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DALY & BRITTON, livery men, Crystal City, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Daly retiring.

SHEARER & FERGUSON, builders in Stonewall, have assigned in trust.

JOHN BRANDON is retiring from the millinery business in the city.

THE sheriff is in possession of the McCaskill House on McDermott street.

MCHALL & COWIE, grocers in Winnipeg have sold out to K. F. Johnston.

PAULIN & WARD have sold out their grocery stock, and will devote their whole attention to the baking and confectionery business.

THE well-known firm of Thompson & Co. hatters and furriers, have assigned in trust.

Mrs. L. BLACK's millinery stock is advertised for sale by the sheriff on the 7th.

G. M. FRANCIS, confectioner, has disposed of his business.

ALEX. BEGG has perfected arrangements for a display at the Amsterdam exhibition of Manitoba products.

JACKSON & McFARLANE, hardware, Nelson, have assigned.

THE value of champagne imported into the United States during 1882 was \$16,814,700.

MORRILL & SCOTT are opening a new boot and shoe store in Dominion City

THE new grist-mill in Dominion City is expected to be ready for operation next week.

THE Dominion expenditure on account of immigration for the year ending June 30, 1882, was \$253,061.

STRAITH & Co. are making arrangements to start trade auction sales. They have secured premises in the Gerrie Block, on Princess street.

THE Manitoba Mutual Fire Insurance Company held its annual meeting last week. A very encouraging financial statement was presented. Stewart Mulvey was elected President.

MR. ROYAL has moved in the House of Commons to abolish the duties on lumber imported into Manitoba. The advisability of allowing agricultural implements to come in free of duty has also been under consideration.

SALES of postage stamps, wrappers, etc., in Winnipeg during the month of February amounted to \$5,703. The sales for the same month last year were \$3,475.

COLONIZATION schemes are all very well in their way. But it is one of those things that are liable to be overdone, and the Government should be careful not to extend it beyond the limits of prudence.

It is intimated that the combination between the Canadian Pacific and Vanderbilt has stimulated the intention of the Grand Trunk to build to Chicago to a firm resolve, and the work may be begun this season.

P. McCAFFREY, who ran the restaurant in connection with the Club Chambers on Portage avenue, is in difficulties, the bailiff being in possession on a landlord's warrant.

A MEETING of the creditors of H. S. Despars, of West Lynne, was held in this city last week when a compromise was effected at 52 cents on the dollar. Heavy loss by fire a week or two ago and light insurance were the causes of the embarrassment of the firm.

CONSIDERABLE grain has been shipped from Gladstone during the winter. The quantity would have been much greater only for lack of railway facilities.

THE *Journal of Commerce* says the retail trade in Montreal is passing through a somewhat trying period, the competition having become too great. A number of the small houses are being crowded to the wall.

THE Mahon Banking Company in London, Ont., have suspended payment. Their liabilities are estimated about \$300,000, the Bank of Montreal being the principal creditor.

HANSON & TOBIAS, general storekeepers in Turtle Mountain City, have failed, and the sheriff is looking after the premises.

THE firm of Graburn, Gardner & Co., lumber dealers has been dissolved. The business will be continued under the firm style of Graburn, Gardner & Gray.

CONSIDERABLE building is going on in Gladstone, Dean & Poynter have erected a fine store on South Morris avenue, which they will utilize as a hardware store. John Ferguson has started the erection of a large new store. The *Gladstone Age* will appear shortly.

THOS. R. WILT, passenger agent of the Chicago and Louisville Air Line, has been paying a visit to this city, and succeeded in making arrangements for through passenger traffic between Winnipeg and Louisville via Chicago.

JOHN A. TEES, late of St. Johns, P. Q., has established himself in the Bird Block in a general agency and commission business. He represents a number of leading firms in Canada and the United States, and with his thorough knowledge of business cannot but do well.

RATHER a remarkable new departure, now being made in Montreal, is thus referred to by the *Journal of Commerce*: Two of the larger manufacturers in the city, Messrs. J. W. Mackenzie & Co., in clothing, and Messrs. Ames, Holden & Co., in boots and shoes, have chartered a train from this city to Manitoba, each firm taking so many cars, the whole to be in charge of a competent employee of the firms. Other firms will probably follow their example in this respect as affording the readiest means of supplying customers' orders in Manitoba and the North-west.