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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 1, 1884.

F. S. PALMER, collecting agent, Winnipeg, is reported away.

NEEPAWA is making application for incorporation as a town.

STONE & MEIGHEE, general store, Rapid City, have assigned in trust.

CROMPTON & BURNETT, jewelry, Emerson, are giving up business there.

MRS. CLARKSON, millinery, Winnipeg, intends to retire from business.

S. H. CASWELL, general store, Troy, is about adding banking to his business.

BUDGE & HARDING have opened the St. Charles Hotel in Rat Portage.

RODGERS & HASTINGS, general store, Crystal City, are about removing to Tisdale.

JOHN POLLOCK, formerly of Silver Springs, has leased the Brunswick House, Crystal City.

WILCOX & JACQUES, jewelry, Calgary, have dissolved. The business is continued by C. E. Jacques.

BAKER & Co., general store, Rat Portage, have compromised with their creditors at 40c on the dollar.

A. CAMPBELL, of the Venture Hotel, Winnipeg, has been closed by the bailiff on a landlord's warrant.

WHITE, MANAHAN & Co., clothing, etc., Winnipeg, have dissolved, James Lyster, one of the members of the firm retiring. The firm style remains unchanged.

BRYDON & Co., Kobold & Bro., and Robinson & Co., of Rat Portage, are re-building, and Baker & Co. are putting up a temporary office. The others will probably build in the spring.

FERON, SHAW & Co., commission merchants, Winnipeg, have formed a partnership with J. A. Stewart, under the firm style of Feron, Shaw & Stewart. They have opened a branch in Port Arthur.

GEO. BROWN, formerly of the Ontario Bank, has gone into partnership with Wm. Hunter of Hunter & Wilson. The firm, which will be known as Hunter & Co., will carry on business in the old stand on Portage Avenue.

THE telegraph line is now completed between Qu'Appelle and Prince Albert. This connects the Government line to Battleford and Edmonton with the C.P.R. line, thus greatly increasing the facilities for communication with the far Northwest.

GEO. A. WINTER has established a weekly service between Calgary and Silver City by which not only the mails but parcels and passengers can be conveyed to and fro. This was rendered necessary owing to the stoppage of trains running west of Calgary for the winter.

THERE were 190 failures in the United Kingdom reported to Kemp's Mercantile Gazette for the week ending December 5, against 242 and 251 in like weeks respectively of 1882 and 1881. Of these England and Wales had 170, against 217 and 235 in 1882 and 1881; Scotland 19, against 22 and 10; and Ireland 1, against 3 and 6.

THE London News, of December 8, says that the notice of an intended strike given by the colliers expired on the preceding Saturday, but the men continued at work, waiting the decision

of the Miner's Conference. Building, ship building and marine engineering were active. Laborers were in demand on railway and tramway constructions. The Sunderland engineers' strike continues. The ship-building iron-workers of Greenock and Glasgow have accepted a reduction of 5 per cent. in wages.

LOSSES and insurance of the Rat Portage fire are: Baker & Co., \$15,000, insured for \$6,900, \$2,500 of which was in the defunct Standard; Nicholson, \$500, no insurance; McKinnon, \$25,000, insurance \$5,000; Myers & Lillie, \$1,500, no insurance; Kobold & Bro., \$1,500, no insurance; Thompson & Palmer and McDougall, \$500 respectively, no insurance; Masonic Hall, \$300, insured; Robinson & Co., Winnipeg, \$2,500, no insurance; Brydon & Co., \$500, no insurance; J. Green, \$500 no insurance; Chadwick & McLellan, \$500 insured; Jas. Weidman, \$1,500, no insurance. The total loss will amount to over \$60,000.

THERE are now 953 miles of railroad in operation within the borders of the Province of Manitoba. During the past season the Selkirk branch, 25 miles in length, has been completed and is now in operation; the C.P.R. South-western has been completed to Manitou, and a loop line constructed from Buffalo Junction to Emerson, a distance of fourteen miles. The Manitoba and North Western Railway has been completed and is now in operation from Portage la Prairie, a distance of ninety-eight miles. About fifty miles of the Souris and Rocky Mountain Railway between Melbourne and Rapid City have also been graded.

THE Buffalo Commercial in reviewing the lake trade says the receipts of all kinds of grain, including flour, during the past season were 76,540,000 bushels against 58,757,000 last year, and 61,183,000 in 1881. The imports of lumber aggregated 237,729,000 feet, about 3,000,000 less than last year and a trifle more than those of 1881. Ten years ago the total of shipments of coal from Buffalo by lake was 390,564 tons; this year it was 1,259,528 tons. The average freight for coal was about \$3c a ton. The shipments of cement reached 230,935 barrels, 50 per cent. in excess of the best rate in previous years; and 3,066 tons of new vessel tonnage were constructed during the year.