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WINNIPEG, JULY 22, 1884.

THOMAS SEABORN, livery, etc., Winnipeg, is selling out by auction.

SMITH & BUNN, have rented the City printing plant, and are now running a job printing business.

MR. CLARKE CHRISTIE, of Minnedosa, has disposed of his flour and feed business to Mr. J. Bigham.

MESSERS. HUMBER & THOMPSON, of Minnedosa, have dissolved partnership. O. W. Humber continues.

TENDERS are called for by Johnstone, Roche & Co., of Minnedosa, for the erection of a 20,000 bushel elevator.

J. R. CAMERON & Co., tailors and gents' furnishings, Winnipeg, have sold out the gents' furnishing department.

BROWN & MCKENNET, hotel, Plum Creek, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Joseph Brown.

W. C. COTTINGHAM, harness dealer, Rapid City, is about selling out.

J. W. BISHOP, leather merchant, Minnedosa, is about removing to Rapid City.

THE Grand Trunk receipts during the past week show a decrease, as compared with the corresponding week of last year of \$25,000.

HUGH McDONALD, late of Stalker & Hutchins, Winnipeg, has opened a saddlery and harness shop on First street, at Souis—Plum Creek.

MR. STEPHEN NAIRN has let to Mr. Sproule the contract to build his oatmeal mill at Point Douglas. It is to be completed by Sept. 10th.

THERE were 106 failures in the United States reported to Bradstreet's during the past week, against 146 in the preceding week, and 140, 124 and 90 in the corresponding weeks of 1883, 1882 and 1881, respectively.

IN our correspondence will be found an interesting letter from Mr. Hague, general manager of the Merchants' Bank, explanatory of his recent utterances regarding the Northwest. It is worthy of careful perusal.

T. H. JONES, fish dealer, Winnipeg, has been compelled to succumb to a succession of trade misfortunes, and has assigned in trust. With a generous show from his creditors, his difficulties will probably prove only temporary.

MR. G. B. NASH, of London, has been appointed postmaster at Emerson, Mr. H. T. Lewis having resigned. Mr. Nash is experienced in postal matters, having been employed for a number of years in the department at London.

AN offer of a lot in one of the best portions of Main street, with some old buildings thereon, was made during the past week at \$300 a foot frontage for cash. Real estate is evidently reaching a reasonable price in Winnipeg, and when it does there will be a rapid recovery here.

THE British Government proposes to advance £30,000,000 for the extension of the Indian Railway system. An amount equal to that sum will be raised by private enterprise. This movement has in view the stimulating of grain exports to England to supplant the American supply.

THE Canadian Pacific receipts for the week ending July 14th were \$153,000, as against \$118,000 for the same week of 1883. There were 700 miles more track in operation.

The delegates appointed by the Board of Trade to confer with the officials of the P.M. & M. Ry. in regard to establishing a line of steamers on the river, between Emerson and this city have returned, and report having been successful in their mission. Messrs. Hill & Marvel expressed their great interest in the welfare of the Canadian Northwest, and promised to do everything that lay in their power to further the interests of the merchants of the city of Winnipeg.

MR. COSTER, engineer in charge of river improvements in Manitoba, makes the following statement of work done since June 15th, at the Forks of the Red River: average of dredging per week, 4,455 cubic yards; total, 2,275 cubic yards in five weeks. This represents a cut of 32 ft. wide, 12 ft. deep, and 716 yards long. The first cut will be finished on Wednesday, the 23rd. A second cut will then be proceeded with to give to shipping a uniform width of 70 ft., which will not take more than five weeks for completion. The dredge will be taken to the bar at the mouth of the river, where a channel, 100 ft. wide, will be cut, and buoyed.

THE annual meeting of the Manitoba Central Railway Co. was held in this city on Friday last, at which the following directors were elected for the ensuing year. Mr. D. McAitkin, Hon. John Norquay, Mr. E. P. Leacock, M.P. P., Hon. W. W. Kennedy, Messrs. D. H. McMillan, H. McDougall, A. G. Gilvies, Wm. McGregor, and T. C. Scotlec. A set of by-laws were also adopted. At a meeting of directors held afterwards the following officers were elected: D. MacArthur, president; Hon. W. W. Kennedy, vice-president; J. Osborne, secretary; T. C. Scotlec, managing director; and J. B. MacArthur, solicitor. The president was instructed to open communication with the officers of the C.P.R. with a view of purchasing the Pembina branch of that company; and the managing director was also instructed to communicate with officers of United States companies with a view of securing through traffic arrangements.