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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 16, 1883.

MINNEDOSA is crying out for grain buyers.

JAS. COURTNEY, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out.

JOHN LAW, lumber, Carberry, is about selling out.

SAMUEL LEPAGE, butcher, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

S. L. KYLE, furniture dealer, Winnipeg, has given up business.

WM. MOIR, contractor, Winnipeg, is to be sold out by the bailiff.

MUCKLE & JOHNSTON, hotelkeepers, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust.

JOHN MAC TAVISH is going into the wood business at Rapid City.

ROGERS & AXFORD, millers, Milford, have sold out to Wm. Macdonald.

R. BROWN, general store, Mountain City, is opening a branch at Morden.

DEDRICK & SON, stoves and tinware, Pilot Mound are trying to sell out.

ROGERS, BURNETT & Co., grain and produce, Milford, are giving up business.

E. PENNER & Co., general store, Niverville are starting a branch at Morden.

R. A. EVANS, of the Northwest House, Winnipeg, has sold out to Earl & Moore.

THE contract price of the new Winnipeg Post office, exclusive of inner fittings is \$122,586.

C. P. R. receipts for the first week in October were \$130,000 over the same week last year.

THE stock of W. A. Russel, general store, Morris, has been sold by the sheriff at 59c on the dollar

TWO more C.P.R. steamers for Lake Superior traffic, the Alberta and Algoma, have arrived in Montreal.

SOPER & LE CAPPELAIN, picture frames, &c., Winnipeg, have dissolved. John G. Soper continues the business

Le Manitoba, of St. Boniface, appeared as a tri-weekly paper on Saturday, and is a credit to that progressive town.

STONE & MEICHER, Rapid City intend to continue their operations in future to groceries and provisions, and are selling of their stock of dry goods.

F. J. CLAXTON has purchased the interest of his partner, Wm. Baskerville, in the bakery business in Calgary and will carry on the business alone in future.

JONES & BAKER have been appointed agents for the life and accident branches of the Citizens Insurance Company of Montreal. Robert Strang still retains the fire branch for the whole Northwest.

THE C.P.R. round house at Rat Portage was destroyed by fire on Sunday. Two new passenger engines valued at \$30,000 a freight engine worth \$10,000 together with other rolling stock were in the building. The loss is estimated at nearly \$100,000.

ON Saturday Federal Bank stock in Toronto declined from 161 to 150, which causes a feeling of uneasiness there. The anxiety of the speculators holding stock, as to the effect of the coming dividend, caused them to

throw it upon the market, which accounts, in some measure, for the decline.

ON Saturday the Montreal stock market was panicky, and a general burst occurred all round. Bank stocks closed very weak and operators were in a state of despondency. Merchants in that city are complaining of the slowness of business. The decrease in importation is said to be fully 13 per cent., due to slower trade, as compared with last year.

THE Calgary Herald says: It is the intention of the firm of I. G. Baker & Co., to build a large brick store and bank building, and make Calgary their head depot to which all goods will be shipped via the C.P.R., and distributed to the different branches in the Territory by bull trains. The firm contemplate new branches at Red Deer and Edmonton, but will not fully decide till next year.

THE Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Com will, at the next session of Parliament, make application for formal amends to their charter. A bill will also be introduced for the incorporating the Nipissing & James Railway Company, with power to build a line of railway from the Canadian Pacific Railway from near the junction of the Gravenhurst and the Callender branches, following the Sturgeon River to Moose Factory.

THE annual meeting of the Ontario and Qu' Appelle Land Company was held last week in Toronto. From the report and the profit and loss account it appeared that the sale of lands had been less rapid than was expected, but that nevertheless a fair business had been done and at large profits. Sales to Sept. 30 amounted to 29,413 acres; of these 12,920 were sold without any settlement duties, or cultivation clauses, at equal to \$3.04 per acre; and 15,493 at equal to \$7.47, leaving a total amount realized from sales of \$155,299.20. This showed a profit on the sales of \$75,742.80 to which is added interest from buyers amounting to \$901.69 leaving the total profit of the year \$84,744.49. On the other side of the account there was expended in a dividend of ten per cent., commission on sale of lands, interest on loans and accrued on debentures, and expenses of management at Qu'Appelle, \$70,456.06, leaving a balance on hand of \$14,288.43.