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No. 1 wheat is worth \$1 per bushel at Edmonton.

THEBERGE & SON have started a bakery at Manitow.

J. EVERALL has opened a furniture store at Neepawa.

JAMES GORDON will open a lumber yard at Crystal City.

W. J. BARBER will open a general store at Prince Albert.

POWELL, of Winnipeg, will open a butcher shop at Neepawa.

THE out-pit of the Galt coal mine at Lethbridge is 300 tons per day.

N. BAWLF, of Winnipeg, has leased the Johnston elevator at Minnedosa.

DAVIDSON & HAMILTON, general storekeepers, Neepawa, are closing out their business.

McINTYRE & DAVIDSON have opened out as watchmakers and jewellers at Minnedosa.

KERR BROS., general storekeepers, late of Batoche, are opening up business at La Salle.

THOS. BROTH, of Winnipeg, has opened a grocery on Main street, opposite the railway depot.

THE Carberry Milling Co. has been changed into the Carberry Milling and Brewing Co., limited.

WATSON & CORVANY, carrying on business as hotelkeepers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

W. H. MUCKLE, general storekeeper, Neepawa, is trying to arrange a compromise with his creditors.

J. F. LAWLER, general storekeeper, Glendinning, is giving up business there, and opening up at Killarney.

OVER 300 head of fat cattle have been shipped from Gladstone station during the year, finding a market in Winnipeg.

GURNETT & Co., hotelkeepers, grocery and liquor dealers, Port Arthur, are giving up their grocery and liquor business.

G. W. McLAREN, druggist, of Manitow, has bought out J. W. Smaill in the same line at Crystal City, which business he will continue as a branch.

THE anthracite coal deposits near Banff, on the C. P. R., have been visited by American capitalists, and it is reported that they will be operated shortly.

THERE appears to be a scarcity of cars for shipping grain from stations on the C. P. R. west. Local papers are complaining of a lack of transport facilities.

THE early closing movement is receiving attention from the merchants of Port Arthur. It is expected that arrangements will be made for the closing of all stores at 7 o'clock during the winter.

THE newsdealers and stationers of Winnipeg are the last to fall in line in the early closing movement, they having agreed to close their places of business at 7 o'clock after the first of January.

FARMERS and merchants at Neepawa and vicinity are agitating for a stock company to build a flour mill and elevator at that point.

THE civic elections in Winnipeg yesterday resulted in the election of Mr. Wesbrook as Mayor by a majority of 270. A good council was elected, composed of five of the old Aldermen and seven new ones.

THE merchants of Calgary are endeavoring to arrange with the C. P. R. for two trains per week during the winter season, instead of but one train, as has been customary heretofore after the 15th of December.

HOWARD, of Birtle, has opened a branch of his general store at Solsgirth, the terminus of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway. Nelson is opening an hotel in the same place, and grain buyers are expected in a few days.

THE annual crop of applications for railway charters is now sprouting, and Brandon seems to be the central point for these schemes. The charter for the Northwest Central is to be renewed, and a new company are applying for a charter to cover the same field. A charter will also be asked for the Rock Lake, Souris & Brandon Railway, and another for a line of railway from Brandon to the Souris coal region.

THE annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travelers Association was held in the Grand Union hotel, in this city, on Saturday evening. The annual statement of the association was read and showed a very prosperous state of affairs, the membership having nearly doubled during the year. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year followed, when most of the old incumbents were re-elected, the following being the choice: Mr. Thos. Johnson, president; Mr. J. J. Fanning, vice-president; Mr. M. N. Porter, treasurer; Mr. G. M. O'Loughlin, secretary; and Messrs. Joseph Campbell, E. Giffin, Fred Chilcott and W. R. Carscaden, directors. The subject of insurance was discussed, and it was decided to secure a \$1,000 accident policy for each member. A committee were appointed to draft a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Mr. W. Higgins. After arranging for the annual dinner of the association on the 23rd inst., and some matters of detail, the meeting adjourned.