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WINNIPEG, JUNE 24, 1884.

R. J. HURST, grist mill, Waubeesh, is out of business.

S. HOWARD, M.D., Deloraine, has removed to Plum Creek.

J. B. THOMAS, grocer and tailor, Calgary, has assigned in trust.

GEORGE VINCENT, hotel, St. Pauls Parish, has given up business.

L. STENHOFF, harness dealer, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

S. MULVEY, brewer, Winnipeg is about forming a Joint Stock Company.

GRIFFITH & DENISON, general store, Minnedosa, have dissolved partnership.

SHAW BROS., grocers, Winnipeg, had their stock sold by the Sheriff, on the 19th inst. It brought 37c on the dollar.

UP to the present time 50 per cent. more immigrants have come into Winnipeg this month than for the same month last year.

J. S. CARVETH, flour and feed merchant, Winnipeg, has sold out to Chester & Co.

THE steamer *Ojeman*, belonging to the North west Lumber Company, has arrived at Selkirk with a raft from Point Aux Grand Marias.

MESSRS. LEE & McTAVISH, of Rapid City, have decided to build a dam to run their flouring mill by water power. This will be a great improvement upon steam power as fuel is expensive.

MR R. S. ENNIS, living near Grenfell, states that his barley is all headed out, and averages about twenty-four inches in height, and his wheat looks as if it will be in full head by the 10th of July.

MR. J. W. HORNE has presented as a gift three acres and a half of land, adjoining the railroad in Brandon, to the Farmers' Union for mill and elevator purposes. Building will be commenced at once.

A NUMBER of cheap excursions from Winnipeg and Port Arthur to all eastern points have been announced by the Beatty (Sarnia) line of steamers, to give the people of the Northwest an opportunity of visiting their friends in the eastern provinces.

MR. INGLIS, of Inglis & Co., steam bakers, Belfast, Ireland, passed through the city on Monday. His firm uses 500 barrels of flour daily. Mr. Inglis has fallen in love with our No. 1 hard, and a shipment in the near future is not improbable.

THE *Moosejaw News* says that in the tract of country lying between Qu'Appelle and Pense station on the one hand, and Long Lake and the limit of cultivation south of Regina on the other, not less than 30,000 acres have been put under crop this season.

SEVERAL valuable maps, dated between 1657 and 1779, have been secured by Charles N. Bell of this city. They describe the old French possessions in America. They are full of the most valuable information as to the position of the early forts in this Northwest, and a great acquisition to the archives of the country.

CAPTAIN D. MCPHEE, one of the original owners of the Rabbit Mountain Silver Mines near Port Arthur, Mr. Horner of this city, and Mr. D. McBean of Moosejaw, accompanied by Mr. A. H. Vaughan, D.L.S., left on the morning of the 20th for Moosejaw to locate a coal mine lately discovered about 80 miles south of that town

MR. E. A. BAILEY, of the Farmers' Union, had an interview with Superintendent Egan, on Saturday, relative to the elevator monopoly.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to open a straight road from Troy (or Qu'Appelle) Station on the C.P.R., via the Carrot River Settlement, to Prince Albert. It will cross the south branch of the Saskatchewan at or near the H. B. Co.'s store, where a licensed ferry is to be in running order soon. This is expected to shorten the distance from Prince Albert to Troy about 80 miles.

THE number of failures in the United Kingdom and Ireland as reported by *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette* (London), for the week ending May 24 was 71, as compared with 214 and 248 respectively in like weeks of May in 1863 and 1882. England and Wales had 53, as against 191 and 221; Scotland had 18, against 19 and 22, and none were reported from Ireland, as compared with 4 and 5 each in like weeks in May, 1883 and 1882.

THE Queen's Hotel, Port Arthur, has been totally destroyed by fire. The building was owned by Thomas Marks & Co., and was valued at \$15,000. Insurance unknown. Messrs. Bussey & Co., the lessees, lose about \$8,000 worth of furniture, which was insured for \$4,000. Several boarders lost sums varying from \$200 to \$600. Mr. McPherson, travelling salesman for Carscaden & Peck of this city, was burned to death, so rapidly did the flames make headway. [See obituary in another column].

DISPATCHES from Montreal state that the Canadian forwarding companies have reduced the rate on grain from Kingston to Montreal one-quarter of a cent per bushel. The Elevating Company has also reduced its rates one-quarter of a cent. This is in conformity with the growing belief across the border that the Canadian water-routes carrying interests must compete with those via the lakes and canals in the United States. The Canadian grain dealers were reported indignant because the reduction practically went into force in ten days or a fortnight. The lower rate took effect only on grain which left Chicago Monday, June 9th. Large quantities had been bought and sold previous to Saturday in expectation that the reduction would take effect the same day as the reduction operates on the canal.--Bradstreet's.