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A FINE new hotel presenting a frontage of 60 feet, is being erected at Pilot Mound.

THE post office authorities have established offices at Hanlan and Sewel stations on the line of the C. P. R.

FELIX GENTES, dealer in groceries at Gauthrie, has sold out his business there to J. B. Graveline.

GEO. BARCELO, dealer in groceries at St. Charles, has made an assignment in trust of his affairs.

BUILDERS estimate that over 3,000,000 brick will be left over this winter with which to commence next spring's building operations.

DENNIS, SON & Co., surveyors and civil engineers of this city and Toronto, have decided upon closing out their Toronto business.

MUIR & WAUGH, dealers in farm machinery, engines, boilers and so forth, of Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, and the business will in future be carried on by Robert Muir.

J. M. ROSS, formerly of the Queen's Hotel,

has purchased R. B. Harstone's interest in the Tecumseh House, and enters into a partnership with H. W. Smith who has hitherto been managing partner of that hotel.

THE electric light has once more failed, owing to leakage and other defects. The company are making a thorough overhaul of their machinery.

In the Provincial Police Court on Monday, B. N. Choquette, was fined \$20 and costs for practicing as a veterinary surgeon without a license.

THE Manchester, England, Chamber of Commerce have passed resolutions favoring the construction of the ship canal between that city and Liverpool.

THE business of the Assize Court for the past week has been made up principally of criminal trials, and no cases of any material interest to the commercial world have been disposed of.

TOUSSAINT, RATTE & Co., dealers in groceries, Main Street, Winnipeg, have decided upon giving up the business they have hitherto carried on in the city of Quebec, and confining their operations to the North-west trade.

A BOARD of trade has been organized in Emerson with R. S. Chalmers as president, C. S. Douglas, secretary, and E. M. King, treasurer. The organization will be put in working order with as little delay as possible.

Yesterday the C. P. R. opened up another division of their Western extension from Regina to Swift Current Creek, a distance of over 150 miles. The daily trains leaving this city will proceed as far as the latter place, while construction trains are running about 100 miles further west.

A COMPANY is being formed in Winnipeg for the purpose of working some of the valuable stone quarries in the Lake of the Woods district. Some beautiful specimens of granite and other hard stone from there have been shown at THE COMMERCIAL office, which, if utilized for building, would add very much to the beauty and solidity of Winnipeg's architecture.

A PARTY engaged in the wood and fuel business in Winnipeg in connection with a representative of THE COMMERCIAL a few days ago gave it as his opinion that before the winter

was over wood would sell in this city for \$5 a cord, owing to the enormous quantity that was now ready for bringing to the city. It is to be hoped that his opinion is value for something.

A PROMINENT insurance agent of this city complains that the article entitled "Insurance Sharp Practice," in our last issue, reflects on the agents of the city generally. By what line of reasoning he arrives at this conclusion it is difficult to understand, unless insurance agents are so combined that to touch one is to touch all. The article in question gave an isolated instance, which it is to be hoped does not often occur.

THE firm of Bishop & Shelton, wholesale dealers in furniture are now making arrangements to put steam power and machinery into their factory, and go heartily into furniture manufacture. This will make the second steam furniture factory in Winnipeg.

WE HAVE been hearing numerous complaints about the mail arrangements between this city and St. Paul and Minneapolis. Letters mailed in these cities on Saturday evening are frequently not made up with that evening's mail for the North, and in such cases they are not delivered in Winnipeg until Tuesday forenoon.

THERE has been any amount of excitement in the New York oil market during the past ten days. With crude petroleum standing between \$1.20 and \$1.50 a barrel, and making an advance of 11c in about an hour, there was cause for excitement.

We are informed that the syndicate intend to establish a line of Clyde-built steel steamers upon the waters of the upper lakes. If they do so the propellers of the Asia type will soon become a thing of the past. Those dangerous, top-heavy, clumsy monstrosities of vessels will never be able to compete with steel steamers of a thousand tons burden, drawing thirteen feet of water and provided with all the advantages of an ocean steamer. The people of this country will owe the Canadian Pacific Railway a debt of gratitude if such a change is brought about as a result of the establishment of this line. Vessels of the class of the Asia are too dangerous to be much regretted.—*Montréal Free Press.*