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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 2, 1888.

E. SMITH, grocer, Winnipeg, has given up business.

A BOARD of Trade will be organized at Qu'Appelle Station.

C. F. MARTINDALE & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, are giving up business.

D. Pollock, of the Central Hotel, Prince Albert, has removed to his new hotel, erected this season.

S. E. WILLIAMS, dealer in fancy goods, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust to J. McLeod Holiday.

M. COURTOIS, general storekeeper, Cypress River, Man., has assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand.

S. MORAN has bought out Collins' stopping place at the Ten Mile coulee on the Bow River and Edmonton trail.

MOIR & MILLS, stationery and jewellery, and J. J. O'Connor, drugs, Port Arthur, have moved into new premises recently.

THE tax sale of lands held at Fort William last week was a great success. Bidding was spirited, especially by local parties.

A NEW jewelry firm will shortly be formed at Winnipeg. The members will be Messrs. Thompson, now of Port Arthur, and C. F. Forrest, under the firm name of Thompson Bros. & Forrest. The business of Forrest & Co., will be taken over by the new firm.

THE Prince Albert, (Sask.) Board of Trade, which was organized about three months ago, has received its charter of incorporation, and met lately and elected the following officers: Hon. L. Clarke, president; Chas. Mair, vice-president; Jos. Knowles, secretary; T. N. Campbell, treasurer; and twenty-four directors.

A MR. MANSON, of Rossburn, has opened a general store at Oak Lake, Man.

DR. OLVER will open a drug store at Medicine Hat about the first of January.

W. R. MULLOCH and Mr. Roberts, Winnipeg barristers, have formed a partnership.

MR. MATHEW GRAY will open a watch and jewellery establishment at Fort William.

GREEN & McWILLIAMS will build a machine and blacksmith shop at Virden in the spring.

SHIPMENTS of frozen fish from Selkirk have been made freely to the United States this season.

A handsome lithographed calendar from the *Manitoba Free Press*, has been left at this office.

PENNSYLVANIA coal has been advanced 25 cents, and now sells at \$10.50 per ton delivered in Winnipeg.

THE Saskatchewan hotel and stables, Minnedosa, Man., were burned on Thursday last. Insured for \$2,000.

JEMMETT & LANDER, of the Wyndham hotel, Binscarth, Man., have dissolved partnership. F. W. Jemmett will continue the business.

THERE will be a dearth of country papers this week, publishers being in the habit of suspending publication during the 'Xmas season.

THE Fort William council will memorialize the Dominion Government for a further appropriation for dredging and widening the channel of the Kaministiqui.

R. S. SMITH, formerly proprietor of the Valley hotel, Fort Qu'Appelle, has again assumed charge of that house. The hotel building is one of the best in the west.

D. SHAW, agent for Harris, Son & Co., at Portage, has been appointed general travelling agent for the company in the Province with headquarters at Winnipeg.

CAMPBELL, SPERA, & Co., wholesale furnishings, etc., have sent out a very handsome jubilee lithograph of Queen Victoria, with their "compliments of the season."

W. J. SCOTT, lately with Porter & Ronald, has accepted a position with Moore & Co., of the China Hall, where he will have charge of the wholesale department. He will also go on the road in the interest of Moore & Co.

PORT ARTHUR *Sentinel*: Mr. John Ross, contractor on the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway, is expected to arrive here in a few days when contracts will be let for getting out ties and timber for the road.

JOS. ARCHIBOX, a Winnipeg barber who was committed to trial for setting fire to his shop, is reported to have left the country. W. Bateman, baker, and Max Goldstein, clothier, were his bondsmen in the sum of \$500 each.

IN order to show the increase in value of property in that municipality over that of 1886, the Fort William Journal publishes the following figures:

	1886.	
Real Property.....	\$225,154	
Personal Property.....	5,450	
		\$230,604
	1887.	
Real Property.....	\$353,155	
Personal Property.....	7,200	
Taxable Income.....	250	
		\$360,605
Increase.....		\$130,001

A. MARKS has opened a tailor shop at Morden, Man., in connection with the store of T. Tobias.

W. J. MITCHELL, drugs, and Wright Bros., dry goods, have moved into the handsome new block on the corner of Main street and Portage avenue.

A NUMBER of small seizures of tobacco and cigars were made in Winnipeg on Thursday, by the Inland Revenue Department, on account of the goods being exposed for sale out of the original packages in which they were received. To expose goods for sale in this way is against the revenue law.

THE announcement that the Government had acceded to the request of the Winnipeg Board for a reduction of the wheat standards, almost took the breath from the local grain dealers. Such a sudden movement was entirely unexpected by those acquainted with the tedious process usually necessary to secure a concession or change in official regulations. The quick move on the part of the Government is taken as another indication of the influence which the C. P. R. wields at Ottawa. Van Horn did it, was the usual exclamation when the news arrived here. The following is the official publication of the change, which it will be seen practically grants the request in full of the Winnipeg Board:—

On the recommendation of the Minister of Inland Revenue, and under the authority of section 16 of "The General Inspection Act," chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, His Excellency, by and with the advice of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, has been pleased to modify and amend the classification of grain under section 44 of the said Act, and the same is hereby modified and amended accordingly, that is to say:

That the first three paragraphs of said section 44 be cancelled, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

Extra Manitoba hard wheat shall be sound and well cleaned, weighing not less than 62 pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of not less than 95 per cent of Red Fyfe wheat, grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada.

No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat shall be sound and well cleaned, weighing not less than 60 pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of at least two-thirds Red Fyfe wheat grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada.

No. 2 Manitoba hard wheat shall be sound and reasonably clean, weighing not less than 58 pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of at least two-thirds of Red Fyfe wheat grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada.

No. 1 Hard White Fyfe wheat shall be sound and well cleaned, weighing not less than 60 pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of not less than three-fourths of hard White Fyfe wheat grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada.

His Excellency has pleased further to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the modified and amended classification thus established shall not apply to grain inspected under the provisions of the said act prior to the said modifications coming into force.