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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 7, 1886.

Miss K. HYDER, Milliner, Winnipeg has assigned.

F. C. McPHERSON is building a hotel at Binscarth.

BLUNDELL & VINE have opened a meat market at Medicine Hat.

DUNN & BENNIE, commission agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

ALLEN & MCKENZIE, brewers, Moosejaw, contemplate dissolving partnership.

ROBT. BALKWELL, grocers and liquor dealers, Boissevain, has moved to Deloraine.

E. GALLAGHER, of the firm of P. Gallagher & Sons, butchers, Winnipeg, is dead.

S. GRAHAM has purchased the interest of C. W. Merrill in the Royal Hotel, Lethbridge.

D. W. CUMMING has opened a banking office and brokerage and collecting agency at Birtle, Man.

HUNT & DICKSON, grocers and liquor dealers, Winnipeg, contemplate dissolving partnership.

— GOLDSMITH has opened a store at Binscarth, west of Birtle, on the M & N. W. Ry.

A. H. MCINTYRE of Portage la Prairie, will open a jewelry and watchmaking establishment at Minnedosa.

R. SWEET, saddler, Regina, has taken Alex. McDonald into partnership, under the style of Sweet & McDonald.

B. R. HAMILTON & Co general storekeepers, Neepawa, have dissolved partnership. R. C. Emis will continue the business.

THE C.P.R. Co. have contracted with a San Francisco firm for the building of a steamer of 1,000 tons, at a cost of \$200,000. The steamer will be used in the Pacific waters.

THE partnership existing between E. D. Wood and E. T. Saunders, publishers of the Macleod Gazette and Lethbridge News, has been dissolved. Wood will continue the former and Saunders the latter journal.

JOHN ADAMS, of London, England, author of a valuable treatise on bookkeeping, designated "Bookkeeping Simplified," has established himself at 42 Dagmar St, Winnipeg. He will act in the capacity of accountant, general commission agent, etc.

THE city grain dealers are just at present considerably exercised over the announcement that Mr. Alexander Mitchell, of Montreal, had returned to Winnipeg, having completed arrangements in the former city for the extensive handling of Manitoba wheat, and that he would at once commence operations here on a large scale. Mr. Mitchell is well known here in connection with the wheat syndicate of the season of 1884-85, in which shady transaction he gained considerable notoriety. The details of the whole scheme, conceived by the "smart Aleck" of the C.P.R. and carried out with the aid of Mr. Mitchell and the irresponsibles of the defunct Farmers' Union, are still familiar to the public here. Farmers who still have little balances due them through the operation of the scheme, will likely require cash down in the future before they allow their wheat to go out of the country. Mr. Mitchell may not be directly

responsible for these losses, but the farmers who came out behind will be very liable to judge him by the company in which he was found. However, if Mr. Mitchell is now here to do a straight grain business, he will be welcomed by all our grain dealers, who only ask a fair field and no favors. The field here is large enough for all, and the more the merrier. On the other hand, if another C.P.R. philanthropic scheme is to be tried whereby special freight rates are to be conceded, as against our regular dealers, trouble may be expected.

THE C.P.R. seem determined in their policy to choke off the grain trade of this city as much as possible. When the agitation was going on for the erection of storage elevators here about a year ago, the C. P. R. Co. promised to allow through rates from point of shipment to grain stored in such elevators, instead of charging the local rate to Winnipeg, and then the full rate from Winnipeg to the point of destination at the East, when such grain should be transhipped. With this understanding the Winnipeg Elevator Co. put up the public elevator here. Now, however, the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have seen fit to go back on their agreement, taking a menial advantage of the fact that the elevator has since passed into other hands. This is the only excuse which the company now has to offer for refusing to stand by their promise, and to say the least it is a most contemptible one. They now refuse to give the rebate to equal the through freight rate, if the grain is allowed to remain over here for over twenty-four hours. This of course is too short a time to be of any use to our grain dealers, and hence the advantage to them of having an elevator where they could clean or grade their grain under their own inspection, is entirely lost, and the work has to be done at Port Arthur by telegraph, with its attendant disadvantages. As a result of this policy the elevator at Winnipeg has been standing empty all the season, when otherwise it now would have been filled with wheat. Indeed, one of our largest grain firms were anxious to take the elevator at the commencement of the season, but when they found out how much reliance could be placed upon an arrangement with the C.P.R., the idea had to be abandoned.