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WINNIPEG, JAN. 23, 1883.

J. A. Parry, grocer, Winnipeg, has given up business.

G. A. Andrew, butcher, Winnipeg, is about to give up business.

James Haddock, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out his business to Mrs. Haley.

Haley & Sutton, a new firm, are starting in the grocery business at Manitoba City.

Mr. McKay, late of Rutledge & McKay, of Pembina Crossing, is about to open up a general store at Manitoba City.

Boyce & Strachan, hotel keepers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, and the business in future will be carried on by Strachan alone.

A branch of the well known firm of W. J. McMaster & Co., of Toronto has been opened at 385 Main Street under the charge of Mr. George Bengough.

The Massey Manufacturing Company, of Toronto, has purchased a site for an up-town warehouse at the corner of Princess and William Streets, the consideration being \$7,000 cash.

THE Winnipeg Consolidated Gold Mining Co. has moved into spacious offices, on the corner of Notre Dame street and Portage avenue. The Argyle Mining Company shares the ground floor.

American capital has been secured to handle Mr. John Adams' lumber limit of 37 1/2 square miles in the Cypress Hills. Mr. Lewis Sands, of Manistee, Mich., will put \$200,000 into the enterprise.

WILSON & FOSTER are purchasing stock in the city with the intention of opening a general store at Moose Jaw. Mr. Wilson was formerly book-keeper for Arnett & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto.

THE handsome new depot for the Canadian Pacific railway is rapidly being made tenable, and before ten days it is probable that the officers of the company will be housed within its walls. The baggage room is already occupied.

It is a striking commentary upon the administration of civic affairs that property on Manitoba Street should be advertised for sale owing to non-payment of taxes, and the owners should be unable to find out to whom the taxes should be paid.

Brick-laying on the new city hall was continued all last week during a hard spell of weather, when the mercury was never above zero, and was more frequently about 15° below. If the building stands firm in mild weather the question of winter building will be reduced to one of convenience.

ON account of the Dominion Government declining to advance the \$1,000 voted to encourage the sending of exhibits from this province to the Dominion Exhibition, the Manitoba Board of Agriculture has decided not to send exhibits this year. The Board, as well as the department of the Provincial Government, is sadly hampered by the insufficiency of the money at its disposal.

THE nominations for the Local elections passed off quietly throughout the country, two members of Mr. Norquay's government—the Premier and the Minister of Public Works—being returned, as well as three other members, by acclamation. Mr. Norquay is still running in Mountain against Mr. Greenway, the leader of the opposition, but it is a question if Mr.

Norquay is qualified to contest Mountain, he being elected for St. Andrews without a contest and he cannot resign for there is no Speaker to receive his resignation.

THE Board of Agriculture has had 5,000 pamphlets printed for circulation in England in refutation of the recent attacks upon the North-west. The Board of Trade has also prepared a document for circulation concerning the City of Winnipeg. It is to be hoped that though a lie travels with ten times the speed of the truth, these documents will be able to overtake and refute the untruths to which they are replies.

It is intimated from Ottawa that Sir John Macdonald's bill concerning the Dominion Lands will remove a standing grievance concerning the proving up of homestead claims and the issuing of patents. Persons making loans have hitherto had to incur the risk of the commissioner's recommendation for a patent being refused owing to fraud in regard to the proving up. What the nature of the proposed remedy is, is not stated.

A large emigration may be expected from Galway and the disturbed districts of Ireland this year. Assisted passages imply the need of assistance when the immigrants arrive here. This will furnish some of the colonization companies with an opportunity for testing their utopian plans for aiding poor agriculturists to become their own landlords. If the immigration does nothing more than furnish a supply of agricultural labor it will be welcome.

THE outbreak of smallpox in the lumber camps near Rossland, though causing a great scare, seems to have been localized. There is now a large travel down the Lake of the Woods and should the contagion reach the ice trail the results would be disastrous. If reports be true, the devotion to duty which is expected from medical men on such occasions, was conspicuously absent. The conduct of the men in leaving in the camp one comrade dead and another to die does not raise one's opinion of frontiersmen's humanity.

RECENT advices from Ontario, are to the effect that a considerable migration may be expected this spring. From this it may be inferred that the grumbling of paper-town sore-heads has done little damage. A stream of immigration is also expected from Quebec and the Maritime provinces.