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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 8, 1892.

Manitoba.

Inland revenue collections at Winnipeg, for January are \$24,104.73.

E. A. Bailey is moving his printing office from Rapid City to Morden where he will start a paper.

A. Roe, proprietor of the Windsor house, Portage la Prairie, has sold out to J. W. Cannon, a late arrival from Ontario.

C. Clement, Treherne, has sold out his business and rented his premises to S. L. Taylor. In future Mr. Taylor will keep a stock of books, paper, etc., in connection with drugs.

The stock of the estate of Blair & Rogers, Carberry, will be offered for sale at Winnipeg, on Feb. 10. The stock amounts to \$31,302 in goods, \$354 fixtures and \$2,028 book accounts.

John B. Mather, manufacturers' agent, etc., Winnipeg, died on Sunday morning last, Jan. 31. Mr. Mather was an alderman of the city last year, and took an active part in the management of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition. He was widely known in the city.

Chalmers Bros. & Bethune, of Pilot Mound, have decided to go extensively into the agricultural implement business. They will handle McCormack and other machinery. Geo. Thompson will have charge of this part of the business.

A weekly train service will be established on the Canadian Pacific Souris branch west of Melita this week. The trains will be run on Fridays. The Dominion Express company's service will also be extended on this line west of Melita. The stations served will be Carleton Place, Gainsborough and Oxbow.

The following is the board of provisional directors that are applying for incorporation of the Ross-McKenzie Electric Railway syndicate to establish a street railway service in Winnipeg: W. C. Van Horne, Montreal; James

Ross, Montreal; William McKenzie, Toronto; Peter McLaren Morrison, Montreal and George H. Campbell, Winnipeg.

On Wednesday afternoon a large and representation of the citizens of Carberry met in the Western hotel. N. Boyd was voted to the chair, who in a short and business manner, explained that the G. N. Central Co. were determined to move their station from Chater, and knowing the large and fertile plains between Rapid City and Carberry, they were desirous of deflecting their line from Chater, utilizing the old roadway across the plain and connecting with the C. P. R. at Carberry, provided some assistance would be given towards granting free station grounds at this place. W. Walker was appointed secretary. It was resolved that the following committee wait on the council and take such steps as they consider best to secure the road: S. J. Thompson, M. P. P., N. Boyl, Thos. Huckell, J. B. Henderson, H. W. White, Wm. Hunt and Jos. Thompson. There was also a committee appointed to interview the land owners of Brookdale in reference to right of way or other assistance to the road; it comprises the following: Councilors Morgan, and Adam McKenzie, John McDonnell and E. J. Beck. The secretary was requested to write for particulars of charter and lay his information before the meeting of committees to be held on Feb. 3rd.

Notice is given in the last issue of the Manitoba Gazette that an application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba for an act incorporating the "Western Agricultural and Arts Association of Manitoba," having for its object to organize, conduct, establish and hold an annual agricultural, industrial and art exhibition at the city of Brandon, and to admit to membership, without subscription for payment on the stock, delegates from their societies or corporations organized for the promotion of agriculture, stock raising, dairy, art, or other forms of industry; to enable the association to purchase or acquire land for the purpose of the association; to enter into all necessary contracts; to make the association's exhibition valuable and attractive; to charge admission fees and fees upon entrance for contribution; to receive and collect subscriptions to the prize list and the guarantee on other funds established for the prize list or for the purposes of the association; also power to increase the capital stock and for such other purposes generally required for the carrying on and holding of an exhibition.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the board was held on Tuesday, February 2, in the board rooms. An interesting and lengthy address was delivered by president Stephen Nairn. The report of the council and other reports were received.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the board: Wm. Hunter, Wm. Gordon, J. G. Morgan, E. Redmond, J. F. Howard, R. H. Manning, S. W. Cornell, Thomas Gill, John McKechnie, J. L. Bucknall, G. A. Morricks Wm. Bell, and D. Horn.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were all elected by acclamation: President, J. E. Steen; vice-president, Andrew Strang; treasurer, George Maulson; secretary, C. N. Bell.

A large number of members were then nominated for the council of sixteen, who were elected as follows: D. K. Elliott, J. H. Ashdown, D. W. Pole, C. C. Chipman, G. F. Stephens, E. I. Drewry, M. Bull, J. W. Harris, John Galt, J. H. Housser, S. Nairn, W. B. Scarth, F. W. Stobart, D. Fraser, John Leslie and H. S. Wesbrook.

The standing committees on taxation and drainage were re-appointed to continue their work.

A resolution was passed respecting the deaths of J. E. Mather and James Anderson.

The council of the board was requested to appoint a committee to act with a similar committee from the city council in the matter of the improvement of the Red river.

J. E. Steen and Wm. Martin were elected as delegates to attend the conference in London, England, of the chambers of commerce and boards of trade of the British Empire in June next.

The following resolution was passed: That this board desire to place on record their appreciation of the prompt action taken by the C. P. R. Company in assisting so largely through the medium of their laborers' excursion in providing the necessary farm hands for the purpose of gathering our late immense crop.

The report of the council and the president's address, which are lengthy documents, will appear in a supplementary number of THE COMMERCIAL, which will be issued in a few days.

THE BANQUET.

In the evening of the annual meeting, the first dinner of the board was held at the Manitoba. It is intended that hereafter this shall be an annual affair. The dinner was a success in every respect, and those who were foremost in urging the holding of an annual dinner, feel much encouraged accordingly. Stephen Nairn, retiring president, presided, J. E. Steen occupying the vice chair. Those present were W. G. Nicholls, Wm. Hespeler, H. N. Rutan, J. A. Payne, T. A. Anderson, J. A. Green, C. S. Heare, J. E. Dingman, J. Moncrieff, J. Y. Griffin, D. W. Bole, C. S. Richardson, R. Ross Sutherland, S. R. Parsons, J. H. Ashdown, C. N. Bell, T. J. McBride, E. F. Hutchings, W. M. McLeod, Ernest Jarvis, W. C. Roaman, H. P. Torrance, Jas. Stuart, R. Muir, T. Montgomery, D. Fraser, H. S. Wesbrook, A. A. Squier, vice-president Port Arthur board; A. W. Capman, W. W. Watson, G. H. Campbell, D. E. Adams, J. M. Campbell, E. Drewery (St. Paul), Fred W. Drewry, Duncan MacArthur, T. M. Daly, M. P., L. McIntyre (president Commercial Travellers), H. Swinford, J. H. Brock, Dr. Jones, R. F. Manning, Geo. D. Wood, W. F. Gouin, A. Colquhoun, J. W. Martin, H. N. Williams, R. T. Rokeby, F. W. Ferguson, L. Dwight, John Erizinger, Thomas Gilroy, G. F. Carruthers, W. F. Doll, R. Watson, M. P., S. A. McGaw, E. L. Drewry, John O'Loughlin, A. F. Eden, Mr. Marks, R. J. Whitla, W. B. Scarth, Jas. Burridge, H. T. Champion, Acton Burrows, W. F. Henderson, Mr. Webber, A. A. C. LaRiviere, M. P., Mr. Hall (president Rat Portage board of trade), Robt. Kerr, H. W. Hutchinson, G. F. Stephens, G. H. Rodgers, Andrew Strang, N. Bawlf, D. J. Beaton, C. H. Campbell, R. T. Riley, A. Wickson, J. E. Stinson, D. W. Buchanan, S. A. D. Bertrand, S. W. Cornell, A. McBean, J. A. Mitchell, president of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, J. F. Howard, D. K. Elliott, Mr. Riddell, D. West, H. Miller, R. A. Rogers, Thos. Gill, Thos. Burrows, J. G. Hargrave, E. W. Mathews, M. F. Christie, W. Bathgate, Jno. Leslie, Geo. Browne, J. G. Morgan, Geo. Clements, J. H. Housser, J. M. Johnstone, John Morris, A. J. Andrews, F. H. Mathewson, Wm. Martin, Alex. Moffat, G. J. Maulson, Hon. J. E. P. Prendergast, Mayor Macdonald, A. W. Ross.

The following toasts were replied to: "Dominion Parliament and Local Legislation," Messrs. Ross, Watson, Daly, La Riviere for the Dominion, and Hon. D. McLean for the Local; "Our commercial interests," J. H. Ashdown; "Our export trade," J. A. Mitchell; "Manufacturing and milling interests," E. L. Drewry and S. A. McGaw; "Financial interests," Duncan MacArthur and J. H. Brock; "The traffic interests," R. Kerr and Capt. Swinford; "The city of Winnipeg," Mayor Alex. Macdonald; "Our Guests," Mr. Marks, president of the Port Arthur board, and Mr. Hale, of the Rat Portage board. The press and the ladies concluded the toast list. The success attending the first banquet of the Winnipeg board of trade will amply warrant the continuance of this feature in the future.