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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 24, 1885

A. E. BROWN, has opened a law office at St. James.

NEELANDS & Co., druggists, Winnipeg, have closed up.

THE Crystal City grist mill will be removed to Snowflake.

A DIRECTORY of Calgary will be issued this week in pamphlet form.

W. P. MARTIN, liquor dealer, Port Arthur, has given up business.

W. H. NEWMAN, barber and cigars, Selkirk, has moved to Winnipeg.

RYAN has it that two grist mills will be built at Morden in the spring.

MESSES GARLAND & THOMPSON have started a saw mill at Portage la Prairie.

THE elevator at Brandon has closed down for a short time for repairs.

C. KING & Co., traders, Calgary, are going to compromise at 60c on the dollar.

BARNSIDE & WEBB, printers and publishers, Selkirk, are about to dissolve partnership.

THE estate of Wilson Bros, printers, Winnipeg, has been purchased by O Loughlin Bros

THE estate of W Whitehead & Co., druggists Winnipeg, has been sold for 45¢ in the dollar.

It is rumored that Stevens, Turner & Burns, machinists & founders will open a branch at Minnedosa.

THE estate of Beundrit & Co., commission merchants, Winnipeg, was sold by sheriff on 21st. inst.

THE Hudson's Bay Co. are erecting a new brick store at Rat Portage. A much needed improvement.

THE C. P. R. have appointed Captain Wastie their agent in the Northwest for the sale of their lands.

THE M & N. W. Ry. have purchased a large quantity of the bridge timber gotten out for the R. M. Ry.

O. G. OUBERS, hotel-keeper, Calgary, has retired from the business and has been succeeded by Neal McLeod

CHARLES MARSHALSAY, of the firm of Chas. Marshalsay & Co., general store-keepers, Whitemouth, is about to retire.

JOHNSON & Co, general store-keepers, Stone-wall, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued under the old style by Geo H. Johnson.

MR. CHARLES N. BELL, has been appointed corresponding secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute, owing to the resignation of the Dean of Rupert's Land.

MESSES KIRKWOOD & RIBBLE, wholesale tea merchants, Winnipeg have been appointed sole agents for the Canadian Northwest for John Grey & Co., of London England, and Glasgow Scotland, the well-known manufacturers of jam, jellies, and other preserves.

As we are going to press we have received from one of our Winnipeg commercial travellers a communication complaining bitterly and, no doubt, justly, about the fare and accommodation supplied to travelling men at our western towns and railway dining rooms. Want of space compels us to leave the subject over until our next issue.

MORRISON, butcher, Portage la Prairie, has retired from the business. The stock has been purchased by R. C. Culbert who will continue the business.

It is the intention of the Hudson's Bay Co. to build a steamer at Fort Smith to ply between that Fort and Fort Simpson. The reason for this action is the difficulty that has been experienced in getting supplies to the district of McKenzie river

AN evidence of the economy enforced by continued stringent times is to be found in the quantities in which flour has sold retail. A year ago nothing less than 50 pounds of flour could be purchased; and two years ago the minimum quantity was 100 pounds. The Ogilvie Milling Co. are now packing in paper sacks of 25 and 1 1/2 pounds. The latter quantity should be small enough for any purchaser.

THE Provincia' Board of Agriculture met at the offices of the department during the past week, and got through with quite a lot of business of great importance to our farmers. Their resolutions regarding the inspection of all grain at Winnipeg, and in connection with the new grain standards, go 'to prove that the Board is composed of men who are both able and willing to look after our agricultural interests.

ON Wednesday evening last a meeting of the Winnipeg butchers was held in the Seymour House, to consider the question of licensing butchers, as the Council recently adopted a resolution imposing a fine of \$200 on all stalls outside of the market. It was finally decided that the tax was too high, and that they considered \$100 quite sufficient; and a committee of three was appointed to wait upon the market committee and express the feeling of the meeting in the matter.

VAN ALLAN & AGUR, agents for the Chatham Manufacturing Co., were burned out and their entire stock of goods destroyed on January 12th. Since that date they have erected new and substantial premises on William street, and this week have the same ready for their new stock of goods now in transit from Chatham Ont. This is a good specimen of Winnipeg enterprise, and proves how speedily business men in this new country can overcome difficulties which to less courageous people would seem insurmountable.