

held on Thursday last. The great advantage which would be derived from certain improvements, especially to overcome the St. Andrew's rapids in the Red River, and a dam at the rapids on the Assiniboine, near the city, were abundantly shown. It was decided to again memorialize the Dominion Government regarding a lock and dam at the St. Andrew's rapids, and to press upon the city council the advisability of making a survey of the Assiniboine rapids, to ascertain the practicability of utilizing the water power there.

Cook & Cole, of the new roller mill at Wolseley, Assa., are now able to obtain sufficient wheat to keep their mill running steadily, and they are finding a good market for the output.

The first case ever appealed from the Northwest courts to the supreme court came up recently at Ottawa. A firm of barristers applied for and were granted an extension of time, till February 1st, to prepare the defence for the public school trustees of Calgary against the appeal of the Canada Northwest Land Company. The C. P. R., they say, were the real owners. C. P. R. lands are exempt from taxation in the Northwest for twenty years. The school trustees took suit against the Land Company and won the case; hence the appeal.

The first annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Manitoba Building and Loan company was held at Winnipeg on the 26th inst. The president submitted a satisfactory statement as to the work already done, and future prospects of the company. The election of directors was proceeded with as follows: W. J. Mitchell, Alex. McIntyre, Hon. Chief Justice Taylor, C. S. Hoar, F. L. Patton, E. B. O'Reilly, M. D., G. W. Girdlestone, T. Gilroy, and W. J. Aikin. Subsequently, at a meeting of the new board, W. J. Mitchell was elected president, and Alex. McIntyre vice-president.

M. RIFSTEIN, a Winnipeg grocer, has been fined \$50 for exposing tobacco for sale contrary to the Inland Revenue regulations. It was clear in the evidence that the offence was committed purely out of ignorance of the requirements of the Act, and therefore the lowest possible fine was imposed. Dealers should make themselves acquainted with the Act, as a great many are unknowingly violating its provisions, and ignorance will not serve as an excuse in the eyes of the law. The Act provides, that tobacco and cigars shall not be exposed for sale out of the original packages in which they were put up by the manufacturer. Empty cigar boxes should also be destroyed.

THE Washburn & Moen Company having threatened suit against the Winnipeg barbed wire works, the proprietors of the latter claim that the object of the threat is simply to frighten buyers from purchasing from the local concern. The manager of the Winnipeg factory writes: "They (the Washburn, Moen Co) have no law or legal claim on their side and they know it well. We have invited them frequently to have the matter tested in the courts here, but they refused—nor are they willing to compete honorably. As they cannot legally stop the manufacture of barbed wire here,

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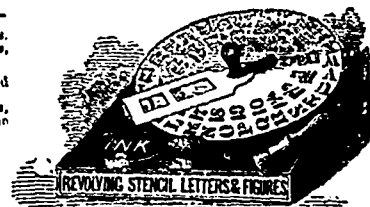
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