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WINNIPEG, MARCH 11, 1884.

W. W. WILSON, grocer, Winnipeg, has given up business.

BALLENTYNE & LEVERATT, accountants, Winnipeg, are giving up business.

GEO. WILSON, dry goods, merchant, Winnipeg, intends leaving for Ontario.

JOHN GRAY, of the Bellevue Hotel, is about to give up business, and will be succeeded by Wilson.

THE co-partnership of J. S. Coolican is now arranged and will include Wm. Brown, George Percival and J. S. Coolican.

Quite a number of immigrants arrived in the city during last week, and most have gone westward. The new arrivals are mostly from Ontario.

THE Grand Central Hotel, Minnedosa, has changed hands, Mr. John McLellan retiring from the management, and Mr. Grant taking his place.

It is to be regretted that Lewis Arnett, dry goods merchant, has assigned in trust. To this

course he has been compelled after a brave struggle to carry through.

DUNGLASS & Co., of the Grand Union Hotel, are about to dissolve partnership, Douglass and O'Connor retiring. The business will probably be continued by James Bathgate.

THERE is at last some work of improvement to be undertaken on our Manitoba rivers and waterways. The dredger and scows which recently arrived from the east are being fitted up, and will be ready for commencing work as soon as the rivers break up.

THE Manitoba Parliament meets on Thursday, and it is expected that the business of this session will be of the most interesting character. To the platform Mr. Norquay has laid down there is little fear of any opposition, and unanimity in the matter of boundary extension and other claims will doubtless prevail.

As signs of spring appear people in the business centre of this city begin to realise the terrible state of mud that will prevail in the streets that have been opened up during the winter for laying sewers. It is to be hoped that the work of improving Main street and other thoroughfares will be commenced as early as possible, otherwise a cessation of street traffic must be the result.

F. H. JONES is once more back in his old business at the Gold Seal Oyster Co.'s store on Thistle st., having purchased Mr. Bradstock out. He has made many improvements upon the old premises. Mr. Jones deserves great credit for the manner in which he has honorably fought through numerous financial misfortunes during the past year, and will have the congratulations of his friends now he is once more on solid footing.

At the meeting of shareholders of Manitoba Northwestern railway, held in this city on the 3rd inst., the following officers were elected: Andrew Allan, president; Duncan MacArthur, vice-president; Fred. H. Brydges, secretary; and Robert Allan, H. M. Allan, Bryce J. Allan, W. L. Boyle, Thomas Howard, R. H. Ruxton, A. T. Drummond and H. A. Allan, directors. The offer of a bonus from the town of Birtle in case the route of the line should be changed so as to touch that town was referred for consideration to another meeting.

ROBERTS & HASTINGS, inform us that they have not assigned in trust, as stated in our issue of Feb. 26th. Although by their fire on Feb. 4th they lost about \$5,000 in goods and \$120 in cash, which was covered only to the extent of \$2,700 by insurance, they are in a position to continue on in business, and contrary to rumor, none of their creditors have taken any undue advantage of them in their misfortune, and have had no reason to. We take pleasure in making this correction, and are glad to learn that this firm are in a position to recover from their misfortune.

A MEETING of the Winnipeg Board of Trade was held in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday last, at which the question of sending delegates to Farmers' Convention, on the 5th, was discussed, and a delegation, composed of Messrs. Kenneth, MacKenzie, G. F. Caruthers, Wm. Clark, J. H. Ashdown and L. Jones, were appointed to go as a visiting delegation, and express the sympathy of the Board with any efforts made for the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba northward to the Hudson's Bay; for the securing by the Province of its Public and School Lands and compensation for those disposed of by the Dominion Government; and for a readjustment of the tariff laws more favorable to Manitoba. A resolution in favor of the Torrens system of register of land transfer was also passed.

AN alleged meeting of the citizens of Winnipeg, was held in Victoria Hall, on Saturday night to protest against the resolution of the Farmers' Convention unfavorable to present emigration to this country. The meeting was a very disorderly one and accomplished nothing. By agreement the Councils of the Farmers' Union and Winnipeg Board of Trade met at the City Council Chambers, on Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, to draft, if possible, a series of joint resolutions. The Farmers' Council refused to reconsider any act of their Convention, and the Board of Trade Council refused firmly to accept the objectionable resolution. Eventually the Board Council passed a resolution of sympathy with the demands of the Convention generally, but expressing regret at, and characterizing as unwise the resolution complained of. Although keen discussion took place the meeting was of a very amicable nature.