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JOHN BRAITHWAITE, blacksmith, Greufell, has given up business.

MISS KATE McNAR, milliner, Port Arthur, intends closing out her business there.

MESSRS. McCULLOCH & DERMOTT have purchased 50,000 feet of lumber for the construction of an elevator at Souris.

YESTERDAY the stock of Harry Hodges, grocer and crockery dealer, Winnipeg, was sold to Geo. Clements at 60c on the dollar.

MR. HORATIO F. FORREST, C.E., has just completed an official survey of the Manitoba Southwestern Colonization Railway.

ALEX. McLELLAN & Co., contractors, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Alex. McLellan.

J. C. BISHOP, formerly of Bishop & Shelton, and George Wishart have formed a partnership and will open up in the furniture business in Winnipeg.

THE Rev. Dean Grisdale, honorary corresponding secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute for the Northwest, having resigned, Mr. C. N. Bell, F.R.C.I., has been appointed.

THE Roblin House, the only temperance hotel in Winnipeg is in the hands of the sheriff at present. The trouble is the foreclosure of a chattel mortgage on the furniture.

ON Saturday night the premises of Van Allen & Agur, farm machinery dealers, Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire. The loss was about \$7,000, partly covered by insurance.

AT the annual meeting of the Manitoba Board of Underwriters, held on Wednesday, 6th inst., Hon. Gilbert McMicken was re-elected president for the ensuing year, and Robert Straug also re-elected secretary.

WE have received the first copy of *The Farmers' Union*, a journal published in the interests of the Manitoba Farmers' Union. The publisher is Mr. James Weidman, formerly of Rat Portage, and he is well able to look after the interests entrusted to his care. The first number was issued in Winnipeg, but the journal will be published weekly at Manitou.

THERE is a rumor about that A. Ponton, of the Portland Stone Co., of Winnipeg, has left the city for good. As far as can be learned there is nothing criminally crooked in his affairs, and if he is away for good, it is probably in preference to facing the odium which would fall upon him as manager of the above company, the affairs of which are in a badly muddled if not insolvent state.

JOSEPH WOLF, of Scoones & Wolf, auctioneers, Winnipeg, is about to start a branch house at Victoria, B.C. The firm name there will be Wolf & Scoones, and will be under Mr. Wolf's management. Should there be any symptoms of a real estate boom there, we may be certain that that gentleman will be in the front rank of the boomers. He has many friends here who wish him success.

THE SASKATCHEWAN COAL MINING Co. seem to have been in luck of late. Their men were on strike up to ten days ago, and they have just received a supply of coal in time for the cold spell this week opened with. The cause of the strike was the scarcity of cars to take away the full-time output of the mines, which made partial idleness for the men. We understand that Superintendent Egan has arranged matters so that there will be no scarcity of cars in future.

MR. THOMAS FERON, formerly of Feron Shaw & Stewart, has given up the commission business and has secured the appointment in Manitoba for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

WE have this week the painful duty to perform of recording the death of Henry A. Dart, publisher of the *Winnipeg Siftings*, which took place at Ingersoll, Ont., on Friday last. Deceased was only twenty-six years of age at the time of his death, and had resided in Winnipeg over two years. His constitution never was a strong one, and the hard work of building up a new journal to the success his has reached, no doubt told upon him. When he left here for the east a few weeks ago, he was somewhat broken down, but none of his friends here expected his death so soon. He has left many warm friends in this city of his adoption.

AMONG the notices in the *Gazette* are the following applications for charters for incorporation: A charter to construct a telegraph line from Calgary to Fort McLeod; A charter for the Rock Lake, Souris & Brandon Railway from a point near Rock Lake at the International Boundary, northwest to Brandon; A charter for the Portage la Prairie & Lake of the Woods Railway and Navigation Company from Portage la Prairie to Lake of the Woods with power to construct bridges; An application for the incorporation of the Rush Lake and Saskatchewan Railway and Navigation Company to run from a point on the Canadian Pacific Railway to the South Saskatchewan.

THE Point Douglas Oatmeal Mills constructed by Stephen Nairn are now in full operation. They are fitted with four run of stone, and all the most improved machinery used in oatmeal manufacture, have quite a large capacity of production, and will be one of the most valuable of Winnipeg's industries. Mr. Nairn intends going into the export business besides giving the home trade the necessary attention, but this year oats are not to be had in either quantity or quality to justify entering into export arrangements. A sample of the mill's meal which reached the office of THE COMMERCIAL was fine enough to make a native of Auld Reekie think it was a Mid Lothian product.