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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 28, 1889.

R. AGUE, blacksmith, Holland, Man., offers to sell out.

W. C. KAAKE, dentist, has opened an office at Portage la Prairie.

F. URQUHART has resumed his blacksmithing business at Neepawa, Man.

It is said a paper will be started at Moose Jaw, Assa., by J. N. Macdonald.

DRAPER & McLAUGHLIN will open a clothing and furnishing store at Portage la Prairie, Man.

THE Grand Pacific hotel, Portage la Prairie, was damaged by fire last week to the extent of \$150.

THE flour mill at Millwood, Man., is kept very busy. Farmers are hauling wheat long distances to the mill, as it is the only one in a large section of country.

CERTAIN lauds in Souris district defined as coal lands six years ago, and since then open for sale at the rate of \$10 per acre, have been withdrawn from sale for the present by the Government.

A. L. SMITH, look-keeper for J. D. Gillies, who was noticed last week as having absconded, has got away safely to the United States. He took with him about \$1,300 of his employer's money.

A. G. MATHEWS, manager of Dun, Wiman & Co's. mercantile agency at Winnipeg, will shortly take charge of one of the firm's agencies in the Eastern States. Mr. Mathews opened the branch in Winnipeg and has been in charge of it ever since. He has many friends who will regret his departure.

THE bailiff is in possession of the stock of D. McFarlane & Co., Minnedosa, Man.

ABOUT \$21,000 was expended in building improvements at Edmonton during 1888.

W. F. DOLL, wholesale jeweller, Winnipeg, went south last week on a business trip.

CONNOR & Co., appraisers, auctioneers, and general commission merchants, have commenced business at Winnipeg.

THE report that T. Headley, of the Grand Pacific, Winnipeg, had disposed of his interest in the hotel, is denied.

CHAS. BOECKH & SONS, the great brush manufacturers, of Toronto, have issued a handsome spring circular to the trade, announcing better value than ever in the brush line.

THERE is an unusually large crop this season of applications for railway charters, for proposed roads in Manitoba and the Territories, many of which, of course, are rather visionary schemes at present.

DIXON BROS., of Maple Creek, general merchants, contemplate the erection of a new store building next summer. The new store will be 100x30 two storeys high, and constructed either of brick or concrete.

MAYOR HAMILTON, of Neepawa, Man., has received a couple of letters respecting the cheese factory proposed to be established there. It is likely Fitzsimmons will be out from Ontario before spring, and if the farmers meet him fairly he will build a factory.

MR. LLOYD, of London, Eng., and C. S. Drummond, of Winnipeg, arrived at Calgary last week. They go north as far north as Edmonton to examine the country with a view of ascertaining the advisability of undertaking the construction of the Alberta and Athabasca railway.

HORACE McDONNALL, of the Great Northwestern Telegraph company, has accepted the management of the business of Dun, Wiman & Co., mercantile agency, Winnipeg. The appointment is one that will be certain to give satisfaction to the business community. Mr. Mathews, the late manager, left for New Haven, Connecticut, on Monday.

THE Spectator, Rapid City, Man., says:—Perhaps no better idea of the increase of trade in Rapid City can be given than to compare the amount of business done in the post office with that of last year. The figures given show that the business done in 1888 is about double that of 1887. Stamps sold in 1888, \$1,445.60; do in 1887, \$1,014.01; amount paid in on orders, 1888, \$30,570.18; do, 1887, \$15,723.27; money orders paid out, 1888, \$7,160.89; do, 1887, \$4,089.66.

AN order-in-council has been passed providing that when wheat or grain grown in Canada is taken to the United States to be ground and the produce thereof in flour or meal returned to Canada, such produce may be returned free of customs duty, provided the owner thereof resides near the frontier and more than five miles from any Canadian grist mill at which such wheat or grain could be ground, and that he observes and complies with the rules, which are specified rules provided for the entry outward and inwards. Infringement means forfeiture.

THE Winnipeg city council will rebuild the burned market building, at a cost of \$15,000.

OVER \$3,000 have been subscribed in aid of the erection of a flour mill at Glenboro, Man.

THE grocery stock of Fraser & Co, Winnipeg, which was a matter of contention a short time ago, and which was bought in at sheriff's sale by Thompson, Codville & Co., has been since sold to Wm. Hodder.

SINCE the commencement of the present crop year, the following quantities of grain have been marketed at Carberry, Man.:—Wheat, 323,000 bushels; oats, 108,000 bushels; barley, 22,000 bushels. Total, 453,000 bushels.

W. J. ELLIOTT, of Elliott & Son, implement manufacturers, London, Ont., was in Winnipeg last week. He is on a general visit to Manitoba and the west, principally to see what the outlook for the next season's trade is.

THE residents of Cash City, Red Deer district, north of Calgary, have forwarded a petition to the Postmaster-General praying that a post office be established at Cash City, and that L. M. Sage be appointed postmaster, also that a weekly mail service be established between Calgary and Cash City.

THE first annual banquet of the Montreal board of trade was held at the Windsor, on Wednesday evening. It was a brilliant success. Senator Drummond presided and there were about 700 present. The guests included the Governor-General and many leading politicians from the Premier down.

INSURANCE rates at Portage la Prairie, are considered too high by the local merchants. The Liberal newspaper of that place says:—The action of the insurance companies doing business in our town of collecting a rate of 4 to 6 and 7 per cent. on buildings and stocks on Saskatchewan avenue is a gross injustice upon our merchants.

THE management of Dr. Barnardo's Home at Russell, Man., contemplate the starting of a creamery to be run upon the most improved of modern systems, manufacturing into butter the milk of their own herd of cows, and if sufficient encouragement is given by the stock raisers of the district, plant capable of handling the product of 300 cows will be purchased.

THERE were 41 new buildings erected at Prince Albert, Sask. territory, last season, at an aggregate cost of \$45,910. Besides this a large amount of money was spent by the Government on the barracks and court house, which would bring the total of improvements up to about \$60,000 for the year. Prince Albert seems to be improving in spite of the distance from a railway.

CAVILL & POWELL, of Toronto, have given notice of their intention to apply to Parliament for an act to incorporate the Saskatchewan Railway and Mining Company, with power to construct railways from Dunmore station, on the Canadian Pacific railway, thence northerly to the crossing of the South Saskatchewan river at Saskatoon, thence in a generally northeasterly direction to Fort a la Corne and a junction with the Hudson's Bay railway, or to a point on Nelson river, with power to vary its line a distance of twenty-five miles to north or south of course indicated.