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CASSON & BRUNET, contractors, St. Boniface, have dissolved partnership.

THE small tobacco business carried on in Winnipeg by J. G. Gray, has been sold out on the landlord's warrant.

ROY & POULIN, of the Winnipeg Brewery, have dissolved partnership, and the business will in future be carried on under the firm name of Roy & Co.

THERE is a growing faith evident in the mining prospects of Keewatin. Already several stocks are in demand, and the Keewatin Mining Co. is now quoted at par.

THE firm of James Kent & Co., of the Birtle saw mills, have dissolved. James Kent retires, but the firm name remains unchanged, and the business will go on as formerly.

THE fire record of the present week was opened by a blaze on James street, west, which took place on Sunday morning, when two residences were entirely destroyed.

Six months ago only, the North-west Fuel Co. were selling coal in Winnipeg, but at present some four different parties are engaged in that trade. So much for coal via Thunder Bay.

W. J. HINMAN has purchased the stables on the corner of James and King streets, formerly conducted by Wm. Merrill, and intends to run them as boarding stables for the horses of private parties.

P. BROWN, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, has admitted A. D. Coblentz as a partner. The firm name will now be Brown & Coblentz, and the business will be in clothing and mens' furnishing goods.

THE first engine for the Canadian Pacific R.R. arrived at Prince Arthur's Landing on the 26th Dec., and is now at work hauling rock from Current River for the Esplanade at the former town.

WE regret to mention the assignment of Tous-saint, Ratte & Co., grocers and liquor merchants, Winnipeg. There is reason to hope, however, that their difficulties are only temporary, and that they will soon resume business.

THE electric light made its appearance on Main street once more, and now-works much better than formerly. It is certainly a great assistance to both pedestrians and vehicle drivers going to and from the railway depot.

GENERAL MANAGER VAN HORN met with the Emmersonians on Saturday, and although matters were not definitely settled about the Red River bridge there, they are in a fair way of being amicably arranged. The location of the bridge will not be changed.

THE report in our last issue of J. A. Wright taking Mr. Cavanah into partnership, Mr. Wright wishes us to state refers only to the business carried on at the corner of Main and Logan streets. The other establishment on Main street he still conducts alone.

THE advance in prices of grain in western United States' markets during the closing days of last week, is attributed by the press of that country to the rumors of a possible trouble between Russia and Germany, and not to any increased demand either home or foreign.

WE have received a letter from Regina, com-

plaining about the uncertainty of the town's location, and the annoyance caused to business men in not knowing where the business centre of the town will be. We are sorry we have not sufficient space to publish the letter in full.

THE drug business hitherto carried on by Trott & Mitchell, on Main street, Winnipeg, has passed into the hands of W. J. Mitchell; S. M. Trott retiring. Mr. Mitchell has made various new arrangements for extending his business, and will go more extensively into the wholesale trade.

THE wholesale price of barley at present may be judged from a purchase made by the Winnipeg Brewery proprietors early last week, of 10,000 bushels in the vicinity of Morris. The quality was medium, probably about Toronto extra No. 3, and the price was 47c. on track in Winnipeg.

IT is with pleasure, that we note the great success of the Winnipeg Business College, established about eleven months ago and still conducted by Messrs. Eton & Lindsay. Since the establishment of the institution the number of students has increased from about half-a-dozen to over thirty. It has been located during the week in commodious new quarters in Hargrave's Block on Main street, and will doubtless have much more rapid success in the future. The institution is admirably adapted for instruction in commercial affairs, and is, therefore, a valuable auxiliary to the business affairs of Winnipeg.

ON the struggle between the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific, the Belleville *Intelligencer* of Dec. 28th has an article concluding with the following:—"The reason for this strife is that the Canada Pacific require an enormous amount of money next year for construction purposes. The Grand Trunk wants an entrance into Manitoba, and if that company, aided by the influence of a numerous and highly influential body of shareholders can defeat the Canadian Pacific R.R. project, then the desired object may be secured by a compromise. The representatives of the Canada Pacific are now on their way to London, with the object of floating their bonds, and the event of the struggle will be awaited with great interest by the people of Canada.