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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 24, 1888.

T. W. RUTLEDGE has opened a confectionery store at Fort William.

ELLIOTT & TRUMBELL, hotel keepers, Virden, Man., contemplate dissolution.

A. FERLAND & Co., general storekeepers, Calgary, are closing out business.

GRAHAM & GORDON, hardware, Crystal City, Man., have sold out to T. A. Greenway.

C. W. Belyea, butcher and provision dealer, Rat Portage, has sold out to J. W. Pickett & Co.

M. REDICE, a Grand Forks, Dakota, fur dealer, purchased a lot of furs at Emerson recently.

P. E. DURST, of Brandon, will open a watchmaking and jewellery store at Qu'Appelle Station.

JAMES F. TENNANT has been appointed outport collector in Her Majesty's customs at Gretna, Manitoba.

THE Watson Manufacturing Company will erect an implement warehouse at Killarney, Manitoba, where Alfred Ashdown will act as agent.

RAT PORTAGE will have a Board of trade. At a meeting of the business men, a committee was appointed to arrange for the starting of a board.

A TELEGRAM from Port Arthur, Dec. 17th, says: A brisk wind again cleared the bay of ice to-day and navigation is still as open as in July. The T. H. Camp arrived and departed for Duluth to-day and expects to make another trip or two this year.

NOTICE is given of application to incorporate the Manufacturer's bank of Canada.

J. B. STEWART, stationery, etc., Brandon, contemplates removing to British Columbia.

F. JOHNS has opened out a watchmaking and jewellery establishment at Fort Qu'Appelle.

WM. VERRINDER has opened a restaurant and bakery at Birtle, Manitoba, in the store of E. G. Lewis.

J. JOSS, of Stobart, Sons & Co., wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, arrived lately from a purchasing trip to Europe.

P. MCCONNELL has been appointed local Crown timber inspector for the Turtle Mountain district of Manitoba.

J. E. & F. Brown, who have purchased Geo. Craig & Co.'s general store business at Portage la Prairie, take possession on Feb. 1st next.

MADEL & ROBINSON, painters and decorators, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Madel retires and the business will be continued by Robinson.

R. N. KING, manager at Port Arthur for the Ontario Bank, has been promoted to the position of general bank inspector. He will be succeeded by A. J. Macdonell.

A. E. THOMPSON has retired from the retail butchering business at Deloraine, and will now buy stock and produce for shipment, Graham & Harden will carry on the retail meat business.

QUITE a boom in real estate has been in progress at Lethbridge, Alberta, during the past week in consequence of the news received regarding the extension of the Galt railroad to Montana.

R. S. SMITH, proprietor of the Qu'Appelle Valley Hotel, Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa., has ordered a steam launch to ply on Qu'Appelle lakes. Fort Qu'Appelle is a desirable summer resort.

THE next council of Emerson, Man., will be composed as follows: Mayor, D. H. McFadden; councillors, R. McDonald, D. Wright, E. M. Gatliff, J. W. McDonald, J. E. Cooper, J. Carmichael.

THE Watson Manufacturing Company has appointed W. Wigmore travelling agent for the company for the territory between Winnipeg and Salteats on the M. & N. W. Ry. John Thompson takes Wigmore's place as agent in Minnedosa for the same firm.

THE progress of Toronto has been very satisfactory of late. The recent census showed the population, not including Parkdale, to be 164,000. With that suburb the total figures would be 170,000, or nearly double the population given by the census of 1881.

THE early Kildonan settlers say that Canada thistles were first brought into Manitoba by the nuns of St. Boniface, among flower seeds, and others say it came in with some seed wheat brought by George Flett, returning from a visit to the United States.—*The Colonist*.

A RESOLUTION was passed at a recent meeting of the Port Arthur council rebating one-half of the accrued taxes of the C. P. R. company, which now amounts to \$10,000; also exemption from taxation of all present or future improvements of the company within the corporation,

THE Shedden Cartage Company, of Montreal, has received the contract of the N. P. R. for delivering freight in Winnipeg.

THE land office at Touchwood, Assa., has been closed, and the business transferred to the land office at Birtle, Manitoba.

A. PATTERSON is preparing for a large increase in his cheese making business at Rapid City, Man., next season. He will purchase a number of cows during the winter.

A LONDON, England, cable says:—The Manitoba Real Estate Company has registered with a capital of £45,000 in pound shares, to take over the properties of the Manitoba Mortgage and Investment.

PETROLEUM oil has been discovered in the Crows Nest pass, of the Rocky Mountains. This is the pass directly west of Macloed, Alberta. Coal and valuable mineral finds have also been discovered in this pass.

THE shipments of fish from along the Lake Superior shore by the Port Arthur Fish Company, during this year, amounted to 550 tons fresh and 250 salt, total value \$53,000, which went to Canadian and United States markets.

L. HIBBARD, second-hand dealer, Winnipeg, was burned out last week. Insured for \$1,000; loss claimed at something in excess of the amount. L. E. Gardner, furniture, and J. J. Shragg, adjoining Hibbard, suffered some losses from fire and water, which are nearly covered by insurance.

At the annual meeting of the Bank of Ottawa, held on the 12th instant, the president and directors were re-elected. The net profits of the year amounted to \$150,912. The Rest is now \$360,000 and after paying the \$12,000 in dividends a handsome sum was left at the credit of profit and loss.

At the last meeting of the agricultural society of the Wapella district, Assa., the following officers were elected: President, S. H. Morrison; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Low; first vice-president, W. Elliott; second vice-president, David W. Hogg. Directors, T. J. Smith, E. A. Janson, W. T. Blythe, A. Hare, James Agnew, A. Roberts, J. Marr, W. Logan, J. K. Schmidt, D. Black, H. Blake, and Cavendish Neville.

F. GILCHRIST, inspector of fisheries at Fort Qu'Appelle, is employed by the Government to test the feasibility of growing wild rice in the lakes of the Northwest. He is making the test on each Indian reserve where there is a body of water sufficiently large, and if the experiment proves a success it will prove a boon to the Indians, as the rice is a very valuable food. Seed has been procured from Rice Lake, Ontario.

R. P. BUTCHART & Co., hardware, Boissevaine, who have been selling out for some time, have disposed of the balance of their stock and business to Joseph Birbeck. G. M. Butchart, who conducted the business, goes to Owen Sound, Ontario, where he will engage, with a brother, in the manufacture of Portland cement. The firm now carries on business in hardware at Owen Sound, under the same style as the late business at Boissevaine. The branch business at Deloraine, Manitoba, will be continued for the present, with G. D. Butchart in charge.