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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 13, 1888.

JOHN WOOD, baker, Portage la Prairie, has sold out.

CHAS. B. EDIE, proprietor Edie hotel, Brandon, is dead.

JOSEPH KERR, furniture dealer, Manitou; style now Kerr & McGee.

THOMPSON BROS. & FORREST, jewellers, Winnipeg; style now G. R. Thompson & Co.

TAYLOR & MARSHALL, general storekeepers, Dominion City, Man., have assigned in trust.

JOHN ANDERSON and John Bethune have entered into partnership and established a dry goods business at Manitou, Man.

THE Morden House, Morden, Man., has changed hands, and is now conducted by Harry Brown, who bought out Neobart.

HOLMES & McCROSSAN, publishers of the News, Rat Portage, have dissolved partnership. J. A. McCrossan will continue the business and paper.

STENNETT, GENMEL & Co., of Winnipeg, who have been doing an extensive business in handling raw furs on commission, have decided to enlarge their field, and in future handle hides and skins, and general produce. THE COMMERCIAL cheerfully recommends this firm to the trade.

W. D. COOK, of the Walseley, Assa, flour mill, writes to the effect that there is a good opening at that place for a harness maker and shoemaker. J. P. Dill has gone east to purchase engine and other machinery to start a cheese factory on a large scale in the spring. Cattle and sheep are doing well, and the number in the district is rapidly increasing. The wheat is pronounced to be the "finest hard wheat in the world."

THE committee of the Toronto board of trade has reported on the wheat samples brought by Prof. Saunders from the Northwest. They recommend strongly the cultivation of red fife wheat as the best, if found to stand the climate. If some other variety be resorted to for climatic purposes they recommend that Ladoga wheat be tried.

J. E. THOMAS, who commenced business about a year ago in the general store line, at Portage la Prairie, has assigned in trust to R. J. Whitla. Thomas was formerly in business at the Portage, and was afterward with Geo. Craig & Co. He has had no connection with the latter firm since undertaking his last venture at Portage la Prairie.

THERE was a large gathering of ratepayers at the railway meeting held at Souris lately. The meeting adopted resolutions respecting the railway situation, similar to those passed at the recent Brandon convention. A petition is to be signed and sent to the president of the C.P.R. and the Minister of Railways, urging the necessity of immediate action in extending the railway system of southwestern Manitoba.

THE annual meeting of the Northwest Fire Insurance Company was held at Winnipeg on Thursday. Duncan MacArthur, president, presided. Reports were submitted, and a dividend of 8 per cent. was declared. The directors for the coming year were elected as follow: D. MacArthur, Alex. Logan, A. H. Whiteher, C. Inkster, Hon. J. Sutherland, D. S. Curry, G. H. Ralfour, J. Mulholland, W. R. Dick, W. R. Allan, Hon. J. A. Smart, J. A. Christie, T. Gilroy, J. S. Hough and G. W. Girdlestone.

Brandon Times: An average of over 11,000 bushels per day for the past week places Brandon at the head of the grain markets not only for the province but of the Dominion. Few if any changes have taken place since our last issue. The week ending last Saturday was the best of the season for the delivery of wheat. Although the price was low—51 cents a bushel being the price paid—there was no less than 67,143 bushels marketed. This makes the total for the season's crop marketed here 306,872 bushels.

It is understood the barb wire monopolists will not prosecute their case against the Winnipeg barb wire works on the claim of infringement of their rights. The monopoly has recently been worsted in a suit in Ontario, and now it appears that the patent has been extinguished in the United States, which probably means the effectual breaking of the barbed wire monopoly there. The proprietors of the Winnipeg concern have every confidence in the justice and triumph of their case, and it now seems certain, as previously urged, that the threats against the local industry were only made to frighten the trade from purchasing the home manufactured wire. Their threats, however have proved entirely ineffectual the local company being kept busy in supplying its customers.

THE President of the Brandon board of trade was heard before the city council of that place in reference to the matter of immigration. He thought that action should be taken at once, that circulars or map folders should be issued and that a man should be sent to Port Arthur

to distribute them. A select committee, composed of Mayor Fraser and Ald. T. F. Kelly was appointed to take some action with a view of inducing immigrants to settle in Brandon and vicinity. The committee has since recommended that the sum of \$100 be granted to assist in getting out 10,000 map folders to be distributed to representative men in the district, who would forward them to friends in the east. The idea of sending a man to Port Arthur was dropped.

It is proposed that the Government should purchase the herd of buffalo owned by Warden Bedson, of the Manitoba penitentiary, and transfer them to the Canadian National Park in the Rocky Mountains. The idea seems a good one. The climate of the park would be well adapted to the buffalo, and they would thrive there. Tourists to the great natural pleasure resort would then be able to see the only remaining specimens of the famous wild cattle which once roamed in thousands over the prairies of the west. The buffalo would prove a great attraction at the park, and beyond this it would be a laudable undertaking to preserve this great animal from utter extinction.

NOTICE is given in the Canada Gazette that letters patent have been issued to a company known as the Shuniah Manufacturing Land and Development Company, with the following comprehensive objects in view: To develop the mineral, agricultural, timber and other natural resources of Thunder Bay district; to carry on the business of mining, milling, manufacturing, farming, stockraising, ranching, forwarding, smelting, treating ores and mineral substances, buying selling and dealing in all kinds of minerals and mineral substances, wool, lumber, materials, timber, implements, machinery, stock-in-trade, general merchandise and all kinds of personal property. The capital to do all this will consist of \$25,000, in 5,000 shares. The incorporators are Geo. Cosgrove, of Fort William; A. W. Darby, Thos. Ryan, A. Keefer, F. H. Keefer, of Port Arthur.

THERE is no better proof that the wholesale trade of Winnipeg is established on a solid foundation, than to note the many handsome and costly warehouses which have been erected during the past few years. Several of these have been described from time to time in these columns. A few weeks ago reference was made to the large wholesale warehouse of G. F. & J. Galt, then just completed. Now another fine building has just received its finishing touches, and will be fully occupied in a few days. This latest addition is the fine wholesale hardware warehouse recently erected by Miller, Morse & Co., on Princess Street. The building is 35 feet frontage with a depth of 100 feet, and is constructed of massive stone and brick. The building comprises four floors and is fitted with all modern improvements, including an hydraulic elevator, complete system of hot water heating, &c., being considered on the whole one of the most complete and modern buildings in the Province. The first floor is utilized for offices and sample room and the remaining portion of the building will contain a stock of general hardware unsurpassed in the country. The building reflects credit upon the enterprise of the firm, and is an indication of the faith which they have in the future of the city's wholesale trade.