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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 15, 1884.

WALTON & BIRD, hardware, Emerson, have assigned in trust.

GATE & THOMPSON, plumbers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

J. T. WEST has opened out in the watch-making business at Nelson.

MCLEAN & THOMAS, general store, Calgary, contemplate a dissolution of partnership.

J. HINGSTON SMITH & Co., gunsmiths, etc., Winnipeg, have dissolved, J. H. Smith, retiring.

A post office has been established at Gretna, on sec. 5, tp. 1, range 1 west. Jacob R. Hoffman is postmaster.

G. N. SCOTT & Co., coffee mills, Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business is being continued by Geo. A. Clarke, M.D.

WM. MACKAY, factor of the Hudson Bay Company at Fort Pitt, died suddenly on Christmas eve at Edmonton.

JERRY ROBINSON & Co., general store, Emerson, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Robinson is removing the stock to Brandon.

THE bankrupt stock of drugs and druggists material, belonging to the insolvent estate of Rolls & Neulands, will be sold by tender on the 15th prox.

THE stock belonging to the insolvent estate of Wm. McAlister, Wolseley, has been sold by the trustees to Geo. H. Rogers, of Winnipeg, at 34½ on the dollar.

THE C. P. R. authorities are now in possession of their new car shops, and will at once enter upon the manufacture of their own cars and other rolling stock.

BIRLE has been incorporated as a town, and J. S. Crawford has been elected the first mayor. The town has a population of 500, an assessment of \$200,000, and is free of debt.

THE deputation from Nelson to interview members of the Government at Ottawa and the C. P. R. authorities in regard to obtaining railway facilities for Nelson, report having met with satisfactory encouragement in their mission.

C. P. R. telegraph rates now are as follows: To all places between Moose Jaw and Medicine Hat, day rate 55 and 4; night rate 40 and 3. Medicine Hat and Rocky Mountain, day rate 70 and 5; night rate 50 and 3. To Port Arthur, night rate 30 and 3.

THE St. P. & M. authorities have issued a circular, supplementary to a recent tariff, naming rates to the following points on the Manitoba and Northwestern: Macdonald, Westbourne, Woodside, Gladstone, Arden, Neepawa, Stony Creek, and Minnedosa.

DURING the week ending Jan. 5 there were reported to *Bradstreet's* 282 failures in the United States; 22 more than the preceding week, 25 more than the corresponding week of 1883, and 130 more than the same week of 1882. In Canada and the Provinces there were 17, a decrease of 7.

Farm, Hallock, Minn.; Robert Crawford, Indian Head; W. R. Bell, Indian Head; H. J. Eberts, Winnipeg. Major W. R. Bell, was again appointed manager, and Mr. H. J. Eberts secretary-treasurer. At a meeting of the Board subsequently held, Mr. Duncan MacArthur, of Messrs. MacArthur, Boyle & Campbell, was

elected president, and Hon. Thos. Howard, vice-president.

THE officers of the Vulcan Iron Company, with headquarters in Winnipeg, are: Andrew Allan, Montreal, president; F. H. Brydges, Winnipeg, vice-president; John McKechnie, superintendent; H. N. Williams, secretary-treasurer. W. R. Allan, of Winnipeg, is also on the directorate. Mr. Williams has charge of the financial part of the institution, and Mr. McKechnie of the special mechanical department. The Company is a strong one and we wish it every success.

THE annual meeting of the Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Company was held on Wednesday. A very satisfactory report of operations was presented. The gross expenditure for the past year has been \$162,346.66, and since the organization of the Company \$244,719.96. Directors were elected as follows: Hon. E. Dewdney, Regina; Hon. Thos. Howard, Winnipeg; A. F. Eden, Winnipeg; Duncan MacArthur, Winnipeg; W. L. Boyle, Winnipeg; John Northwood, Chatham, Ont.; C. G. L. Kelso, Kelso

THE annual statement of the Bank of Ottawa, presented at the meeting of shareholders last month, shows a very satisfactory condition of things. The year's operations show a net profit of \$100,333.03, out of which two dividends were paid. \$50,000 was carried to the Rest account, and a balance was credited to profit and loss of \$12,571.59. The business of the branch in this city has continued to increase steadily during the year, and the results so far have been most satisfactory. James McLaren was re-elected president, and Charles Magee, vice-president.

MR. R. J. WHITLAK, head of the firm of R. J. & Co., wholesale dry goods, has just returned from a purchasing tour in Europe, and has secured one of the most varied and well-selected stocks of goods in this line that has yet reached the Northwest, thus keeping the firm still forward for enterprise. Mr. W. reports considerable misunderstanding in Britain regarding the present farmers' agitation, the wild statements of some Northwestern newspapers conveying to people there that rebellion or annexation to the United States is unavoidable. Such statements M. W. states injure this province and retard immigration much.