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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 21, 1886.

J. St. G. JELLET will open a store at Clover Bar, Alberta.

THE jewelry stock of Mrs. Perret, Winnipeg, has been taken in charge of by the sheriff.

—TIMMS, hotelkeeper, Whitewood, Assa., has disposed of his business to — Brecken.

C. F. BAILEY, of the *Vindicator*, published at Brandon, will start a paper at Rapid City.

BELL & PHILLIPS are establishing a machine shop at Selkirk, which they will have in operation in a short time.

THE Selkirk *News* has ceased to exist, and the publisher, J. McCrossan, will start a paper at Rat Portage, Ont.

S. J. ARSENAULT & Co., general storekeepers, Wapella, Assa., have dissolved partnership. G. H. Morrison, of the late firm, will wind up the business of the same.

J. R. MCKENZIE, of the firm of Allen & McKenzie, brewers, Moosejaw, will open in business at Banff, Alberta.

HUTCHINSON & HAZELL, harness-makers, Lethbridge, Alberta, have dissolve partnership. Hutchinson will continue.

THE official returns show that 649 immigrants arrived at Winnipeg last month. Total arrivals to date for the year were 13,216.

LARGE quantities of dressed beef and pork have been put on the market at Emerson by farmers, the former selling at 4½ to 5½ cents, the latter at 4½.

It is understood the *Daily Manitoban*, of Winnipeg, now published as an evening journal, will appear as a morning paper on and after the first of the new year.

THE Virden *Advance* reports wheat prices as ruling from 54c to 57c, and oats 37c to 40c; eggs and butter 20c. The top price for wheat is probably exceptional.

F. & J. SKELDING, late in the hardware business at Neepawa, evidently intend resuming business at that place, as they are making arrangements to build a store there.

THE new proprietors of the Saskatchewan coal mine are meeting with good success, and are obliged to keep constantly increasing the output to keep up with the demand.

MR. T. C. LIVINGSTON has been appointed manager for the New York Mutual Life Insurance Co. for the Northwest, and will take up his permanent residence in Winnipeg.

It is reported from New York that arrangements have been made to complete the Minneapolis and Sault Ste. Marie railway in 1887 or one year earlier than at first announced.

THE Royal Soap Manufacturing Company of Winnipeg are meeting with splendid success with their toilet soaps, which have been taken up faster than they can be manufactured.

GRANT & HORNE is the name of a new produce and commission firm which has commenced business in Winnipeg, W. S. Grant and David Horne are the partners in the new business. The gentlemen are both well known in the city, and are cheerfully recommended to the trade.

THE Manitoba Dairy Association held a meeting in the city on Monday of last week, but on account of the small attendance, owing to the provincial election contest, the meeting was adjourned until the 19th of January.

THE Mennonite reserves in Manitoba will be thrown open for general homesteading after January 1st. This refers to lands reserved for exclusive homesteading by Mennonites. There will likely be a lively scramble for these lands, owing to their location in the older settled part of the province.

THE Scandinavian Union of Winnipeg have issued a very neatly printed and comprehensive pamphlet, setting forth the advantages of this country as a field for Scandinavian immigration. The pamphlet will be extensively circulated in the Scandinavian countries.

THE roller flour mill in course of erection at Moosomin, and which has passed through several hands since construction first commenced, is again claimed by another party, who says he has bought a controlling interest in the undertaking. The last claimant wants an additional bonus before he resumes work, which the people of Moosomin very properly refuse.

THE twelfth annual report of the Bank of Ottawa has been published. The report shows net profits for the year ending 30th November to amount to \$141,804. Of this sum two dividends of \$35,000 each were paid, \$50,000 was carried to rest account, leaving a balance to credit of profit and loss of \$38,440. The rest account of the bank now amounts to \$260,000. The business of the bank is said to have shown very satisfactory progress.

It is reported that notwithstanding the decision in favor of the C.P.R., in the injunction case to prevent the company from continuing their line from Port Moody to Vancouver, the company will still be unable to make the extension. It is said that there are yet other obstacles in the way in the shape of injunctions, and that the case will probably have to go before the British privy council before a final settlement is reached. The Port Moody people seem determined to retain the terminus of the C.P.R. with them as long as possible.