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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 12, 1887.

MRS. J. ADAMS, milliner, Medicine Hat, is about to move to Lethbridge.

DAVID DALZIEL, grocer, Winnipeg, has bought the stock of McInnis & Irwin.

S. G. HOGG & Co., lumber dealers, Calgary, S. G. Hogg of this firm is dead.

W. FURNIVAL, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, has been succeeded by J. A. Brooks & Co.

R. D. RORISON, grain merchant, Winnipeg, has admitted John Wilson into partnership.

BROWN & SIMONS, clothing store, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership; Brown continues alone.

MARKS, RUTLEDGE & Co., general storekeepers, Nicola, B.C., have sold their stock to one Owens and the hotel to Mrs. Marks.

W. T. BEIRNES has opened a harness shop at Birtle.

G. V. ROWCROFT has purchased the Birtle photo gallery.

H. W. OTTON, grocer, etc., Vancouver, is reported away.

R. NELSON, hotelkeeper, is about to remove from Solsgrith to Birtle.

J. A. WRIGHT, tailor and clothier, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

CHAS. O'MEARA, of Calgary, is closing business there and removing east.

AN elevator is being added to the Pioneer oatmeal mills Portage la Prairie.

F. & E. CAMPBELL have commenced draying business in Brandon, and contemplate handling coal and wood.

BROUSSEAU & Co., have opened up business as general storekeepers at St. Albert near Edmonton, Alb.

R. ATWOOD & Co., druggists, etc., Victoria, have dissolved partnership; business continued by H. G. Blanchard.

By the appointment of Mr. Bain to the bench the old firm name of Bain, Perdue & Robinson is changed to Perdue & Robinson.

J. H. MCGREGOR, of the C.P.R. audit office, Winnipeg, has bought out the Terrapin Restaurant from J. J. Hamilton.

H. A. PERLEY, of the C.P.R. dining halls at Broadway, Moosejaw and Swift Current, will also take charge of the one recently opened at Glacier.

ON Friday evening last another fire occurred, the premises of Winnett's furniture factory being considerably shaken up. The fire starting in an extension used as a carpenter shop was soon subdued, when it was discovered that the flames had worked up between the main building and the Brunswick Hotel, which was with difficulty got at and extinguished. The loss will amount to about \$1,500. The building belongs to the Stalker estate and is insured for \$2,500. Mr. Winnett had insurance to the value of \$1,200 which fully covers his loss, being principally damage by water.

THERE is a movement on foot to build a farmers' mill at Brandon, the capacity to be 200 bbls a day. The mill is to grind for the farmers at so much per bushel and return him all the proceeds of his wheat. It is hard to break the farmer off his own grist even when he loses money by having it.

AT the meeting of the Grain Exchange on Friday, Mr. D. G. McBean rather stumped other members, when he offered to take 100 cars of wheat billed for Montreal on a basis of 60c for No. 1 hard on track at Winnipeg. He secured 25 on the spot, and could not get the full number up to Saturday afternoon.

A sure sign of coming freight block appeared on Thursday, when the C.P.R. management instructed all station agents to receive no grain at any point consigned to east of Port Arthur. Dealers here are now unable to fill orders in Ontario and Quebec, which means just a block from Port Arthur east, as effectual as the ice now blocks lake navigation.

THE lumber millers of the Keewatin district have at last formed themselves into an association and established a price list. We hope that by this means the lumber trade of the Northwest will be placed upon a more satisfactory basis than of the past few years, and that the association may be a permanent institution.

THOMAS LUSTED an old timer long retired from business is once more started as a carriage and wagon builder in Stonewall, where he recently purchased the business of Wm. Jefferson. If we are not mistaken Mr. Lusted was the first carriage builder who ever did business in Winnipeg, then Fort Garry, and since he has been several years an Alderman of this city. He was one of Riel's prisoners in 1869-70, and made his escape at that time.

ON Thursday evening the City Roller Mills, Winnipeg, owned by Messrs. D. H. McMillan & Brother, were totally destroyed by fire. The mills had just undergone a complete refitting, and had started working in fine order. The owners had \$19,000 of insurance on the mills, but that will not cover half their loss by the blaze, while their loss through stoppage of business in the middle of a season will be a heavy addition. The fire is one calling for special gret.