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WINNIPEG, MARCH 31, 1885.

G. F. TIMS, general storekeeper, Regina, is removing to Swift Current.

MCDONALD & MCDUGALL, of the Gladstone flour mills have dissolved partnership.

JAMES BUTTERS, of the St. Nicholas hotel, Winnipeg, wishes to dispose of his business.

R. J. CHALMERS is about to open up business at Manitou as a dealer in hardware, stoves and tinware.

MCDONALD & LAMONT, flour mills, Minnedosa, have dissolved partnership and gone out of business.

J. W. DOUGLAS, of the Minnedosa saw mill, has gone out of business, and is succeeded by Jermyn & Bolton.

Eggs were sold last week in Portage la Prairie at 20c, and a year ago they could scarcely be had at 30c.

THERE is a movement on foot to start a cheese factory at Rapid City, and a building has been purchased for that purpose.

HEALY & SUTTON, general storekeepers, Nelson, contemplate following the example of many other merchants, by moving to Morden.

THE first consignment of furs for this season from Portage la Prairie to Winnipeg, was made last week by T. A. Newman. Consignments from different parts of the Northwest are beginning to reach the city.

PARSONS & FERGUSON, stationers, Winnipeg, have decided to close out their retail department, and move from present stand to the Gerrie block, Princess street, where they will confine themselves to wholesale business.

THOMAS BENNIE & Co., Winnipeg, have advertised the old Stead & Stephenson, dry goods business for sale, and will probably confine their efforts in the future to their former business of wholesale and manufacturers' agents.

S. F. JOHNSON & Co., wholesale hardware, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, Johnson retiring. The new firm's name will be Geo. D. Wood & Co., with Geo. D. Wood managing partner. Mr. Moore will still manage the wholesale mercantile department.

THE farmers along the line of M. N.W. Railway, and west of its terminus are selling their stock to Calgary men for ranching purposes. The supply will be wanted for Winnipeg as soon as spring fairly opens, and the importation of slaughtered beef in a frozen state ceases.

LAST Tuesday a meeting of the Winnipeg butchers was held in the Seymour house, for the purpose of forming a retail provision protective association. The yearly membership fee was fixed at \$20, and a committee was appointed to draw up a set of by-laws, and secure members.

THE Winnipeg license inspector has been carrying on a determined crusade of late against the unlicensed groggeries of the city, and has been making free use of the spy system. Some people may question the justice or honor of such means, but the end to be gained will justify almost any means within the limit of the law. Outside of the morality of the question, the legitimate trader who pays his license must be protected, and the license inspector has evidently made up his mind that he shall.

WE regret to announce that the firm of Strang & Co., wholesale groceries and liquors have as signed in trust. They have fought bravely through their difficulties for some months, and it is to be hoped, that their present trouble is only temporary, and that they will soon be able to resume business.

THE failures in the United Kingdom for the week ended February 28, as reported to *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette*, numbered 132, as compared with 105 and 269 in the corresponding weeks respectively of 1884 and 1883. England and Wales had 94 failures, as compared with 69 and 239 in the weeks specified; Scotland had 31 failures, as against 34 and 21; and Ireland had 7, as against 2 in 1884 and 6 in 1883.

THE renewed efforts of the Montreal and Toronto Boards of Trade to secure the passage of a Bankruptcy Act this session, were seconded by our Winnipeg Board, and on Tuesday the President telegraphed to Sir John A. Macdonald stating the immediate necessity for such legislation, as the opinion of the Winnipeg Board. He also telegraphed the Montreal and Toronto Boards informing them of the action he had taken, and expressing sympathy with them in their efforts.

A MEETING of the Council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade was held yesterday, at which it was decided to telegraph the Government at Ottawa asking that stores for the forces going to scene of rebellion, be purchased from the merchants in Winnipeg. The Hudson's Bay Co. who have been acting as commissariat agents have been sending into the States for car loads of goods, which could be supplied on the spot from the stocks of wholesale merchants here.

THE uprising of half-breeds in Saskatchewan has assumed much greater proportion than was at first anticipated. On Thursday a collision between the insurgents and the Mounted Police and volunteers took place, in which two policemen and ten volunteers were killed. Blood has now been spilled, and a determined struggle in the suppression of the rebellion may be looked for. Rumors of Indian risings are afloat. Poundmaker's band, at Battleford, are giving some trouble; and the File Indians are said to be restless, if not up in arms, but there are no proofs of any general uprising.