES, furrier, Winnipeg, is burned out. Stock insured for \$2,500.

MR. LEE, sr., has opened out in the saddlery line at Indian Head, Assa.

HENDERSON, M. A., general store, Carberry. Style now Henderson & Burton.

R. DEACEN has bought out the blacksmith shop and business of W. Farney, at Prince Albert, Sask.

WARE & GORHAM, law office, Port Arthur, have dissolved partnership, each one continuing for himself at the same place.

C. P. R. GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT WHYTE states that the discrepancy between the report published by him and the report furnished by the agent at La Riviere, regarding the grain blockade, referred to in another column, arose through a mistake in copying. He disclaims any intention of "cooking." This is given in fairness to Mr. Whyte; but where so many misleading statements have been made in behalf of the company the public can be excused for judging somewhat harshly.

BRANDON TIMES: Owing to the severe weather of last week and the wretched state of the trails, the receipts of wheat dropped to 23,500 bushels, for the season, 830,534 bushels. The price has also been declining as 50c. is the highest now offered for No. 1 hard. A few loads on old contracts brought 51c. Oats in good demand at 24c. for light to 28c. for choice milling. Barley, 30 to 35c.; butter, 16 to 18c. to farmers; eggs, 20 to 22c.; hogs, 7c. per lb.; mutton, 7 to 9c. per lb.

The Rapid City, Man., woolen mill has a sufficient amount of wool on hand to last till clipping time in the spring, the mill runs till 24 o'clock every night.

A typographical error in last week's issue made the quantity of wheat marketed at Brandon from last season's crop, 305,872 bushels, instead of 806,872 bushels, as it should have been.

A vote on a by-law forbidding the Neepawa town council to receive money for licenses to sell intoxicating liquor, will be taken at that place on March 10th, under the Act of 1880. No liquor licenses are at present granted in the place.

It is announced that the new Manitoba Government has received an offer to build the Red River Valley Railway. The offer embraced a voluntary statement that the firm would put up a marked cheque for \$100,000 as a guarantee of good faith. Mr. Greenway said the offer was to build the road from West Lynno to Portage la Prairie, the Government to pay a small cash bonus and an annual subsidy for a period of twenty years.

CALGARY TRIBUNE Our readers will remember that a few weeks ago it was announced in the papers that the C. P. R. agent in Belgium could procure about 500 good Belgian families for the Northwest, provided a tract of land suitable to their habits and occupation could be obtained. The Belgians are great butter and cheese makers, and it is to this industry the proposed colony wish to direct their particular attention. McTavish, C. P. R. land commissioner, being fully cognizant of the superior advantages which Alberta possesses for this great industry, is looking up a couple of unsettled townships to the northwest of Calgary on which he proposes to locate the new comers.

THE annual meeting of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association was held at Winnipeg last week. There were present: W. J. Mitchell, president; B. M. Caniff, vice-president; W. H. Jackson, W. R. Bartlett, John F. Howard, A. W. Measdale, Dr. W. B. Hutton, H. E. Neelands, D. L. McIntyre and J. K. Patton, Minnedosa. Reference was made to the fact that members of the college of physicians and surgeons of Manitoba were carrying on the drug business without registering, as required by the Pharmaceutical Act, and a letter from Hough & Campbell, solicitors of the association, expressing the opinion that it was absolutely necessary for all medical gentlemen dealing in drugs to register, was submitted. Arrangements have been concluded for an interchange of diplomas with the Ontario and Quebec colleges of pharmacy. It was stated that the council kept a stock of "poison books" on hand and that the Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal had been supplies, as formerly, to all apprentices, clerks and licentiates in good standing. The financial statement was as follows: Balance from last year, \$345.50; received during the year, \$652.05; total, \$997.55. Expenditure, \$469.90; balance on hand, \$527.65. The election of a new council resulted as follows: Messrs. W. J. Mitchell, John F. Howard, W. H. Jackson, D. J. McIntyre, Winnipeg; B. M. Caniff, Portage la Prairie; R. H. Gilhuly, Selkirk, and S. W. McLaren, Morden.

THE North Shore Gold and Silver Mining Company, of St. Paul, has filed articles to do a mining business in the Thunder Bay district, Ontario. Its capital stock is \$2,000,000; directors—O. N. Murdock, Duluth; H. S. G. Craswell, and John M. Lynch, St. Paul; F. J. Blotcher, Ashland, Wis.

Cook's hotel, Dr. Wright's drug store, Brotherton's jewelry and Larkin's shoe store, all owned by Alfred & Co., Oak Lake, Man., were burned. Not much of the contents of the hotel was saved. The others saved all their stock, though in a demoralized condition. The buildings were valued at \$5,000; insurance, \$1,000.

THE report of the Northwest Coal Company, (Lethbridge mines), to be presented at a meeting on February 23rd, shows a debit of £4,173. The directors regret this result, which was caused by the severe winter and the miners' strike. Business has now improved, and it is decided to issue new bonds to the extent of \$28,500, and in order to obtain advances for such capital as is needed, they intend to push the sale of lands of the company.

THE many kind notices which THE COMMERCIAL received from the provincial press, last week, are thoroughly appreciated. Several papers stated that our last number was the best issue of any journal ever published in Manitoba, in the interests of the province at large. THE COMMERCIAL will continue to work in the interests of the Great West as a whole, regardless of party, creed, or local cliques, and any encouragement in the way of kind words from its contemporary press, will always be received with thanks.

SHERIFF CARNEY, Mayor Biggings and other prominent men of Sault Ste. Marie, have interviewed the Attorney-General of Ontario. They want the Government to take hold and develop the great water power of St. Mary's River. Biggings said he had received over 1,000 inquiries for mill sites from capitalists and manufacturers. The deputation asked the Government to construct a short canal through the narrow neck of land without delay. Mayor Marks and several Port Arthur gentlemen also interviewed the Attorney-General. They asked the Government for a bonus in money or land to aid the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway, running from Port Arthur to Gunflint Lake, where it will form a junction with the American road from Duluth now under construction.

This is the way the compromise resolutions have been received by the Conservatives, outside of a few officials and wire-pullers: "Resolved, that the Liberal-Conservative association, of Morris, desires hereby to put on record that the disallowance of railway charters granted by the Legislature of Manitoba is detrimental to the vital interests of the Province, and hereby protests in particular against the obstacles put in the way of the construction of the R. R. V. R.; and, further, be it resolved, that this association uses its influence in every possible direction to further the construction of the said R. R. V. R." The Conservatives of Turtle Mountain: "Resolved, that this meeting condemns, in the strongest terms, the resolutions passed by the Brandon Conservatives at their late meeting, embodying a platform for the Conservative party in Manitoba."