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WOOD in West Lynne sells at \$8 per cord.

VILLIERS & PEARSON, dry goods, are retiring from business.

THOMAS HARRISON, general store, Souris City, has assigned in trust.

The Sheriff is in possession of the stock of Holmes & Co., grocers, Winnipeg.

J. B. RUTHERFORD, general store, Stonewall, has called a meeting of his creditors.

DRY cordwood sells at \$3.50 per cord at Prince Albert. Oats are very scarce.

The Morris River dam will likely be located about 600 feet up the stream from Red River.

J. DOWNS, general storekeeper, Virden, has been granted an extension of time by his creditors.

A NEW Post Office has been opened at Shepardsville, with Robert Sheppard as Postmaster.

The Queens Hotel at Rat Portage has been purchased by John Gore, who will run it in future.

A GENTLEMAN, just returned from the Lake of the Woods, reports there are beds of excellent slate in that district.

MCCASKILL & WAITE, of the McCaskill House, have been consulting with their creditors with a view to getting an extension of time.

WALKLEY & BURROWS, lumber dealers, Selkirk, are about forming a joint stock company to go very extensively into manufacturing lumber.

MESSRS. WILSON & MACKENZIE, of Birtle, have just completed their grist-mill at that point. Fortier & Burke, Brandon, supplied their large scales.

ENGINEERS have commenced to make the surveys connected with the short line which is to connect Emerson with the Pembina Mountain country.

ALEX. ROSS, who, about a month ago became successor to A. G. Mackay in the clothing and gents' furnishing business, had but a short career. He assigned last week.

The Department of Agriculture and Statistics have secured a car load of pure Red Fyfe wheat for seed purposes with which to supply the farmers of the country.

GOWANS, KENT & Co., wholesale crockery and glassware, are about to retire from business here, and will handle the trade in this country direct from their Toronto house.

ELFORD, MANNING & Co., manufacturers' agents and commission merchants, have established themselves at 43 King street. They represent large manufacturing establishments in Bowmanville, Cobourg and Oshawa.

A. G. MACKAY, late in the clothing and gents' furnishing business in this city, has compromised with his creditors at 35 cents on the dollar. Mr. Mackay came here from Stratford, where he was for many years extensively engaged in business.

JOHN WOODLEY & Co., of the British Brewery, formerly known as the Kildonan Brewery, have doubled the capacity of the establishment since it passed into their possession. The brewery has now a capacity of fifteen barrels per day, and this will be doubled next fall. Steam power will be put in shortly. All the product of the brewery has been placed in the hands of a wholesale house in the city.

OSILVIE & Co. have let the contract for six elevators to be erected at different points throughout the country. They will have a capacity varying from 30,000 to 100,000 bushels. The contractors are the Parry Sound Lumbering Company.

The dividends paid by the gold, silver and copper mining companies of the United States during 1882, as far as such matters are made public, amounted to \$14,167,179. There are a number of dividend paying mines in California whose payments are never published.

WORK on the C. P. R. branch to Selkirk West has been going on all winter in the swampy country along the route. Work can be prosecuted to a greater advantage in these districts in the winter than in the summer season. It is expected the road will be opened for traffic about August next.

BRICK manufacture will be commenced at Selkirk West early in the Spring. Excellent clay can be obtained. On the east side of the river, where brick making was carried on last summer, the presence of limestone in the clay prevented the manufacture of a good article.

ADVICES from the United States cattle ranges show that losses by cold, snow, exposure and lack of water have been severe in Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, where the weather has been milder and the topography of the country affords better protection. No loss has been reported from the ranges on the Canada side.

HON. MR. LA RIVIERE, Provincial Secretary, and Mr. T. A. Bernier, have gone east to complete the organization of the North-west French Canadian Colonization Society. The Society possesses 200,000 acres of land in the Qu'Appelle district, and efforts are to be made to settle the tract with French immigrants from the eastern provinces and from the old country.

BUSINESS difficulties in the North-west have brought to light some peculiar circumstances. One firm went into business in an outside town with a capital not exceeding \$250 and obtained goods on credit to the amount of \$11,000. They failed as a natural consequence and the mourning creditors to day are wondering why they happened to make such fools of themselves. Again we give the advice "Don't give too much credit."