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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 6, 1888.

DR. CORNELL, of Boissevain, formerly of Rapid City, Man., is dead.

L. COOK has disposed of his hotel at Oak Lake, Man., to Alfred & Co.

REAL estate is rapidly changing hands at Fort William at good figures.

WARE & GORHAM, solicitors, Port Arthur, will close up business about Feb. 1st.

OATS are worth forty cents a bushel at Battleford, Sask., and eggs are quoted at thirty-five cents a dozen.

THE Winnipeg city council has by a large majority negatived a proposal to make a test for natural gas.

SHIPMENTS of car lots of fresh Lake Winnipeg fish to the United States are being made almost daily from Selkirk.

A. S. WALKER, of Neepawa, has procured brick manufacturing machinery and will commence the manufacture of brick next season.

THE Hudson's Bay Co. is having machinery manufactured at Dubuque, Iowa, for a new steamer, which will be used in the Northwest trade.

Two hotels are being erected at Lake Minnewanka, National Park, Alberta, by Disbrow & Brown, respectively. A steam yacht will be put on the lake.

S. MCGEE, from Ottawa district, Ontario, has arrived at Manitou, Man., and will go into partnership with Jos. Kerr of the latter place, in the building and contracting line.

THE annual meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7th. The reports of officers will be received and the election of officers for the next year will be held.

NEIL CAMPBELL has shipped six car loads of poplar wood from Portage la Prairie to Brandon, the completion of a first order. Wood is worth \$8 per cord in the latter town.

A JOINT stock association in London, Eng. has issued at par 300 six per cent. first mortgage \$500 debentures of the Winnipeg Waterworks company, being the balance of a total issue of 1,000.

DR. BRUCE, of Wapella, Assa., who is reported to have fallen into a fortune, denies the correctness of the rumor, and further intimates that he has no intention of leaving that district.

THE Local Government has appointed John Macdonald and Alex. Moffat to make a thorough audit of the books of the province and ascertain just how the province stands at the present time.

THE sale of school lands at Portage la Prairie last week was a success, and good prices were realized. Prices ranged up to \$16 per acre. Farming lands seem to be holding their own, if not going a little better.

PLOWING was done at Medicine Hat, Assa., on the C.P.R. west of Winnipeg, last week. The mild weather of the week carried off the snow throughout the west very rapidly. In the mountains a good deal of trouble has been caused from slides, owing to the rapid thaw.

D. A. STEWART, Dominion Government engineer, and party have examined the route of the Regina and Long Lake Railway as far as Saskatoon, and report very favorably as to ease with which the road can be constructed. The quality of the soil is also spoken of highly.

VOLUME 1 No. 1 of the *Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal* has made its appearance from Toronto. The somewhat lengthy name signifies the particular "want" which the new claimant in the journalistic field has come to fill. The journal is neatly printed on fine paper. It will be published monthly, at the rate of \$1 per year, by the Journal Publishing Company. Jas. Acton is the manager of the Company.

THE following losses were occasioned by a fire in Winnipeg last week: L. Wertheim, tobacconist, stock destroyed. Insured for \$3,000, loss estimated by the proprietor at \$1,000 greater, though the latter is probably an excessive figure. J. J. Radford, watches and jewelry, stock damaged; insured for \$500, which it is stated will not cover the loss. W. Cleverly, hotel, damaged; insured for \$500; loss somewhat greater. Geo. Foulds loss on buildings \$1,500.

JUSTICE KILLAM has given his decision in the case of Mann & Holt vs. Winnipeg & Hudson's Bay Railway Company to the effect that the clause of the contract, with reference to possession of the road in favor of the contractors, only applied in the event of the contractors not obtaining the government debentures, and that inasmuch as they admitted having obtained those debentures the bill should be dismissed. The suit brought to obtain possession of the constructed portion of the road has therefore failed, and the road will remain in the hands of the company. It is understood the case will be appealed.

W. G. ELWORTHY has sold out his interest in the general store at Virden, Man., to his partner, J. A. Merrick. The latter will continue the business alone.

THE town at the coal mines near Banff, Alberta, known as Anthracite, is growing up quite fast, and a ready number of stores have been opened. There is a probability that the town will be overdone in the store line.

FOLLOWING is a statement showing the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption at the port of Winnipeg, with duty collected thereon during the month of January, 1888, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of last year.

THE annual meeting of shareholders of the Northwest Navigation company was held in Winnipeg on Wednesday. Reports of the company's transactions during the past year were submitted and the following officers elected for the coming year: Andrew Allan, of Montreal, president; C. S. Drummond, vice-president; W. Robinson, general manager; F. A. Drummond, secretary.

GEO. H. ROGERS & Co., of Winnipeg, who have purchased the bankrupt stock of J. A. Wright, will close out the stock at once. Their object in purchasing the stock was mainly to get possession of the store, to which location they intend moving their boot and shoe business. It is their intention to go out of dry goods as rapidly as possible and confine their efforts to the shoe trade.

F. E. BURNHAM, of Emerson, will give notice in the Canada Gazette of application to Parliament for an act to incorporate the Emerson & Northwestern railway from a point in the town of West Lynne, Manitoba, in a north-westerly direction to the town of Portage la Prairie, and also a branch line from some point on the said line in a westerly or northwesterly or southwesterly direction to a point on the western boundary on the province of Manitoba.

| Description.                    | Value 1887.  | Value 1888.  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Goods exported....              | \$ 17,801 00 | \$ 75,914 00 |
| Goods imported, dutiable .....  | \$ 67,533 00 | \$ 82,057 00 |
| Goods imported, free .....      | 53,668 00    | 18,717 00    |
| Total imported.                 | \$121,201 00 | \$100,774 00 |
| Goods entered for consumption—  |              |              |
| Dutiable .....                  | \$ 69,981 00 | \$ 81,430 00 |
| Free .....                      | 53,668 00    | 18,717 00    |
| Total entered for consumption.. | \$123,649 00 | \$100,147 00 |
| Duty collected.....             | \$20,784 49  | \$25,188 24  |

The amount of revenue collected during January is shown by the following statement:

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Tobacco and cigars.....      | \$ 4,827 00 |
| Spirits .....                | 7,246 61    |
| Malt .....                   | 1,303 69    |
| Inspection of petroleum..... | 128 50      |

Total.....\$13,505 80

The transactions at the Dominion Government Saving bank for January were as under:

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Deposits .....    | \$26,877 45 |
| Withdrawals ..... | 29,930 26   |

Withdrawals exceed deposits by.... \$3,052 81