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WINNIPEG, MARCH 4, 1884.

J. T. BEATTIE, grocer, Winnipeg, is about to give up business.

HERBERT MARLATT, general storekeeper, Oak River, has assigned in trust.

J. W. WINNETT, furniture manufacturers, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

THE lumber business of Plewes & Munro, Winnipeg, is about to be closed out.

McLEAN BROS., general storekeepers, Pilot Mound, have dissolved partnership.

THE Municipality of St. Boniface is about to issue debentures so the amount of \$3,000.

LEIGHTON, JORDAN & HEDRICH have sold out their general store at Wood Mountain to S. Legare.

JAMES A. PELKEY, dealer in groceries and clothing, Winnipeg and East Seikirk, has assigned in trust.

SMITH & HOOD, of the Potter House, Winnipeg, have sold out their bar department, and will confine their efforts to the hotel and restaurant.

MACK HOWES, of the Brunswick Hotel, Winnipeg, has admitted Mrs. Black as a partner, and the firm name will in future be Howes & Black.

A MASS convention of farmers and citizens will be held in Victoria Hall, Winnipeg, Wednesday, to frame a platform for Manitoba rights.

WITH the retirement of W. H. Marsh from the wholesale oil and paint house of W. H. Marsh & Co., Winnipeg, the firm has been changed to A. Ramsay & Son.

THE new Macarthy license law is causing considerable annoyance in Winnipeg, and if carried out to its letter would stop entirely the sale of spirituous liquors in this city.

ONE of the favors the Northwest is to gain from Ottawa is the sending out of a steamer to prove the navigability of Hudson's Bay and Straits, a fact proved over 200 years ago.

MR. W. BENNET, of the Douglass House, has leased the Delmonte House, formerly the Hastings House, corner of Main and Alexander streets, and will take possession on April first.

THE stock of Joseph Nixon, boot and shoe dealer, Winnipeg, has been bought by E. Thomson at 65¢ in the dollar. It is likely that Mr. Nixon will continue to manage the business for Mr. Thomson.

ON the 1st of March Mr. A. F. Eden, retired from the wholesale dry goods firm of Stobart, Eden & Co., Winnipeg, and has been succeeded by Mr. F. W. Stobart. The firm name is now Stobart, Sons & Co.

A PRIVATE telegram received in the city yesterday from an M.P., at Ottawa, states that the Dominion Government will concede that the Manitoba Government should hold a control in the proposed Hudson's Bay railway.

YESTERDAY there was an anthracite coal famine in the city, and orders received by Bell, Lewis, Yates & Walsh were limited in their fulfillment to 500 pounds to each applicant. A plentiful supply is expected to arrive in a day or two.

J. S. COOLICAN & Co. have moved into their new premises in the Gerrie Block, Princess street, where they will carry on the business of private bankers and trade auctioneers. They

will have everything fitted-up and in running order in a few days.

CAPTAIN DOUGLAS, of the Grand Union Hotel, is, we understand, about to lease the new Rossin House from Mr. Archibald Wright, and will have it fitted up and furnished as a first-class house in every respect. The captain is one of our most popular hotel men.

A GENERAL meeting of the Manitoba Board of Trade will be held this afternoon at the City Council Chambers, to consider the advisability of sending a delegation to the mass convention at Victoria Hall, on Wednesday. The question of discrimination in rates on the C. P. R. will also be discussed.

NEGOTIATIONS are now pending between some leading citizens of Birtle and the officers of the M. N. W. railway regarding the changing of the route of the Company's line so as to pass through the town of Birtle, in which case it is believed that a bonus of \$100,000 would be voted to the Company. One of the conditions will be that the road be constructed to that town during the present year.

THE work entitled, "Our Northern Waters," on which our townsman, Mr. C. N. Bell has been engaged for several weeks, is now in press, and will be out within a week. It will be a neat pamphlet of over eighty pages, and will be a complete synopsis of the history, navigation, resources, climate, and so forth of the Hudson's Bay and Straits, and the country surrounding them. Besides being a useful work at the present juncture, it will be of great value in time to come, as a condensed source of reference. It will be on sale at the different book stores.

IT seems from the meagre telegraphic reports from Ottawa, that the claims of Manitoba, as set forth by the Hon. Mr. Norquay are doomed to be disregarded. Encouragement in the building of a railway to the shores of the Hudson Bay is to take the form of a land grant of 12,800 acres to the mile of line, and the remaining odd-numbered sections of unsold public lands are to be given to the province. The boundary extension and remainder of the public lands are to be refused. These sham concessions will not allay a single item of discontent in the province, and will doubtless be declined by the Local Government.