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M. J. Banks, grocer, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

R. Baker, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out his business.

There is talk of a bank being located at Crystal City.

A. L. McLean, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out his business to Mulhall Cowie.

Jabez Elliott, dealer in groceries, Souris City, has sold out his business to Thomas Harrison.

Among the first sufferers by fire in Regina was J. H. Broley, fruit dealer, whose premises have been burned out.

The Federal Life Insurance Company of Hamilton, Ontario, have appointed G. B. Hall their agent in Winnipeg.

We have received the first copy of the Rock Lake Herald, which is published at Crystal City by W. F. Hill. The sheet is well gotten up, and well filled with Southern Manitoba news. We wish it every success.

The contracts for carrying the mails between Clearwater and Mountain City, and Clearwater and Turtle Mountains have been awarded to Mr. Alex. McLaren of Clearwater.

At a meeting of rate-payers held at Selkirk on Wednesday last the bonus by-law by which \$35,000 was granted to aid the construction of the C. P. R. branch from Winnipeg to Selkirk was discussed and unanimously approved of.

There is a rumor going the rounds that a joint stock company with a capital of \$20,000 is being formed for the construction of a commodious hotel at Regina. The undertaking will no doubt prove a profitable one.

The Fort McLeod Gazette of Nov. 14th is to hand Business there and at Calgary seems to be lively. Flour is selling in the former place at \$17.50 per 100 pounds. Other products are equally high in price.

The receipts of the Winnipeg Custom House for the month of November, 1882, were \$161,389.26, or \$98,981.19 in excess of those of November 1881. In connection with these figures it must be remembered that in November 1881 Emerson was not a port of entry, while this year it is. In 1881 all its business was done through Winnipeg, and figured in the receipts of the capitol.

THE Prince Arthur's Landing Herald of the 22d says the steam barge Wallula came into port on Tuesday with some 1,800 tons of steel rails for the C. P. R. The same day the Columbia arrived with 700 tons more. The same paper says over 5,000 tons of coal are still on their way to that port.

The new Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba, the Hon. Mr. Aikins, arrived in the city on Saturday last, and in the afternoon was sworn in at the Government House. A large gathering of notables was present, including the members of the Provincial Government, the Hon. Mr. Cauchon, ex-Governor, Justice Miller, Justice Dubuc and others.

IT SEEMS that in Toronto municipal elections are not contested upon municipal grounds by any means. The principal objection against one candidate for mayor now in the field is the part he took in a recent carpenter's strike. There is no talk yet of any candidate's religious

opinions being attached, but that will in all probability crop up before the contest is over.

We regret to state that the Grand Union Hotel has passed out of the hands of Messrs. Cross & Terrot, who have assigned in favor of their creditors. Various reasons are assigned for the firm's misfortunes, among which is the refusal to execute a lease by the proprietor of the building; which is but one more specimen of the slip shod way in which business was carried on in the city during the boom of last spring. The case of a firm taking possession of a large hotel, furnishing it and expending thousands of dollars upon improvements without a lease of any description is the very acme of commercial folly.

PEOPLE who have any faith in the rapid growth of Winnipeg must be amused at the work of sewer pipe laying now going on in Portage Avenue. That leading thoroughfare is being supplied with a sewer only two feet in diameter and built only one brick thick. The city council are doubtless economizing in view of a coming election, but we fail to see the economy of laying a sewer in a main street of a city of nearly 30,000 people, and with the promise of reaching 100,000 before many years, which is scarcely sufficient for a by-street in a promising country town.

THE New York press, or at least the anti-Gould portion of it, is greatly incensed over the fact that cablegrams from Europe have to pass through the hands of the Western Union Telegraph Company, who have the privilege of scrutinizing all such messages. Jay Gould can thus know the contents of the most private cablegrams, and use the information thus obtained for his speculative ends. It is no wonder a powerful effort is now being put forth in the United States to break his telegraph monopoly, and the parties engaged in the movement are to be pardoned if they are a little unscrupulous as to the means they employ.

It is worth the trouble of any person interested in agricultural affairs to make a call at 247 Main Street, and inspect the steam plow stored there. Col. Richardson the representative of the manufacturers will be pleased to explain its working to all callers. Should this machine prove a success, and there is reason to believe that it will revolutionize agriculture in the North-West.