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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 22, 1884.

H. M. MOBBS, grocer, Winnipeg, is reported away.

THE grist mill at Essissippi is running day and night.

CHAS. LITTLE & Co., livery, Winnipeg, are out of business.

THE Ogilvie elevator at Manitow was recently slightly damaged by fire.

JOHNS & SHIPMAN, general store, Morden, are selling-out at that place.

AT Prince Albert wheat is worth 75c to \$1 per bushel; oats 50c; barley 35c.

E. M. LARMOUR, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, has sold out, and is reported away.

LEPAGE, PROUYL & MERCIER, hotel, Silver City, have been succeeded by Prouyl & Mercier.

ARMITAGE & ARMSTRONG, Minnedosa, have sold out their livery business to Gibbs & Armitage.

FLOUR at Battleford is down to \$5 per bag. Heretofore the current price has been \$6.50 to \$7.00.

A FIRM, composed of Messrs. Grassick & Graham, propose starting a glove factory at Pilot Mound.

EDE & HOOPER, marble dealers, Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business will be continued by Samuel Hooper.

DURING the month of December money orders to the amount of \$21,392.43 were issued from the Port Arthur Post office.

A. DEBRICK has commenced business in the tin and stove line at his homestead on section 4, range 12, near Pilot Mound.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway have decided to make the rate for emigrants from Quebec to Winnipeg, via Port Arthur next summer, \$9.75.

MESRS. WATSON & COWIE are moving the machinery from the grist mill at Pembina Crossing, to the mill now being built by them at the head of Rock Lake.

A. MACDONALD & Co., Battleford, have bought up all the seed wheat they can get in that district at \$2 per bushel, part of which they purpose bringing to Winnipeg.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Company has declared a half-yearly dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock, payable on the 16th of February. The transfer books of the Company will be closed from January 26th to February 23rd.

THE Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company have opened an office at Silver City, near the summit of the Rockies. On the eastern division, on the north shore of Lake Superior, temporary offices have been opened at Isbister's Dock and Winston's Dock.

VIRDEN claims a population of 300. There are in the town 6 general stores, 2 hardware stores, 4 blacksmith shops, 2 butchers, 4 livery stables, 5 hotels, and 1 harness shop. The Ogilvie Milling Company have a large elevator there. A grist mill is said to be wanted.

The number of failures in Canada during the past five years were as follows: 1879, 2,075; 1880, 339; 1881, 607; 1882, 755; 1883, 1,464. The percentage of assets to liabilities in each of these years was as following, the figures representing each year in rotation, 50, 47, 54, 49 and 56 per cent.

EATON & LINDSAY, of the Winnipeg Business College, have dissolved, Mr. Eaton retiring to engage in the publishing business at Toronto. The college will be conducted by Lindsay & Garrett. The success attending this college in the past has been marked, and we predict for the new management an equally successful career.

THERE were 345 failures in the United States reported to *Bradstreet's* during the week ending Dec. 12, 63 more than the preceding week, 3 more than the corresponding week of 1883, and 142 more than the same week of 1881. The total exceeds the record for any one week during the past five years. About 69 per cent. were those of small traders whose capital was less than \$5,000. Canada had 30 39 failures, an increase of 12.

MANITOW (formerly Manitoba City) is progressing rapidly. The new town possesses now five general stores, three hotels, a drug store, shoe shop, two furniture stores, a liquor store, a barber shop and billiard saloon, a harness shop, and two lumber yards. Huntz & Rany have rented Huston's hotel. Francis & Fowler intending moving across the railway track into the store under Kirkpatrick's hotel. Gordon & Dagg have started a lumber yard on the market square.

ON Saturday a deputation from the Board of Trade, composed of the President, Vice-President, and Messrs. Whitla and Sweeney waited upon Attorney-General Miller to confer with him in reference to his having given orders to withhold from Dun, Wiman & Co., the information contained in their semi-weekly Mercantile Test. The object of the deputation was stated, but the Attorney-General declined to allow the information to be given, contending that it was contrary to law to permit anyone to examine the court records. If one person wanted information to be given, regarding another it could be obtained by filing a *præcipe*. The members of the deputation pointed out that in the present condition of the country the withdrawal of the information as supplied to Dun, Wiman, would place business men in a very awkward position, as they would be without any knowledge as to what their customers were doing with their property; but the Attorney-General was inexorable.