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GRAHAM, GRASS & Co., general storekeepers, Regina, have assigned in trust.

J. L. WELLS, hardware merchant, Winnipeg, has opened up a branch house at Port Arthur.

DUFF & MORRISON, blacksmiths and carriage builders, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Joseph Morrison.

MCCARTHY BROS., general storekeepers, Rat Portage, have assigned in trust. The firm's difficulties are considered only temporary, and they will probably go on again very shortly.

DR. SCHULTZ has sold, during the week, a lot corner Point Douglas Avenue, 132 by 132 feet, for \$3,000 cash; also a lot on corner Jarvis and Austin streets, 66 by 165 feet, for \$1,300 cash.

It is pleasing to note the pulpit of Winnipeg taking its side with business reform. The sermon of the Rev. A. A. Cameron, on Sunday evening, in favor of early closing, was well-timed and very commendable.

B. PRINCE & Co. are about starting a saw mill and flour mill at Battleford.

THE street car track on Main street is being extended across the C.P.R. line, to connect with the line running north to St John's College, and before the close of the week cars are expected to be running on the new track.

WORK has been commenced on the excavation for the new offices of the Manitoba Mortgage and Investment Company, on the site of old Knox Church building. Mr. J. G. McDonald is the contractor. It will enhance the appearance of Portage avenue greatly.

MR. M. McDADÉ, lately of the *Times* editorial staff, left Winnipeg this morning to assume editorial management of the Port Arthur *Herald*. Mr. McDadé has been over two years connected with the daily press of Winnipeg, and has made his mark here as an energetic journalist.

W. C. NOBLE, formerly steward, and L. Hagenoi, formerly chief cook at the Hotel Brunswick, have opened up in the Princess Restaurant, and intend carrying on a first-class dining room and restaurant business. If practical ability is of any value they should meet with success.

SOME idea of the cost of operating the C.P.R. may be had from the amount of the monthly pay-rolls of employees; for January of this year the amount was \$217,000, February \$192,000, March \$180,000, and April about \$200,000; or an average of \$175,000 in wages for the western division alone.

THE new freight rates from Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton to Northwestern points have been distributed, as have also the local tariffs from Winnipeg, Emerson and Greta. Although there have been some desirable changes made in classification, the discrimination against Winnipeg is still unwarrantable.

THE new tug to be used in connection with dredging the bar at the mouth of the Red river, returned Friday from her trial trip, which proved very satisfactory. She draws seven and a half feet of water. The tug has been christened *Sir Hector*, in honor of the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa. Dredging operations will be commenced immediately.

THE Northwest House, Winnipeg, is in the hands of the sheriff, and is advertised to be sold out to-day under power of chattel mortgage.

MR. J. J. McNALLY, who has of late been agent for the Great Eastern Fast Freight Line, and long agent for the Grand Trunk here, has been promoted to the position of Montreal agent for the former company. The step ahead is a long one, although it will be regretted by many of the business men of Winnipeg with whom Mr. McNally was so deservedly popular.

APPLICATION has been made for the incorporation of the Lake of the Woods Milling and Mining Company. The operations of the company are to be carried on in Varennes, and Winnipeg is to be their headquarters. The applicants are Col. W. N. Kennedy, G. F. Caruthers, D. H. McMillan, C. O. Wickenden, J. W. Harris, H. S. Crotty and L. McMeans.

THE Woodbine Restaurant property was sold on Wednesday last, by auction, under foreclosure of mortgage at \$16,958, or at the rate of over \$770 a foot frontage. The buildings on the lot are worth less than \$5,000, and the frontage is 22 feet. The place is in one of the best stands in the centre of the city, and the price it sold at furnishes a good index to the present value of Main street property.

MCMILLAN'S mill has lately been enlarged and a great amount of the latest improved machinery added, which makes its flour equal to, if not superior to the best make of Minneapolis mills. The improvements were superintended by Mr. Cook, a well-known expert of Minneapolis, who says that if all the wheat in Manitoba is as good as that in McMillan's elevator, it will discount anything he has seen from Minnesota or Dakota.

THE Northwest Navigation Company are getting their lake and river steamers ready for work. The steamer *Princess*, Captain Duncañ is at Selkirk and being put in order to resume her trips to Grand Rapids and Norway House, on Lake Winnipeg. The steamer *Colville*, Captain Bell, arrived on the evening of the 10th, and has resumed work between this city and the different lake ports. The traffic will be principally freight and lumber. The *Marquette* is also expected about the same time and will ply between here and Brandon on the Assiniboine.