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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 26, 1887.

HAYES & FREEZE have opened a meat shop in Calgary.

THOS. BRODER, baker, Emerson, closed for some time, has resumed business at that place.

CALGARY wants the sessions of the Northwest Council held alternately at that place and Regina.

I. MITCHELL, butcher, Medicine Hat, has sold out to W. L. Nicol, in the same business, at the same place.

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta has been constituted an outpost of customs and a warehousing port, under charge of the collector of customs at Macleod.

THE contract for five thousand bushels of oats, for the mounted police at Battleford, fell to Benj. Price, at sixty-four cents a bushel. Bids ranged to about eighty cents.

MRS. ANGLIM, stationery, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out.

MURRAY & McDIRMID, contractors, Winnipeg, have assigned.

M. CONWAY, auctioneer, Winnipeg, has sold out to J. Wilson and W. Furnival, and will move to Ontario.

WM. PORTZOGS, hotelkeeper, recently burned out at Birtle, Man., has leased the Grand Central hotel at that place, and will resume business.

R. IRONSIDE is erecting a building at Manitou 22x30, which he will use as a hardware and tin store. He has already ordered a general stock of hardware.

THE Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association is in receipt of a cheque for \$100, a donation to the library fund, from the well known firm of Geo. E. Tucket & Sou, of Hamilton, Ont. The board of directors for the coming year, have under consideration the establishment of a library, containing standard business works, as books of reference for the use of members of the association.

THE *Emigrant* for December, just issued, is an excellent number profusely illustrated with Christmas and other sketches. A cut of the town of Birtle, with a brief history of the district, is an interesting feature. There is also a cut and accompanying letter-press sketch of the Rinscarth farm. A cut of Capt. Grahame, Dominion Immigration agent at Winnipeg, is the finest piece of work ever published by a Winnipeg journal.

A QUANTITY of school lands in Manitoba will be offered for sale by auction at the following places on the dates named: At Manitou, on the 10th of January; Winnipeg, on the 17th of January; Portage la Prairie, on the 24th January; Brandon, on the 31st January; Minnedosa, on the 7th of February. In any case in which a settler upon any quarter section of land included in the list referred to can prove that he was bona fide residing upon and cultivating the said quarter section, in ignorance of the law, on the first day of October, 1887, the purchaser of the quarter section will be required to pay, for the benefit of the settler, the value of the improvements thereon.

T. O. ALLEN has opened a real estate and insurance office at Vancouver.

GEO. R. THOMPSON, jeweller, London, Ont., is said to be about moving to Winnipeg.

WILSON & BOYD, bakers, Winnipeg, have dissolved. John Wilson will continue the business.

THE Hudson's Bay Company have built a house on the site of Fort Pitt, destroyed during the Saskatchewan rebellion, for offices and a residence for the officers, and will rebuild the stores and warehouses in the spring.

MANN & HOLT, contractors for the Hudson's Bay Railway company, have obtained an order to sign judgment against the company for \$71,391.10, with interest at 7 per cent after February 4, 1887. The action was brought to recover \$184,403.81, being made up of several items, including grading, bridging, engineering, track-laying, and money paid for freight, right of way, insurance, rails, etc. The amount of the claim for grading, bridging, and tracklaying, has been held over in the meantime, pending farther investigation as to whether the work has been properly passed by the inspecting engineer.

A MEETING of the Winnipeg Board of Trade was held on Tuesday afternoon. The council reported the action taken in memorializing the Dominion Government to revise the grain standards for Manitoba wheat, and on other matters. Considerable discussion took place regarding the shortage of cars for the transportation of grain, and it was stated that country dealers had informed members of the board that they could not make returns owing to the fact that they could not get transportation for their wheat or that of their customers. It was stated also that fully 400 cars were required on last Saturday in the province which were not to be had. The committee appointed to assist the firewood dealers in getting some concession from the C. P. R. in the way of free sidings on the main line, reported that the C. P. R. authorities had promised to do all in their power to help the fuel dealers. A. Wickson, banker, J. W. Harris, city engineer, and R. P. Roblin, grain dealer, were elected to membership on the board.