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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 23, 1888.

G. BOSSI, grocer, Victoria, offers his business for sale.

J. FAWCETT, transfer agent, Brandon, is out of business.

A. E. DICKIE, harness dealer, Victoria, is reported away.

J. F. ROGERS, agricultural implements, Winnipeg, is dead.

R. M. STRATTON, blacksmith, Brandon, has gone out of business.

J. D. DRW, hotelkeeper, Brandon, has gone out of the hotel business.

O. SCOTT, milliner, Brandon, has sold his stock at 65c on the dollar.

MCCORMACK BROS., general storekeepers, Oak Lake, have assigned in trust.

J. G. PHILION, general storekeeper, Virden, has sold his stock to Wilcox & Co. for 55c on the dollar.

FULLERTON & ROSS, general storekeepers, Manitou, have formed partnership with J. T. Gordon in the hardware business.

J. PAISLEY, general storekeeper, Brandon, has formed a partnership with C. E. Miller and the business will be continued under style of Paisley & Miller.

C. A. BASKERVILLE & Co., hardware dealers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. C. A. Baskerville will continue the business, and assume all responsibilities therewith.

THE recent fire at Morden, Man., has stirred the people at that place to take measures to provide protection against fire. An effort will be made to procure hooks and ladders, a chemical engine, and to have water tanks constructed.

OATS are worth 45c per bushel at Battleford, Saskatchewan Territory.

A GRAIN warehouse will be erected at Bridge Creek, on the M. & N. W. Ry.

THE new grist mill at Millwood, Man., has been completed and put in operation.

WM. IRVINE, of Saskatoon, has taken charge of Prince's grist mill at Battleford and put it in operation.

FRED AND ALBERT SPARKING, lately of Birtle, will open a butcher shop and stock business at Pilot Mound, Man.

THE second annual meeting of the Miniota Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held at Beulah, Man., on Jan. 25th.

THE Brandon Planing Mill Co. will not move to Winnipeg at present, owing to the large stock on hand, which will take some time to dispose of.

WM. FERRIS, saddler, Portage la Prairie, Man., has disposed of his stock in trade, and the business is now continued under the style of Ferris & Co.

VIRDEN, Man., *Advance*: We understand that John Mooney, who has withdrawn from the firm of Wyatt & Co., intends with a partner, opening up a lumber yard and hardware business in the course of a few weeks.

THE Battleford *Herald* has attained its tenth birthday. Though isolated from the rest of the world, and a few hundred miles from the nearest railway point, yet the *Herald* continues to thrive. It is one of the oldest papers of the great West.

RUSSELL & IRONSIDE, butchers and stock dealers, Brandon, shipped a car lot of dressed hogs to Regina lately. Mr. Russell says he would not contract for another car lot of hogs at any price, as he found it very difficult to make up the last lot.

THE Fort William *Journal* of January 14th says: There is still room in the elevator for something like 100,000 bushels of grain. Besides this there is sufficient storage for 300,000 more in the old grain sheds, which will probably be utilized by the company.

THE Brandon *Times*, with its usual enterprise, will issue a special edition this week, containing a large amount of information regarding the town and surrounding country. The issue will be given a very wide circulation, and will no doubt do good work for the benefit of that district and the province generally.

IN our issue of the 9th instant a note appeared stating, that J. G. McDonald, of Vancouver had absconded taking \$10,000 dollars of his creditors money. The item in question should have read that J. G. McDonald of Vancouver, had left for Seattle to look after one Haskins, who had absconded from Vancouver, taking with him \$10,000 of his creditor's money, but by mistake the reference to Haskins was left out. We take this the first opportunity after discovering the mistake to correct it, and we regret very much that it should have occurred. We regret it not only because of our knowledge that Mr. McDonald has neither the necessity nor the intention to abscond, but also on grounds of personal friendship to an old Winnipegger with whom we have had dealings in the past.

A JOINT stock company is being formed at McLeod to erect a grist mill, capable of turning out 50 to 75 barrels per day.

T. A. NEWMAN, general dealer, Portage la Prairie, contemplates handling groceries in a wholesale way in the spring.

R. SIMPSON, of the Saskatchewan Hotel, Minnedosa, recently turned, has leased the Queen's Hotel, at the same place.

THE Assiniboia roller flour mill at Moosomin, Assa., is in running order again. A great many improvements were made during the time it was closed.

CROWE & Co's. wheat warehouse at Carberry, Man., collapsed on Thursday last. The trouble was overloading, owing to the scarcity of cars to carry the grain away. The loss is estimated at about \$300.

THE selection of Mr. Smart, of Brandon, as one of the ministers in the new Local Government, will likely meet with approval from the commercial interests of the Province, aside from party feeling.

THE recent changes in the directorate of the Federal Bank of Canada, have given general satisfaction and brought about an advance in the bank's stocks. As now constituted the directors are: H. C. Hammond, president; M. Hendric, vice-president; S. Nordheimer, J. S. Playfair, John Hoskins, Q.C., Hon. S. C. Wood, J. W. Langmuir, directors.

BRANDON *Times*: Contrary to what might have been expected at this time of year there has been quite a trade done in the past week in horses. Wherever they go to is a puzzler to most people, but still they sell. A few good teams brought as high as \$450 each during the week, and we know of several dealers who are bound for Ontario for more stock in the near future.

JAS. PAISLEY and C. E. Miller & Co dry goods and general dealers, Brandon, have decided to amalgamate their business and form a partnership. Their stores, which adjoin each other, have been connected by an archway, thus forming one of the most extensive establishments in the West. It is their intention to do a jobbing trade, in addition to the regular retail business.

THE Brandon City Council has lately been considering the question of granting a bonus for the establishment of a second flour mill at that place. There are two schemes up for discussion. The first is a proposal to build a farmers' mill and elevator, by a joint stock company. Leitch Bros., who lately had their mill at Oak Lake burned, have also submitted a proposal to build a mill at Brandon, provided certain aid be given. The Council has passed a motion to submit a by-law granting Leitch Bros. a bonus of \$5,000 without exemption from taxation, provided Messrs. Leitch guarantee the expenses in connection with the by-law, should it be defeated. Other considerations are also asked for, such as gristing for farmers, etc. Leitch Bros. have not yet signified their intention of accepting the terms of the Council, and it is likely they will re-build their mill at Oak Lake, as they have been offered certain assistance by way of bonus to adopt the latter course.