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WINNIPEG; JANUARY 30, 1888.

L. FRENCH, of Banff, is opening a store at Anthracite.

W. F. ROSS, dealer in shoes, Banff, was burned out.

STONEWALL business men want a telephone system for that place.

THE Ellis house, Manitou, has changed hands. J. Gray is now in charge.

J. FAWCETT, M. D. and drugs, Killarney, is about to remove to Dakota, U.S.A.

THE Regina board of trade will publish a report of the trade of that town for 1887.

M. HUGHES & Co., dealers in furniture, Winnipeg, are about to dissolve partnership.

A NEW passenger traffic to the Pacific coast will likely go into force at an early date.

Bell Farming Co., Indian Head, have sold out their mill and elevator to W. R. Bell.

HENRY COLLINS, dealer in dry goods, Calgary, has sold his tailoring department to Y. C. Kitley & Co.

McCASKILL BROS., tailors, Winnipeg, are closing out business here and moving to Emerson.

J. B. STEWART, lately in the implement line at Brandon, will open a book and stationery business at that place.

MRS. J. A. FRASER, millinery and fancy goods, Prince Albert, Sask., is giving up business and selling out at auction.

T. H. BROWNLEE will shortly issue a pamphlet showing the desirability of the Brandon district as a field for immigration.

JOHN A. TEES, wholesale grocer, Winnipeg, has admitted D. A. Diamond into partnership under the style of John A. Tees & Co.

ADAMSON & Co. have opened a banking house at Virdein, Man.

—BELL, of Winnipeg, has opened a general store at McGregor, Man.

J. J. FORD has opened a livery, and sale stable at Treherne, Man.

PROVINCE of Manitoba bonds were 1 higher in the London market, last week. The Northwest Land Co's. shares had advanced to 3.

THE Brandon Planing Mill Co., Brandon, Man., has dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by J. A. Moor, of the late firm.

THE bankrupt stock of McCORMACK BROS., general storekeepers, Oak Lake, was been sold their stock to M. A. Henderson for 55c on the \$.

NOTICE is given that at the next session of the Legislation of Manitoba, the Northwest Fire Insurance Company, will apply for an act to amend their act of incorporation by granting the company power to insure against loss by hail storms or frost, also for reducing the number of the company's directors.

A NEW railway company, under the name of the Duluth, Northwestern and Winnipeg, has been incorporated at Duluth. It is proposed to open the country which it was expected the old Duluth and Winnipeg scheme would take. The new company is said to have ample capital to carry out its designs. It is claimed sixty miles will be completed next summer, to the Mississippi river, at Grand Rapids.

THE St. Paul, Minnesota, board of trade passed the following: "Resolved, that our senators and members in the present congress be and they are hereby requested to use their influence to secure a commercial treaty with the Dominion of Canada; and resolved, that in the opinion of this board, free trade and uninterrupted trade and intercourse between the people of the United States and the people of the Dominion of Canada of the products of both countries, would be alike advantageous to both.

AT Brandon last week wheat deliveries were fairly active on some days. Total deliveries for the season now amount to over 700,000 bushels. It is estimated that not one-half the crop tributary to this market has yet been brought in. There is still plenty of elevator accommodation. The top price paid farmers last week was 52 cents. From 22 to 25 cents per bushel is the quotation for oats, with a good demand. Fresh roll butter quoted at 18 to 20 cents per pound; pickled eggs 20 to 23 cents per dozen.

THE evidence has been closed in the celebrated case of Mann et al vs. Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay Railway Co., and judgment will be rendered to-day. At the conclusion of the evidence, Justice Killam remarked that after considering the contract between the parties he did not think its terms, gave as contended by the plaintiffs, a right to possession and occupation of the road, except in case the government bonds were not handed over, and the provision having been fulfilled the contractors were not entitled to possession, but only to a judgment for the amount that might be due to them, and he asked council to direct their argument to this point in the first instance,

FORT QU'APPELLE business men will probably organize a board of trade.

MALCOLM THOMPSON has been appointed agent at Rapid City, Man., for the firm of A. Harris Son & Co.

THE goods and chattles of the Huronian Mining Company, Thunder Bay, have been seized by the sheriff.

THE annual general meeting of the Northwest Fire Insurance Co. will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9th, at Winnipeg.

R. B. BARNES & Co. have purchased a stock of drugs and stationery and will open business at Lethbridge, Alberta.

MUNICIPAL treasurers in some of the rural districts report that taxes are being paid more promptly this season than usual.

THE annual general meeting of the Saskatchewan and Western railway will be held in Winnipeg, on Thursday, Feb 2nd, next.

J. D. PIERSON, has sold out his interest in the Commercial Hotel at Maple Creek, Assa., to Cowles & Yerec. Pierson has gone to the Pacific coast, where he thinks of looking for an opening to establish a furniture business.

SIR JOHN LESTER KAYE will bring out two or three hundred farm laborers from Britain in the spring to work on his farms. His scheme, which has been previously discussed, is to establish a number of large farms at different points in the Territories, for stock raising and general farming.

GEORGE H. ROGERS & Co., Winnipeg, have purchased the bankrupt stock of J. A. Wright, of this place, merchant tailor and furnishings. The stock amounted to something less than \$10,000, including fixtures and \$1,800 of book debts, and was sold for 31 cents in the dollar all around.

B. J. BOND, butcher, and C. A. Baskerville, hardware dealer, Winnipeg, were burned out. Bond's loss is placed at \$650; insurance \$500. Baskerville had lately bought out his partner's interest in the business. His loss is placed at \$11,000, including building. Insurance \$3,000. J. C. Sproule owned the building occupied by Bond, and also a vacant shop which was burned, upon which there was no insurance.

A COUNCIL meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade was held on Tuesday last. City engineer Ruttan read a paper on the improvement of the water ways of the country. A committee consisting of J. H. Ashdown, Wm. Bathgate, W. A. Hastings, C. N. Bell, C. S. Drummond, G. R. Crowe, J. E. Steen and G. F. Galt was appointed to take up the matter and co-operate with the city council in any steps that may be taken to obtain information and data bearing on the question. The car shortage was next vigorously discussed, and the great loss to the commercial interests if the entire country thereby was set forth. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That a committee consisting of the president, treasurer and secretary be appointed to collect information, and devise some definite course of procedure by which the expression of opinion of this board can be made upon the question of the Canadian Pacific railway car shortage, the said committee to report at as early a date as is possible to a general meeting of this board."