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WINNIPEG, FEB. 20, 1883.

MORRIS has been incorporated as a town.

SCOBLE & DENISON, contractors, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust.

WHEAT is worth 70c. per bushel at Morris, Potatoes bring 50c. to 75c.

R. A. BRECKENRIDGE & Co., furniture dealers, Winnipeg, have sold out.

HUCKINS & STENHOUSE, Winnipeg, have opened out a lumber yard in Pilot Mound.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway are sending south of their locomotives to St. Paul for repairs.

THE stock of drugs, belonging to the estate of S. Townsend & Co., is advertised for sale by the Sheriff.

A large stone hotel is to be erected in East Selkirk next summer by Messrs. Barnes and Duggard.

PEARSON & BONNICK, butchers, East Selkirk, have dissolved. The business will be continued by Mr. Pearson.

MESSRS. LANE & GLINES have completed a two story grain warehouse at Morris, with a capacity of ten car loads.

Mr. H. L. BORDEN has left to take charge of the Lake Winnipeg Mining Co.'s mine on Big Island, Lake Winnipeg.

BROUSE & RUSSELL, millers, of Morris, are endeavoring to place their business in the hands of a joint stock company.

DIER, COOK & Co., general storekeepers in Virden, have dissolved partnership. The style of the firm is now Dier & Co.

SMITH BROS., Gladstone, lumber dealers, have dissolved partnership. The concern will in future be carried on by J. W. Smith.

STEPHENSON & WELLS, stove, tin and hardware dealers, Main street, have dissolved. Each partner continues in business alone.

THE town plots of Burlington and Shoal Lake have become amalgamated, and will hereafter be known as the town of Burlington.

SNOW & COBB, surveyors, are busily engaged in surveying islands, also the main land, on which there are very good indications.

ADAMSON & CHAMPION, grocers and liquor dealers, Nelson, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Mr. Champion.

THE Cosmopolitan Hotel, on the north side of the railway track on Main street, has only been running a couple months, and the proprietors are in difficulty already.

IT is estimated that there are between three and four thousand men employed in the lumber woods along the line of the C. P. R. East, between here and Thunder Bay.

BURGLARS made an unsuccessful attempt to effect an entrance into McArthur, Boyle & Campbell's office on Sunday. The arrival of the caretaker put a stop to their operations.

NEW Post Offices have been opened at Orange Lodge, Marquette Co., and at Baie St. Paul, Lisgar Co. The postmaster at the former is Ed. Winter, and at the latter E. L. Fairbanks.

THERE has been great destruction of fish in the Shoal Lake district during the recent cold spell; all the fish in the head waters of the stream running into the lakes were frozen in and died.

HON. JOHN McMURCHIE, one of Toronto's oldest and most highly respected wholesale men, is dead. He had been closely identified with

Toronto and all its interests for nearly half a century.

A REPRESENTATIVE of THE COMMERCIAL who has just returned from Rat Portage brings us a grist of interesting news regarding the commercial and mining industries of that district, which we are compelled to hold over till next week.

CONLEY & CORMIGAN, boot and shoe dealers, in Winnipeg have effected a settlement with their creditors at 90c on the dollar, secured. The firm were in a good position and but for the impertunity of one or two creditors could have paid a hundred cents on the dollar.

MR. GEO. A. STEWART, C.E., of this city, has been making a survey of the Morris river, with a view to calculate the water power that can be obtained by damming the stream. He pronounces the schema as very feasible. Twenty-eight hundred horse power can be had at all seasons of the year; but for six months of the year the flow of water would give nearly 10,000 horse power.

LAST week we referred to the necessity of protection of life and property from fire. No action has been taken as yet. Let something be done at once. Representatives whether in the Legislature or entrusted with the charge of municipal institutions should consider it their solemn duty to enact laws providing for the thorough inspection of all buildings to be used for public purposes, such as hotels, theatres, etc. Safety has been too much risked to save costs, and there should be a sudden stop put to it.

THE Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., with headquarters in Toronto, is one of the most prosperous monetary institutions in the Dominion. In 1882, they declared semi-annual dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, and besides carried \$25,000 to reserve, and placed \$11,254 to the credit of the contingent fund. Their branch office in Winnipeg, managed by Mr. F. B. Ross, which was opened in November last, has done a very satisfactory business so far, and the directors look with great favor upon Manitoba as a field for operation.

By the caving in of a mine at Braidwood in the United States, sixty-two men were drowned and smothered inside of five minutes.