

At a meeting of the open Board of Trade held on Thursday night provisional directors were elected as follows: Peter Arnold, W. L. Mackenzie, F. I. Clarke, T. H. Brown, G. R. Pugsley, W. J. Scott, W. W. Baby, J. S. Coolican and Wm. Murdoch. Permanent directors will be elected at the annual meeting in May. The organization is based on 200 shares of \$50 each.

The development of the coal mines in the Saskatchewan district is being proceeded with in earnest. The Saskatchewan Coal Mining Company have over a score of men engaged cutting a drift into the Cypress Hills, and a considerable quantity of coal has already been taken out. The quality of the article obtained is highly spoken of, and the C. P. R. Company intend making a thorough test of it on their engines shortly.

QU'APPELLE.

Business has been pretty brisk here during the past week, both the hotels and stores doing a lively trade.

The C. P. R. is rushing freight through at present, no less than nine cars arriving here for different people last Wednesday.

Messrs. Goldstein & Zinkan have a fine store in course of erection, and Mr. J. W. McLane has built a blacksmith shop.

The emigrant shed will be ready for occupation in a very short time.

We believe that there will be a large grist mill erected here in the spring; also several dwelling houses.

A feeling of great indignation pervades every body here at the removal of the Land Office to Regina. The building has been taken down and loaded on two cars and was to start to-day, but it appears the site intended for it at Regina has been cancelled. The authorities seem hardly to know their own mind about the location of this office. We would not be surprised to see it located at Indian Head, or on the Bell farm.

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

R. P. Campbell furniture dealer has assigned in trust.

Miss E. M. Davis, millinery, has gone out of business.

The proprietor of the Farmers' Hotel has arranged with his creditors.

Dickson & McDonald, grocers, have dissolved. The business will be continued by Mr. McDonald.

Rev. Alan Bell has been appointed inspector of public schools in Portage.

The great North-west gift enterprise is fairly under way. The drawing takes place April 10.

W. F. Irwin, from Woodstock, Ont., has arrived to represent the Massey Manufacturing Company, here.

Business has looked up considerably during the past week. Money is more plentiful and a general feeling of confidence that the era of prosperous times has been entered upon, exists.

Wheat is quoted at 68 to 73c; oats 38 to 40c; barley 45 to 55c; potatoes are worth from 80 to 90c.

SELKIRK.

The town of East Selkirk has been incorporated, and the nominations for Mayor and Council took place the 28th ult.

The Hon. John Norquay talks of starting a brick yard this spring on Lot No. 7, St. Peters, which he owns.

Market prices here are: Wheat, 68 to 75c; oats, 40 to 42c; barley, 50c; butter, 25 to 35c; eggs, 35 to 40c; wood, poplar, per cord, \$2; hay, per ton, \$6; houses, six rooms, per month, \$10 to 12.50.

The Town Council of Selkirk have passed a by-law exempting from taxation for ten years all manufacturers who build within a prescribed time.

Messrs. Walkley, Burrows & Co. have purchased Messrs. Shore & Davis's lumber yards at Winnipeg and Regina, and purpose continuing the business at both places, getting their supplies from their mill at Selkirk.

The white fish catch on the lake is not up to the average this year, and fish are in consequence much higher than usual.

Lumbering operations on the lake are being carried on very extensively. It is estimated that the cut will be double that of last year. Messrs. Walkley & Burrows alone will turn out over 6,000,000 feet, and Messrs. Drake & Ruthenford, of Fisher's River, about 4,000,000.

F. R. Gemmel, who has done a very successful general store business in Selkirk for the past seven years, is selling off his stock and retiring from business.

A long felt want has been supplied by F. W. Colclough starting a flour and feed business, together with a market for the purchase and sale of grain.

Big Island, an island in Lake Winnipeg having an area of about 140 square miles, is attracting considerable attention on account of its mineral wealth. Messrs. Anderson & Guest, who are members of a New York mining company, are out there at present prospecting, and report iron in paying quantities as well as gold.

Messrs. Walkley, Burrows & Bradbury, of Selkirk, and Moffat & Carman, of Winnipeg, have formed a company to be known as the North-west Lumbering Company, and purpose building one of the finest mills in the Province at Selkirk. It is to cost \$15,000, and have a cutting capacity of 50,000 feet per day. The machinery for the mill arrived last week, accompanied by competent men to put it up, and they intend having it running by the opening of navigation. Their logs are to be towed from the lake, which will cost about the same per thousand as the lumber does now, and all the offal will find ready sale here for burning brick, etc., etc.

The expenditure of the British Government during the year 1882 was about \$40,000,000, of which over \$160,000,000, was for interest on the public debt, over \$90,000,000, was expended on the army \$60,000,000, on the navy.

EMERSON.

R. Foster, harness dealer, is trying to arrange an extension of time with his creditors.

John Angus & Co., gents' furnishings, have made an assignment in trust to H. G. Evans, manager of the Ontario bank.

MERLIN & LATHAM, clothiers, etc., are somewhat embarrassed, and are asking an extension.

A. Davidson has sold out his interest in the Carney House to Thomas Carney, of this town. The former is negotiating to purchase the Ridout House at Rat Portage. Mr. Davidson has been a very successful hotel man at Seaforth, Ont., and at this place.

A. T. Bayne, traveling agent for the Wrought Iron Bridge Company, Canton, Ohio, is here tendering for the repairs or reconstruction of the Park street bridge. The matter was to be decided by the town Council last Monday night. 5th inst.

One hundred and seventy-five oak piles have been driven in the middle of the Red River for the new railway and traffic bridge between Emerson and West Lynne. The ends of the piles have to be cut off three feet under the surface of the water and afterwards filled up with concrete.

WEST LYNNE.

H. F. Despars, general storekeeper, is about to remove from his temporary quarters on Dalton avenue, which he has occupied since his burning out, to Prayn's Block on Brydges avenue.

Owing to the Hudson Bay Company's grist-mill being shut down a little grain is being bought here, compared to last year; also the building of the C. P. R. from Winnipeg to Smugler's Point has attracted considerable there.

Durham, lessee of Braun's livery stable, is giving up possession shortly and going west to the neighborhood of Moose Jaw.

The engineers for the new bridge and railway are busy locating the line on this side of the river. The line is expected to be in full running order by August next.

No. 1 wheat is selling from 78 to 82c; oats, 35 to 40c; eggs, 40c per dozen.

Mr. F. Conway, proprietor of the West Lynne hotel, expects to locate in Rat Portage, or west at or near Moose Jaw.

George Pocock, the celebrated Souris field coal explorer, resides here. Mr. Pocock intends starting next spring for his coal mine, which is being worked by the settlers in that neighborhood. He is anxious about the South-western railway being soon constructed out west, so that he can supply eastern Manitoba towns with fuel next fall.

The Hudson Bay Company's grist-mill has been unable to run this winter on account of not finding a water supply for steam engine purposes. If water is not found by boring near the mill, a pipe will be laid to the Red River, directly opposite. The mill is a new structure and contains the very latest improved machinery and appliances.