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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 17, 1884.

R. CAMERANT, grain and feed, St. Boniface, is dead.

C. H. FIELD & Co., harness, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out.

GEORGE ROGERS, grocer, Winnipeg, contemplates selling out.

WM. HOLMAN, boots and shoes, Birtle, has closed up his business.

J. T. GORDON, lumber, Manitou, has admitted R. Ironsides as partner.

A. P. SAMPLES & Co., butcher, Calgary, has sold out to Stinson & Anderson.

R. BURER, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out to Short Bros., and will continue in boots and shoes.

JORDAN & WILKINS, box manufacturers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. W. Jordan continues.

WM HUNTER & Co., groceries and liquors, Winnipeg, have admitted Jos. Carman into partnership.

THE effects of Howes & Bleck, Hotel Brunswick, Winnipeg, are to be sold by the Sheriff.

THE effects of R. B. Harstone, news agent C.P.R., are advertised to be sold by the Sheriff.

AN action for \$91,000 has been entered by the owners of the steam barge Osborne against the C.P.R. steamer Alberta.

A TEMPORARY track has been laid from Fort William to the site of the new elevator, where six pile drivers are at work.

The contract for the carpenter work of the new Queen's Hotel, Port Arthur, has been awarded to Mr. W. H. Davis.

THE Fort William Sun shone forth for the first time on Friday last. It is a bright, newsy sheet, and we wish it success.

No 2 Red Winter wheat is selling in Liverpool, Eng., for \$1.04, the lowest price reached in that market during this century.

THE meeting of the Board of Trade which is being held to-day, has for part of its business the appointment of a grain inspector.

WARD & MASON have been awarded the contract for furnishing all the tamarac timber for paving Main Street. It will take about 5,000 cords.

THE total number of failures in the United Kingdom and Ireland for the week ending July 19, was 83 as against 207 and 226 in the corresponding weeks respectively of 1883 and 1882. England and Wales had 65 failures as against 189 and 207 in the weeks specified; Scotland had 17 as compared with 14 and 19, and Ireland 1 as against 4 in 1883 and none in 1882.

RECENT figures show that the consumption of liquor in the United States has far outstripped the growth of population. The number of gallons of liquor consumed yearly has increased as follows: 1840, 71,000,000; 1850, 94,000,000; 1860, 202,000; 1870, 293,000,000; 1880, 506,000,000; 1883, 655,000,000. While the population has only trebled in the last forty years the consumption of liquor is nearly ten times greater than it was in 1840, and the amount of money expended in its purchase shows a still greater proportional increase. The annual expenditure for liquor now exceeds \$800,000,000.

THE stock of A. E. Robinson, Winnipeg, (who lately absconded), consisting of paints, oils, wall paper, etc., was bought by Parsons & Ferguson at 34c on the dollar.

MR. JOS. RITCHIE, of Nelson, has purchased the grist mill at Darlingford and put it in thorough working order. The mill is at present under the management of Mr. H. N. Fleming.

THE lumber trade of the country, as reported by the Chicago *Northwestern Lumberman*, remains in the same dull condition that has characterized it for the past month, and the local dealers throughout the Northwest generally complain of slow business. There is some difference in the amount of stock held at different points, some yards being well stocked, while in others the supply is quite low. There is a general expectancy however, that when harvesting is done, there will be a good demand for lumber in the country districts. Trade in New York state has been fairly good this summer. Shipments from Albany continue quite large considering the small general demand. Building enterprises in New York City keep up a steady consumption, although the financial troubles there and the late bricklayers' strike have tended to discourage new enterprises.

THE British labor market, as reported by the London *Labour News* of July 23, was very unsettled, and as a consequence enforced idleness was common in many important industries. The colliers of West Lancashire and Staffordshire were still on strike, and as workers in several other trades had resolved to give financial aid to the strikers it was, at the time of writing, difficult to forecast the end of the troubles. The joiners' and the engineers' strikes at Sunderland still continued, and work in the ship-building trades and some iron manufacturing industries was very slack. In the textile trades the most important event was the ending of the weavers' strike at Burnley, most of the operatives having resumed work on the 18th. The linen trade at Dunfermline was much depressed; short time was the rule and some of the operatives had been discharged. Harvesting operations were going on and were keeping the agricultural labor market in a fairly healthy condition.