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WINNIPEG, APRIL 30, 1888.

THE merchants of Shoal Lake will, after the first day of May, adopt the early closing system.

JOHN HENRY has decided to open a machine shop and blacksmithing business at Minnedosa. He has sent east for the necessary machinery.

THE new Manitoba Election Act disfranchises members of both the Dominion and Provincial service for local elections, and grants full man-hood suffrage.

THE public accounts for the Province of Manitoba for the year ending June 30th, 1887, have been printed and distributed in the Legislature. Total receipts amounted to \$611,405, including Dominion subsidies, licenses, fees and general revenue. The total expenditure is placed at \$723,125.

IS the Union Bank steal case Velie and Mc-Kittrick have been committed by the magistrate for trial at the higher court. They are now out on bail. Diamond was discharged, and it is but fair to say that there was really no evidence connecting him in any way with the steal. Cameron, the embezzler, is, of course, free in the United States.

A BILL has been introduced in the Manitoba Legislature empowering the Government to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$1,500,000 at not over 5 per cent. interest. The bill provides that provincial bonds may be issued to raise the amount required. The money will be used in paying outstanding liabilities, now amounting to about \$300,000, and in completing the Red River Valley Railway and other public works. It is estimated that \$783,000 will be required to complete the Red River road; \$65,000 to meet interest on the Manitoba North-

western bonds, and \$40,000 to put the Hudson's Bay road in shape, so that the Province would receive security on the guarantee already made to that road.

J. H. GLASS, of C. S. Hyman & Co., shoes, London, Ont., is in the city, and will go west as far as Victoria, B. C.

RYAN & WRIGHT have launched a steamer on the Bow River, above the National Park, Alberta. A nice little run of ten miles up the river can be made at low water, and still farther when the river is high.

STOCK-IN-TRADE of the estate of Alex. Shepherd, Regina, Assa., consisting of millinery, \$2,000, and general dry goods, \$3,200, and also the book debts, \$875, is offered for sale by tender, open until May 5th. The liabilities are about \$6,000. R. J. Whitla, Winnipeg, is the assignee.

AN OTTAWA dispatch of Thursday says: By an order-in-council, passed a couple of days ago, the Manitoba Experimental Farm will be located on section 27, township 10, range 19, west, on the north side of the Assiniboine, opposite Brandon, on the place known as the Stewart farm. The amount paid was fifteen dollars per acre.

THE Dominion Government has asked that the bill to construct the Emerson & Northwestern from Winnipeg to the International boundary, which has been on the paper of the railway committee for some time, be left over this session. It is understood they do not want to grant any charter except to the Red River Valley.

NOTICE is given in the official Gazette of application for letters patent incorporating the Empire Brewing and Malting Company, limited. The following are the applicants:—Joseph E. Hannah, William Clougher, Robert F. Manning, Charles F. Todd, and Richard Heap, all of Winnipeg, who shall be the first directors of said company. The capital stock is placed at \$40,000, in shares of \$25 each.

A TELEGRAM on Thursday says: The C. P. R. will probably soon build an independent line of its own to Detroit. Meantime the G. T. R. has conceded to the C. P. R. running powers over its track between St. Thomas and Detroit, in exchange for which the C. P. R. gives the G. T. R. running powers over its track between Callendar and Sault St. Marie, practically giving the G. T. R. a line of its own from Montreal to the "Soo."

CRUIKSHANK & Co. bought out the merchant tailoring business of Jos. Stovel, Winnipeg, last summer, giving notes therefor to the amount of \$2,500. A son of Stovel was the company. Last week the stock was taken under a chattel mortgage, after the landlord had made a selection therefrom to cover a couple of months' rent. The mortgage is for \$1,300, but the stock, it is said, will only realize a few hundred dollars at forced sale. The mortgage was on the stock at the time of the purchase by Cruikshank & Co., but Cruikshank claims that he know nothing of its existence until last week. Cruikshank was formerly an employee of Stovel, and he claims that he purchased the stock without even taking an inventory of it, accepting a list furnished by Stovel.

DERKSON BROS., general storekeepers, Mor-den, Man., have sold out.

S. LAWSON, general storekeeper, Niverville, Man., stock seized by sheriff.

THOS. G. POYNTZ, saloon keeper, Winnipeg, has sold out to John Neobard.

JOHN FEHR, general storekeeper, Plum Con-lee, Man., has assigned in trust.

W. GOODNOW, bricks, etc., Winnipeg, has formed a partnership with Thomas Littlejohn.

Beddome Brothers, butchers, Birtle, Man., are preparing to erect a new meat store in Birtle.

JOS. TASSE, of Tasse, Woods & Co., cigar manufacturers of Montreal, was in Winnipeg last week.

O'CONNOR & LENNON, saloon keepers, Winni-peg. O'Connor has sold out his interest to Dennis Lennon.

MR. GALLAGHER, representing Miller & Rich-ard, wholesale type and printers' supplies, was in Winnipeg last week.

HILL, of Griswold, has secured the contract for constructing about fifty miles of telegraph on the Northwest Central. The line will extend almost to Arrow river.

H. BRYDGES, vice-president of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway, who has just return-ed from a trip east, states that the company has definitely decided to build another 23 miles during this season.

Calgary Tribune: We understand that E. Healey has completed arrangements to start a cheese factory at Cochrane this spring. The factory will have a capacity for the milk of three hundred cows this year, and will be in operation some time in May.

BRANDON Sun: It is the intention of Mr. J. A. Christie to commence at once the erec-tion of a sawmill that will cost \$10,000 to com-plete. He has made a purchase of three mil-lion feet of logs from the Banks, and they are now in the Bird Tail, ready for floating down the river. As soon as they arrive he expects to run the old saw mill for a short time.

THE new re-distribution bill for Manitoba has been made public. It gives thirty-eight elec-toral divisions, an increase of three. Winnipeg gets one additional member, making three for the city. The smallest division in point of population is Russell, with 1,200 people. The three Winnipeg constituencies, with a popula-tion of about 7,000 each, are the largest in this respect, being about double that of the next most populous division. This shows the fair-ness of giving Winnipeg an additional member, notwithstanding the objections of some rural members. Brandon city is given a member, the division including the two surrounding town-ships. Several additional constituencies have been created in Southern Manitoba. The river constituencies of St. Francis Xavier, Assiniboia, and St. Clements are absorbed by adjoining divisions. South Dufferin also disappears. Russell, Shoal Lake and Minnedosa undergo considerable change, an additional division being created to be known as Birtle, and in-stead of two divisions of Minnedosa, there will now be but one. Nearly all the electoral divisions have been more or less changed in their boundaries.