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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 5, 1884.

W. F. SMITH, grocer, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

T. & E. DODD, general store, Smith's Hill, have assigned in trust.

A. E. DAVIES has opened out the tobacco business at Fort Arthur.

J. M. ROSS, has leased his hotel at Silver Silver Heights to H. A. Chadwick.

O. LAFREMERE, hotel, St. Leon, has been succeeded in business by P. Lachapelle.

W. H. RANCE, has gone into partnership with Mr. Hunt of the Huston Hotel, Manitou.

RANCE & BRITTON, livery, Manitou, have dissolved, Mr. Britton continuing the business.

CONNELL & COMBER, of Selkirk, have had their flour mill put in first-class running order.

BRADD & FIELDS, hotel, Dominion City, have dissolved. George Bradd continues the business.

DART, BURKHART & Co., publishers of the Winnipeg Siftings, are about to dissolve partnership.

Johnson & Malcolmson, general store, Cartwright, have started a branch business at Mauriceburg, Turtle Mountain.

MYERS & LILLIE have opened the Chicago House in Rat Portage, pending the completion of the new Woodbine Hotel.

THE stock belonging to the insolvent estate of Downs Bros., Virden, has been sold to Mrs. Henry Downs at 52½c on the dollar.

O'CONNOR & CHADWICK, of the Woodbine Hotel, Winnipeg, have dissolved, The business is continued by O'Connor & Demnick.

FREIGHT for Birtle and other points in that district is now generally shipped by rail to Minnedosa, and thence by teams to its destination.

ON an average one thousand bushels of wheat are shipped from Neepawa daily. No. 1 hard is worth 63; frozen do. from 35c to 45c; oats, 15c.

WE have received the initial issue of the Neepawa Canadian, published by T. W. Bromdgest. It is a very creditable start, and we wish it success.

THE deposits and withdrawals from the Dominion Savings Bank, in Winnipeg, for the month of January, were: deposits, \$43,125; withdrawals, \$36,258.68.

INLAND REVENUE collections in Winnipeg, for the month of January, amounted to \$13,116.03. The collections for the same month last year were \$11,934.04, showing an increase of \$1,181.79.

SANDFORD, VAIL & Co., wholesale clothing, Winnipeg and Hamilton, have dissolved, Mr. Vail retiring from the firm. The business will be continued under the style of W. E. Sandford & Co.

CARMAN, and other offices north of Nelson, are to have two mails a week instead of one as heretofore. A new post office has been opened at Apawaka, sec. 14, tp. 4, range 7, with P. Angers as postmaster.

MCGOWAN & McARTHUR, the well-known and enterprising agents for S. Greenshield's, Son & Co., Thomas May & Co., and Cochrane, Cassils & Co., all of Montreal, have made arrangements by which all the business of the Northwest, financial and otherwise, will be attended to directly by them from Winnipeg.

THE Emerson & Northwestern Railway project is to be revived. Application will be made at the next session of the Legislature to incorporate a company under that name with power to build a line of railway from Emerson in a northwesterly direction to Portage la Prairie, and a branch from some point on the main line to some point on the western boundary of the province.

THE master steam-heaters, sanitary plumbers and gas fitters, of Winnipeg, have agreed that after the 10th inst., they will not tender for or receive sub contracts, from any parties when the amount of the contract exceeds \$100. They contend it is more satisfactory for builders desiring tenders for such work to deal direct with parties making such supplies a specialty, rather than to receive tenders from contractors who sublet the work in that line.

THE Montreal Corn Exchange in its annual report advocates the abolition of canal tolls, and strongly recommends in the interests of farmers, flour millers, the grain trade, and the public generally, the abolition of all taxes on breadstuffs, untravelling interchange of national productions between Canada and the United States, and the abolition of all imposts and burdens upon shipping by the St. Lawrence route.

FIFTY miles of lead piping for the Winnipeg & Northwest Petroleum Company is said to be now lying at Calgary. It is proposed to lay this pipe from Athabasca Landing to the mouth of Sucker Creek on the Saskatchewan, a distance of about sixty miles. It is intended to bring the crude oil by boat from the Company's claim to Athabasca Landing, refine it there, and send the oil through the pipe to touch the navigation of the Saskatchewan.

CUSTOMS returns for the month of January at the Port of Winnipeg, are as follows: Value of goods imported from foreign countries to pay duty, \$74,763; value of goods entered for consumption from foreign countries, \$51,863; value of goods, free of duty, \$12,839; amount of duty collected, \$18,931.21. The total value of goods passing through the customs during the same period last year was \$254,231; duty, \$52,245.95. The value of goods from other provinces passing through the States in January was \$204,098; value of goods imported to foreign countries, \$29,842.