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The Gladstone Age has been enlarged.

JOHN FIELD, from England, will open a drug store at Calgary.

The Calgary Lumber Co. have opened their yard at that place.

The new Hudson's Bay Store at Shoal Lake was opened at Christmas.

MISS PARKE, fruit and confectionery, Winnipeg, has given up business.

The C.P.R. authorities have prepared plans for the stock yards at Calgary.

EDWARD STANLEY, of Benlah, has opened a general store at Arrow River post office, Man.

SNOW & Co., tobaccos, Winnipeg, report that the late fire in their premises did very little damage. Their stock was untouched, and only some papers were injured by water.

NOTICE is given in the Manitoba Gazette that application will be made for an act incorporating the Manitoba Life Insurance Company.

THE Dominion Express Co. have opened offices at Rapid City, Binscarth, Russell and Langenberg, the three latter places on the Northwestern railway extension, beyond Birtle.

THE bankrupt stock of Phelan Bros., fancy goods, etc., which was sold by the sheriff, at the instance of a brother, was bought in at 53c in the \$, presumably in the interests of the insolvents.

APPLICATION will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a charter for a line of railway from Rapid City to the mouth of Bird Tail Creek, and then northwesterly to Yorkton, Assa.

THE settlers of the Arrow River district, Man., talk of starting a creamery in the spring. A representative from that settlement was in the city last week, looking into the matter of procuring machinery.

THE Calgary Herald has changed hands, and is now published by Lucas & Ewer. The junior partner's experience in connection with metropolitan papers, will no doubt enable the new firm to make a success of the Herald.

GLINES & Co., produce and commission merchants and manufacturer's agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. J. Taylor, of the late firm, and T. H. Schneider, a well known gentleman of this city, will carry on the business, under the style of Schneider & Taylor.

THE stock of G. C. Long & Co., dealers in clothing, Winnipeg, was damaged by fire, on Wednesday evening last, the fire originating in the store about the stove. Mr. Long valued the stock at \$4,000 and places the loss at \$1,200. Insured with the Royal Canadian for \$2,000.

SATURDAY'S Toronto Mail contained an historical sketch of the city of Winnipeg, covering over six pages of the paper, and profusely illustrated with engravings of street views, public buildings, and prominent citizens. The work was prepared by H. O. Burkhart and George Ham, of this city.

THE following are the ruling prices for provisions, etc., in Calgary at present: Apples,

per barrel, \$6; potatoes 90c; onions, \$3.60; cabbage, 6c per lb; carrots, 3c per lb; beets, 4c per lb; turnips, 60c per bush; bacon, 16c; hams, cured, 20c; chickens, 15c; turkeys, 25c; geese, 25c; ducks, 20c; butter, good dairy, 30 to 35c; lard, 15c; eggs, 35c; cheese, 20c; flour, patent, \$3; strong bakers, \$2.60; wood, dry, \$7; hay per ton, pressed, \$14; loose, \$9; oats, 65c.

THE Calgary butchers have made an agreement to charge the following prices for the next three months: Beef by side or carcass, 9c per lb; forequarter, 8½c per lb; hind-quarter, 11c per lb; roasts and steaks, 15c per lb; boiling pieces, 10c per lb; hearts, tongues and livers 50c each; shanks, 50c each. Mutton by carcass, 12c per lb; legs 20c per lb; chops, 18c per lb; roasts, 15c per lb; breasts, 12½c per lb. Pork, roasts and chops, 15c per lb; pickled, 15c per lb. Sausage, small quantities, 15c per lb; quantities of 50 lbs or over 12½c per lb.

THE annual meeting of the Northwest Fire Insurance Co., was held in Winnipeg on Wednesday of last week. The report submitted by the directors showed an increased premium income, amounting to \$22,000. A dividend at the rate of 8 per cent was declared on the paid up capital stock. The following board was elected: Duncan McArthur, president; Hon. J. Sutherland, vice-president. Directors, Sheriff Inkster, A. Logan, G. H. Balfour, H. S. Westbrook, T. Gilroy, J. A. Smart, M.P.P., Jos. Mulholland, W. R. Dick, G. W. Baker, A. H. Whitcher, J. Stanley Hough, D. S. Curry and G. W. Girdlestone.

TWO or three months ago Rapid City voted a bonus to a railway, and another to a flour mill. These bonds were no sooner issued than they have been seized by the sheriff, the town's debentures to the amount of \$10,000 now being in the hands of that officer. The citizens are in a quandry to know how to secure possession of the debentures, and at a public meeting it was decided to collect taxes to an amount sufficient to cover the claims in the hands of the sheriff. It is said that there are enough back taxes on the books to square off with the sheriff, but no doubt their collection will be a difficult matter, and perhaps a tax sale will have to be resorted to.