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WINNIPEG, JULY 8, 1884.

J. M. ROSS, hotel, Winnipeg, is succeeded by W. A. McDonald.

McLEOD & INGRAM, hotelkeepers, Calgary, have dissolved partnership.

H. S. MAW, furniture, etc., Winnipeg, is giving up the furniture business.

THOMAS FOY, saw and shingle mill, Desford, is about removing to Silver City.

JOHN SINCLAIR & Co., general store, Edmonton, contemplates closing business.

MR. T. J. JACKSON, of Stonewall, has 1,500 maple and 500 elm trees growing from the seed. They are doing well.

EDWARD KELLY, of the American Plumbing Company, Winnipeg, has retired from the firm, and is succeeded by D. R. McCullum.

OVER three hundred head of cattle arrived at Medicine Hat recently from the south for a ranching company at Fort McLeod. They were in splendid condition.

W. H. SAUNDERS, paper and wall papers, Winnipeg, is retiring from business.

EVERYWHERE in the northwest the growth of grass seems heavier than has been known for many years. The prospects for an exceedingly heavy crop of hay are exceptionally good.

During the eleven months ending May 31st, 1884, breadstuffs to the value of \$144,952,162 were exported from the United States, against \$191,425,555 during the corresponding months in 1883.

THE contract for the paving of Main street has at length been signed by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the city, and by the contractor, T. H. Carman, who will commence work without delay.

THE crop on the C.P.R. farms at Dunmore and Stair are looking splendid; it is said that they cannot be excelled in the Northwest. Vegetables, especially, are far ahead of anything in the Red River Valley.

COMMENCING on Saturday, July 6th, the C.P.R. will run excursion trains to Rat Portage, every Saturday, until further notice. Tickets, good till Monday, will be issued for the round trip, the fare being \$5.00.

THE Emerson steam grist mill, commonly known as Stauffer's Mill, was sold on the 2nd inst., under a foreclosure of mortgage, and was purchased by Mr. Curran for \$4,220. It will be put in operation on Monday the 7th.

THE customs returns for this port during the quarter ending June 30th, show the value of goods imported for consumption to be \$638,865, duty \$154,599.27. Exports \$75,724. Inland revenue for the same period, \$12,040.17.

THE steamer *Baroness* is doing good work on the Saskatchewan river at Medicine Hat. A large quantity of coal brought by her from the mines is already waiting shipment at this point. A test of the coal has been made by the C.P.R. and they have reported favorably.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the rebuilding of the bridge over the Seine river. St. Boniface, the C.P.R. Company to furnish the material and the corporation of the town of St. Boniface the workmen. Operations will be begun soon as part of the material is already on the ground.

A NUMBER of traders started recently for St. Peter's Indian Reserve, to exchange goods for cash which is to be handed over to the Indians in the annual treaty payments. The payment to Indians on other reserves will follow in order.

MR. W. G. FONSECA states that the black caterpillars which are destroying the thistles this season were observed in vast numbers in 1867, when their voracity was not satisfied with thistles only, but extended to all kinds of vegetation. That was the only occasion of their appearance until the present year.

THE Indian Wheat question is again agitating English members of Parliament; a new loan of some £10,000,000 to 15,000,000 is being considered, for the purpose of extending the railway system of India, so as to facilitate the transportation of the wheat to the seaboard. All this is worthy of consideration and study by our American wheat-growers.

THE Minnedosa *Tribune* says that Mr. J. A. Griffiths, of that town, is making an effort to secure a bonus for the erection of a grain elevator. Messrs. McBain Bros., of Winnipeg, propose to build one of 30,000 bushels capacity, providing that the citizens and farmers in the vicinity subscribe 6,000 bushels of wheat or its equivalent, free storage for fifteen days each year, for five years, to be granted to the donors by the Elevator Company. In case 6,000 bushels cannot be secured the capacity of the elevator will be reduced a thousand bushels for every hundred short of the 6,000.

THE International Mining, Smelting and Manufacturing Company has filed articles of incorporation. The place of doing business is in Minneapolis, with a branch office in Winnipeg. The stock of \$2,000,000 is divided into shares of \$10 each. The officers are R. T. Hurlburt, President; O. R. King, Vice-President; Chas. Evans Holt, Secretary and General Manager; O. A. Pray, Treasurer. The other incorporators are F. C. Pillsbury and R. C. Kalkoff, Minneapolis; F. Proudfoot and J. S. Tupper, Winnipeg. The mines are located on Big Island in Lake Winnipeg, and cover an area of 240 acres of ground, which it is estimated will produce from 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 tons of the very best hematite iron, especially adapted to the manufacture of fine steel.