

## Manitoba.

Birtle wants a bank established there.

Shoal Lake postoffice is now known as Raven Lake.

Wood Bros., are erecting a large store at Solsgrith.

Eighty cents was paid for wheat at Manitou last week.

W. J. Smith has commenced business as tailor, at Moosomin, N.W.T.

Rat Portage is sending a large mineral exhibit to the Colonial Exhibition.

Andrew McNabb intends erecting a large brick block on James Street east, Winnipeg.

Large quantities of butter are being marketed at Manitou. One firm took in 5,000 pounds last week.

The Rat Portage council have fixed the number of tavern licenses at eighty, and the license fee at \$200,000.

About forty lots were sold in two days, on the new site of Crystal City, at the depot, mostly on building conditions.

A petition has been presented in the Dominion House, praying for an act to incorporate the Portage la Prairie and Rainy River Railway Co.

Long River is the name of one of the new stations on the C.P.R. Southwestern ten miles west of Cartwright. The town site has been surveyed, and a general store, blacksmith shop and hotel are wanted. A petition has been forwarded to Ottawa asking for a post office.

Hon. Walter Clifford, of Austin, Man., has returned from a visit in England. While there he had conversations with a number of seed merchants in reference to the introduction of new varieties of wheat into this country, and procured a variety of samples which they highly recommended and which he proposes sowing in the spring for the purpose of testing their adaptability to the soil and climate of Manitoba.

A meeting of the shareholders of the British North American Fire Insurance Co., of Manitoba, was held in Winnipeg on Friday last, for the purpose of organizing the company. There were present, W. F. Alloway, W. B. Scarth, W. F. Luxton, Jas. Fisher, C. V. Alloway, Alex. McDonald, A. M. Nanton, Wm. Hespler, Ald. McTee, Robt. Strang, Ald. L. M. Jones, Ald. McDonald, M. T. Hunter. The chairman stated that the \$50,000 required by the charter had been subscribed. The following were elected first directors, Messrs. W. F. Alloway, W. B. Scarth, W. F. Luxton, Jas. Fisher, Alex. McDonald, A. M. Nanton, Wm. Hespler, L. M. Jones, M. T. Hunter and J. S. Ewart. At a meeting of the directors, W. F. Alloway was elected President and Wm. Hespler, Vice-President.

## The Territories.

Wood is worth \$2.50 per cord at Edmonton.

The millers at Edmonton report little frozen grain in that district.

An attempt is being made to establish a board of trade at Regina.

A large number of persons are said to be camped at the hot springs in the mountains.

Mr. Williams, of the C. P. R. experimental farm, Gleichen, commenced his seeding on the 19th ultimo.

The Galt Coal Co., will send three blocks of coal to the Colonial Exhibition, weighing from a ton to a ton and a half each.

It is understood that the Northwest police department will be changed soon from the department of Justice to the Militia Department.

The school assessment at Edmonton is completed. The total foots up to \$380,000. Personal property \$140,000, real property \$240,000.

Wheat is worth from 75c to \$1, and oats and barley 50c per bushel at Edmonton. The local papers describe these prices as exceptionally low.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of two large pieces of quartz from Mr. Lyndon's mine in the Porcupine Hills. Mr. Lyndon is positive that he has struck it very rich, and those who have seen the quartz are very favorably impressed. Several sacks full have been sent east to be assayed, and we shall soon know just what it is worth. If it is as good as we hope and believe it is, we may expect a lively boom in this country within the next year.—*Macleod Gazette*.

Wapella residents have organized a company to be known as the Wapella Mining Company, (Limited), capital \$15,000 in 300 shares of \$50 each with a provisional committee of twenty of the leading farmers, merchants and residents with Mr. F. T. Low as hon. sec. The object of the Company is to erect a flour mill of 100 bbls capacity per day of 24 hours. The building and machinery for a mill of aforementioned capacity is estimated to cost \$13,605, made up as follows: cost of machinery \$10,500; cost of building \$2,500; sinking well, excavating foundation, drawing material and sundries \$605.

The stockmen of Fort Macleod have forwarded a petition to Ottawa, asking that a horse brand be devised and registered for each tribe of Indians in treaty, that all the horses belonging to each tribe of Indians be branded therewith and any white man selling a horse to an Indian be required to deliver the same at the camp in the presence of the agent or other official, to be branded at the time of such sale. The petition calls attention to the unsatisfactory state of the laws or absence of laws punishing stockstealing from Canada to the United States and vice versa, and asks that at this session of Parliament steps be taken to secure international measures to repress the evil.

## British Columbia.

It is proposed to work a line of railway from Shoal Harbor, in the district of North Suanic, to a point in the city of Victoria. The capital stock is \$500,000, divided into 5,000 of \$100 each.

A convention composed of representatives from all the cities of the Pacific slope, met on the 10th March, at Sacramento, California, to consider the problem of ridding the coast of the Chinese element.

The amount collected under the Chinese Regulation Act to the 31st of December last, is

\$5,750. The amounts were collected under following heads: Ten-dollar tax, \$1,700; mining license, \$3,945; fines, \$15. Total, 5,750.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad authorities have offered interior farmers the exceptionally low rate of \$4 per ton on all farm produce they may wish to ship to Moody from Savona, Ashcroft, Spence's Bridge and Lytton. They also offer the same rate on ore shipped out for the purpose of assay or working. This would enable ore to be placed in San Francisco at about \$6 per ton.

## Recent Legal Decisions.

**NOTE PAYABLE IN MERCHANDISE—LIABILITY OF MAKER.**—A dealer in certain articles of merchandise executed a note payable in those articles at his place of business on a certain day. He kept on hand at his place of business sufficient of those articles to pay the note, but the note was not presented on the day when it became due, nor was the holder present to receive the property. Upon an action brought to recover the amount of the note in money, the Supreme Court of Minnesota held (Beede et al. vs. Proeh) that the readiness of the maker of the note to perform was a good defense, and that it was not necessary that the maker on due day should have segregated from his general stock sufficient of the articles to pay the note and set them apart as the property of the holder.

**JOINT GUARANTY—CONTINUING LIABILITY.**—Three directors of a company gave a joint guaranty to certain bankers to secure the repayment of an overdraft of the company. Afterwards the company was newly constituted and its name was changed. Subsequently one of the guarantors died, but the bank went on making advances, and the two survivors gave no notice that they would not be any longer responsible. Finally the remaining sureties were sued on the guaranty. The English Court of Appeals held (Ashby vs. Day) that the guarantors were liable, and that under the circumstances the liability first assumed by them continued, notwithstanding the death of their associate and the change in the name and constitution of the company.

## Selections.

Retail merchants who would prosper during 1886 must be unremittingly attentive to business, and avoid impairing their capital by outside speculation.

The merchants of Chicago are organizing a detective association to learn the private habits of their employes, and propose to "weed out" gamblers and tipplers.

Mr. Osborn, the only coconut planter in the United States, has just received by ship from Africa 150,000 coconuts. These are to be planted this year along a strip of sea coast many miles in length, down toward the southernmost point of Florida.

Boys and young men sometimes start out in life with the idea that one's success depends on sharpness and chicanery. They imagine if a man is always able to get the "best of the bargain," no matter by what deceit and meanness he carries his point that his prosperity is ensured. That is a great mistake. Enduring