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CRAWFORD & DONELIN, hotel-keepers in this city, have dissolved partnership.

LINEHAM & GRANT, dealers in pumps at Rapid City, are about to give up business in that town.

D. H. McMILLAN, of the City Flour Mills, has taken in W. W. McMillan as partner, and the firm name is now D. H. McMillan & Bro.

THE fire record of this week contains no loss of note, and insurance men gain confidence. There is no talk, however, of lowering rates of premium.

GRUNDY & GOLDIE, hotel-keepers, of Qu'Appelle, have dissolved partnership, and the business will in future be carried on by Grundy Bros. & Co.

A CHANGE has now taken place in the firm composition of Cochrane, Giles & Co., real estate brokers, of Nelson, and the designation in future will be Cochrane Bros.

W. J. O'VENS has retired from the firm of O'Laughlin Bros. & Co., wholesale stationers of this city, but we understand no change will take place in the firm name and designation.

ELSEWHERE in our columns will be found a full report of a meeting held at the Grand Union Hotel, on Monday evening, for the purpose of organizing a commercial travellers' association.

The first attempt at fitting up an electric bell system for a Winnipeg hotel has been successfully made at the Potter House, by Mr. Andrew Schmidt of this city, and it now works in a perfect manner.

NOTWITHSTANDING the wet weather of the past week, the grading of the street railway has made considerable progress, and is now as far north as Rupert street, while track-laying is completed to the City Market.

OWING to some delay in the work of wire construction caused by the disagreeable weather of last week, the Electric Light Company were unable to light up the city last Saturday, as promised in our last issue, but the work is now progressing favourably, and an illumination may be expected before the close of the present week.

THE revenue of Brandon Post Office increased from \$40.00 in August 1881, to nearly \$800.00 in July 1882, and there is every reason to expect that the increase at the Regina office will be equally as marked. It is hard to get people who live in the drowsy atmosphere of Ottawa to understand the import of figures like these.

A bottle of coffee essence, by which a good cup of coffee, either hot or cold, can be made in a few seconds, has been left at our office by the manufacturers, Messrs. G. N. Scott & Co., of this city, and after thoroughly testing the same we pronounce it of excellent quality. The local manufacture of such goods should receive encouragement from our dealers.

MR. JAMES GILLESPIE has completed arrangements with the C. P. R. and the contractors for that Company east of Rat Portage, for the transportation of coal from Thunder Bay to Winnipeg during this fall and winter. He has now some 5,000 tons on the way to Prince Arthur's Landing, and he is now there to see about its shipment to Winnipeg. If he can only reduce the price of the fuel a few dollars a ton he will confer a great boon upon the people of this city generally, and manufacturers in particular.

THERE is a cry for more houses in Selkirk, where the number recently erected have all been occupied as soon as tenable. The property owners of that town must get it into their minds that with the advent of the railway Selkirk must necessarily have a big increase to its population, and a special effort to provide house accommodation this winter will be necessary.

AT the meeting of the new Stock Exchange, held last night, for the purpose of considering the advisability of increasing the capital stock, no business was done, and an adjournment was made until Thursday evening, in order to secure a full attendance. The regular notice of the meeting will be found in another part of our columns.

IT is evident that the Manitoba Cartage Company are determined to be in a position to attend to all business in their line. They now own 42 teams, and they have commenced the erection of extensive stables in the rear of the Hudson Bay Stores. The Company expect in a few weeks to be safely located in their new and commodious offices in the McArthur block, at the corner of Post Office and Main street.

THE heavy labor demand of the building trade is attested by the fact that many mechanics are engaged therein who usually work at branches where finer skill is necessary. One carriage and wagon builder in the city informs us that his best wood-workers are leaving and going to carpenter work on buildings. On making inquiry of one skilled artisan as to the reason for this, we were quickly informed that wood butchering at present paid 50c. to \$1.00 a day more than fine work.

THE "Western Canada Loan and Savings' Company," of Toronto, have secured offices in the old Merchants Bank block, next to the telegraph office, lately occupied by the Manitoba Investment Association. Their license to transact business in Manitoba has been applied for, and will be granted in a day or two. The company control a large amount of funds, and their influence will be of value in the development of the North-West. Mr. John Massey, of Toronto, will be manager of the Winnipeg office for a time.