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WINNIPEG, APRIL 2, 1888.

THE Stonewall News has changed hands.

TAYLOR & SON, commission merchants, Win-
nipeg, are out of business.

METCALFE will go into the blacksmith busi-
ness at Souris City, Man.

HENDERSON'S Pocket Gazetteer and Travel-
ler's Guide for April has been issued.

GEO. McQUAIG, general merchant, of Medi-
cine Hat, Assa., was in the city last week.

JOHN KEDDY, implement agent, Brandon, has
gone into that business on his own account.

FIELD, stove and tin-ware, Brandon, claims
he has no intention of selling out, as has been
reported.

THE Winnipeg board of grain examiners met
Thursday afternoon to consider Mr. Farrell's
communication touching Manitoba barley.
There were present nearly all the prominent
grain men in the city. The general outline of
Mr. Farrell's report was concurred in, and a
draft was prepared to be published, at an early
date, in circular form, for distribution amongst
brewers and malsters in the eastern provinces,
United States and Great Britain, as well as
among the farmers in the Northwest.

THE manner in which the Brandon board of
trade has taken hold of the immigration ques-
tion shows that the business men forming that
organization are made of the right kind of
stuff. The board has opened an employment
and general intelligence office, for the direction
and convenience of incoming settlers. An
agent has been appointed to work on the trains
between Port Arthur and Winnipeg, in the in-
terest of the Brandon district. The work of
the board will be certain to accomplish a great
deal of good for the district.

BOISSEVAIN, Man. wants a tailor.

Mrs. A. Larocque, grocer, Winnipeg, has
given up business.

J. D. Chapdelaine, hotelkeeper and general
store, Cypress River, Man., has assigned in
trust.

POTATOES sell as high as \$1.75 per bushel at
Edmonton, wheat at \$1.50, barley, at \$1 and
oats at 60 cents.

E. F. HUTCHINGS, wholesale harness and
saddlery, Winnipeg, has returned from an
extended eastern trip.

WM. JOHNSTON, of Winnipeg, will open a
tin shop at Indian Head, Assa., in the store re-
cently occupied by Fishleigh & Dillon.

SINCE January 1st last, about 700 horses have
been brought from Ontario to Brandon and sold
at the latter place. This would indicate that
the Brandon district is settling up fast.

C. CHRISTIE, grocer, Shoal Lake, Man., has
not sold out, negotiations to that end having
fallen through. He has resolved to continue
the business and has added a boot and shoe de-
partment.

ONE cent on the dollar, on the assessment of
Brandon, will return about \$15,000. The esti-
mated expenditure for 1888 slightly exceeds
this sum, but according to the municipal act of
1886, the municipal tax for cities and towns is
limited to a maximum rate of one cent on the
dollar.

THE Grand Union Hotel, Grenfell, Assa., has
changed hands, W. F. Upton having pur-
chased the interest of Fleming, of the firm of
Fleming & Copeland, proprietors of the house.
The new style will be Upton & Copeland. This
hotel was wrongly located at Wappella, in a
previous issue.

FRED. STARKEY, who has leased the New
Douglas House, Winnipeg, took charge on
April 1st. He will fit up and re-furnish the
house throughout, and endeavor to keep up the
reputation of this well-known hostelry, for
which his long experience as a hotel-man has
amply fitted him. Mr. Starkey was formerly
clerk of this house.

MR. DALY, M. P., has received a petition
which he has presented to Sir George Stephen,
from residents in the municipalities of Brandon,
Whitewater, Oakland and Glenwood, Man.,
asking for the extension this year of the Del-
oraine and Glenboro branches of the C. P. R.
The petition bears 291 signatures with the sec-
tion, township and range of each signer, and
shows the quantity of wheat raised by each
last year, and the number of acres to be put in
crop this year. The figures are as follows:
signers, 291; wheat last year, 555,432 bush.,
acreage under cultivation, 34,453 acres.

THE Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway will
sell upon April 3 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 5
and 19, round trip tickets at one fare for the
round trip, to all points in Nebraska, Kansas,
Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Florida, Tennes-
see, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North and
South Carolina, Minnesota and Dakota, tickets
good for thirty days from date of sale. For
tickets, rates, sleeping car accommodation, in-
formation may be had from the nearest ticket
agent or from E. A. Whitaker, general ticket
and passenger agent, Minneapolis.

THE Queen's Hotel at Macleod, Alberta, has
been re-opened under the management of J. A.
Simms.

A. G. THORNBURN, general merchant, Broad-
view, Assa., has decided to close his branch at
Crescent Lake.

E. J. ROCHON, has purchased the Avenue
hotel, at Fort William, and intends fitting it
up in good style.

A. H. McINTYRE, watchmaker and jeweller,
of Portage la Prairie, will open a branch at
Rapid City, Man.

THE partnership existing between James D.
Morice and Charles H. Allen, barristers, Win-
nipeg, has been dissolved.

C. H. ALLEN and J. D. Cameron, barristers,
Winnipeg, have entered into partnership under
the firm name of Allen & Cameron.

CALGARY Tribune: W. Martin has returned
from the coast. We understand it is the inten-
tion of his firm to open up in business there.

F. W. PETTIT, of Calgary, has taken McKin-
noll into partnership in his insurance business.
The name of the new firm will be Pettit & Mc-
Kinnell.

GARLAND, ELLIOTT & Co., of Port Arthur,
who have a branch store at Sault Ste. Marie,
have had their store and stock at the latter
place damaged by fire.

A LONDON cable of Tuesday says: "A very
active business in Canadian Pacific shares has
been done since the monopoly negotiations be-
gun. Shares now stand at 62½ to ¾."

THE Cypress county council at its last meet-
ing appointed Mr. Anderson, a successful farm-
er living near Carberry, to act as immigration
agent at Winnipeg for the Big Plain.

A CIRCULAR issued by A. M. Smith and W.
W. Keighley, of Toronto, and Jas. Neil, of
Owen Sound, who are respectively president,
vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the
new marine concern, announces the establish-
ment of a new steamboat line which will op-
erate between Owen Sound and Sault Ste.
Marie, beginning with the opening of navi-
gation.

MR. WATSON, M. P., has presented at Ot-
tawa, the petition of the Emerson & North-
western railway company, represented by A.
Muchmore, Winnipeg, asking for authority to
construct a railway from West Lynne on the
Red River Valley, in a northwesterly direction
to Portage la Prairie, with power to construct
a bridge across the Assiniboine at that point;
and also to build branch lines north to Lake
Manitoba, south to the international boundary,
east or southeast to Emerson, and westerly or
northwesterly to a point on the western bound-
ary of Manitoba.

P. Bonneau, a Wood Mountain rancher, is
said to have discovered a seam of coal in an
immense bed at a point ten miles from Willow
Bunch and about ninety miles from Regina. He
says the quality is fully equal to the Galt coal
and probably better. He could see seven or
or eight feet of the seam but thought it extend-
ed considerably lower in the ground. Sand
stone also exists in tremendous quantities in
that locality, and of a very good quality. It
could be used to excellent advantages for build-
ing purposes.