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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 2, 1884.

COLRIDGE & Co., lumber, Battleford, are selling out.

R. S. ALEXANDER, general store, Broadview, is burned out.

POLLOCK Bros., Crystal City, have removed to Pilot Mound.

LAING & RILEY, hotel, Stonewall, have dissolved partnership.

J. S. NEELANDS, of the firm of Neelands & Co., Winnipeg, is dead.

R. BECKER, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, is starting in the grocery business.

CHARLES TODD, grocer, Winnipeg, has been closed out under chattel mortgage.

MRS. THOMAS HUGHES, commission and produce, Stonewall, is out of business.

R. HAMMOND, tailor and grocer, Winnipeg, has been sold out under a landlord's warrant.

J. F. LEISHMAN, clothing, etc., Winnipeg, has his stock offered for sale by the trustees.

HARVESTING operations are progressing fast; in ten days grain of all kinds will be all secured.

MCCRACKEN & McLEAN, drugs and stationery, Pilot Mound, are selling out their stationery business.

F. H. FRANCIS, general store, Headingly, has had his premises and stock were very badly damaged by the late storm.

SCOTT & PAISLEY, general store, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by J. Paisley.

THE fishing schooner, *Golden Seal*, arrived at Selkirk, on Saturday the 30th, with a cargo of white fish from Lake Winnipeg.

MR. C. CLARK, dentist, Winnipeg, has purchased the grocery and liquor business (A. D. McLean's old stand) of Bateman & Co.

MESSRS. HUNT & RANCE, of the Sewart House, Manitou, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Mr. Rance.

MESSRS. OGILVIE & Co. have commenced work on their grain warehouse at Neepawa. The building is to be 30 by 70 feet, and is to be constructed so as to receive elevating and cleaning machinery next season.

CARSCADEN & PECK, wholesale clothiers, Winnipeg, are moving to their new premises, corner Princess and McDermot street, Odd-fellows' Block, which is a magnificent building and will make one of the best warehouses in the Northwest.

THE total number of failures in the United Kingdom and Ireland reported to *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette* for the week ending August 2 was 95, as compared with 205 and 239 in the corresponding weeks respectively of 1883 and 1882. England and Wales had 65 failures as against 183 and 215 in the weeks above specified; Scotland had 27 as against 15 and 23, and Ireland had 3, as compared with 7 in 1883 and 1 in 1882.

A RECENT report from the English hop districts, published in the *London Financial News* of August 8th, gave promise of a large crop. The early hops were maturing rapidly, and with favorable weather picking was expected to begin about August 20. In East Kent the improvement has been very considerable, and it was the opinion of planters generally that the warm weather then prevailing, if continued for any length of time, would guarantee a fair average crop.

THERE were 208 failures in the United States reported to Bradstreet's during the week, against 264 in the preceding week, and 179, 132 and 79 in corresponding weeks of 1883, 1882 and 1881, respectively.

THE Manchester *Guardian* directs attention to the fact that the extending practice of settling foreign indebtedness by means of "telegraphic transfers" is showing an appreciable tendency to lessen the number and amount of foreign bills received in the United Kingdom which are subject to stamp duty, as well as of bills drawn against consignments of goods abroad. This fact is made apparent by the report of the commissioners of inland revenue for the past year, which shows that during the year ended March 31st last the amount received for stamps upon bills of exchange was only £745,101 as against £757,948 in 1882-3.

THE London sugar market, as reported by F. Gerich & Co., under date of August 9, was very flat; prices were low for nearly every description of sugar, and with the beetroot crops promising to be larger than ever before, any lasting improvement seemed quite out of the question. The few cargoes afloat were found very hard to place. Severe depression existed in the beetroot market, and although the quantities offered were moderate prices showed a further decline. The arrivals of beetroot sugar in the United Kingdom for the ten months of the present season, viz., from October 1 to July 31, were 374,397 tons, as against 353,314 tons during the corresponding ten months of the previous season.

THE returns of the British Board of Trade for July show an increase in exports of £220,000, or about 1 per cent., while the imports for the same month show a decrease of about 1/3 of 1 per cent., or £116,000. The imports for the seven months of 1884 amounted to £233,157,157, as against £251,014,708 for the corresponding period of 1883, showing a decrease of £17,857,551, or about 7 per cent. The imports of wheat amounted to 25,000,000 cwt., as against 37,000,000 cwt. in 1883, a decrease of about one-third for the seven months. The exports amounted to £136,601,095, as against £137,784,629, a decrease of £1,123,534, or less than 1 per cent.