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A CHEESE factory will be built at Plympton in the spring.

The Rapid City Standard has been purchased by James Weidman.

Jas. WEIDMAN, photographer, Manitou, has removed to Rapid City.

D. McKERCHER, miller, Dominion City, has removed to British Columbia.

It is rumored that a bakery will shortly be opened at Manitou by W. Paulin.

The Halifax Ranch Company, Fort McLeod, are advertising the business for sale.

McDONALD & McDONGALL, grist millers, Gladstone, have dissolved partnership.

The population of the town of Neepawa according to a recent census is said to be 300.

Jemyn & Bolton, saw mill owners, Minnedosa, have gone into the grist mill business.

R. J. & J. CHALMERS will shortly open a general tin-smithing and hardware store at Manitou.

Misses A. & C. JASPER have opened a millinery and dressmaking establishment at Emerson.

An hotel to replace the one recently burned down will shortly be built at Minnedosa by J. McDermott.

MR SHAW has been appointed agent at Portage la Prairie for Harris, Son & Co. in place of Mr. Johnson.

S. FAIRBAIRS will shortly erect a carriage factory at Minnedosa in connection with his present business.

MILLS & BULLARD, stock breeders, Souris, have dissolved partnership; G. Mills will continue the business alone.

REID, CLARK & Co. wholesale and retail fish dealers, Winnipeg, have sold out their retail business to R. McCluskey.

CHIPMAN BROS. & Co., grocers and hardware merchants, Calgary, contemplate closing out their business at that place.

THE Ogilvie Milling Company will discontinue buying grain and operating their elevator at Minnedosa after the 31st.

GRAY & BLACKDAB, grocers, Morden, have dissolved partnership; the business will in future be conducted by T. C. Gray.

THE oatmeal mill at Portage la Prairie, has been closed, except for chopping, until after seeding owing to the scarcity of oats.

MACK HOWES, formerly of the Brunswick Hotel, who got into difficulties a little over a year ago, has settled with his creditors paying 100c on the dollar in stock of Northwest Petroleum Co., taken at its present market value. Mack is now, commercially, a free man.

ON Thursday last the Provincial Parliament was duly opened; the Lieutenant-Governor reading the opening Address, which contained little of any commercial bearing except it be a paragraph regarding land law amendment; which doubtless forshadowes the introduction of the Torrens system of land transfer.

LETTERS patent of incorporation have been issued to David Johnson, of Portage la Prairie; J. A. Blackwidge, and Wm. Laidlaw, of Collingwood, and John Corbet, of Owen Sound, as The Owen Sound and Northwest Milling and Manufacturing Company with a capital stock of \$10,000. This company have now in operation an oatmeal mill at Portage la Prairie and a flour mill at Qu'Appelle.

A. MESSIER, general store keeper, St Leon, having made arrangements with his creditors will resume business, taking his two sons into partnership.

The failures in the United Kingdom for the week ended February 21, is reported to *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette*, numbered 126, as compared with 102 and 259 in the corresponding weeks respectively of 1884 and 1883. England and Wales had 94 failures, as compared with 75 and 228 in the weeks specified; Scotland had 26 failures, as against 18 and 25; and Ireland had 6, as against 9 in 1884 and 6 in 1883.

W. H. NOLF, publisher of the defunct Winnipeg weekly named *The Truth*, has sold his plant to Mack Howes, who intends to commence the publication of a mining journal. Let us hope that his journal will not be like the last mining sheet published in this city, which was simply an advertising sheet for puffing speculative bubbles. A sheet devoted to advocating mining as an industry, would be of great value to this country; but to advocate mining as a speculation, would be a curse to it.

ANOTHER half-breed rebellion at Prince Albert is the latest North-western sensation. A party of half-breeds have seized the Government stores at Fort Carleton, and have cut the telegraph wires putting the whole Saskatchewan district out of communication with the east and south. It is to be hoped that the Government will crush the "tempest in a tea pot" with an iron hand, and not shrink from meting out to its leaders the punishment they deserve, and which they may have evaded on former occasions, through political influence on their behalf.

THE feeling which has been gaining ground in the city of late against the high charges of the Bell Telephone Co. culminated on Wednesday evening in a meeting of the business men of the city in the Leland house at which a deputation was appointed to wait upon the company's manager here and ask a reduction of rates. The deputation called upon Mr. Walsh on Friday, and that gentleman has since laid the matter before the heads of the company at Montreal. Should no concession be made a new company will no doubt be started. The company's rates are \$60 for each instrument.