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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 9, 1884.

S. HERSBERG, hotel, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

R. J. FORDE, miller, Stonewall, offers to dispose of his business.

MCDOWELL & SHANNON, general store, Rapid City, have dissolved partnership.

BARTLETT & THOMPSON, dry goods, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership.

T. T. ATKINSON, general store, Brandon, has admitted J. Nanton into partnership.

BANNATYNE & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, are about to dissolve partnership.

SMITH & BUNN, printers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Bunn retires.

GEORGE D. BELL, agent, Brunswick Hotel, Winnipeg, has sold out to J. A. Cowan & Co.

HUNT & RANCE, hotel, Manitou, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Mr. Rance.

THE Ogilvie elevator at Mianedosa is now being rapidly constructed, and is expected to be completed by the 15th of October.

THOMAS CAIRNS, brewery, Portage la Prairie, has admitted T. E. Mardock into partnership.

PARKINSON & MILLER, general store, Shoal Lake, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Mr. Parkinson.

STEWART & WOOTON, general store, Prince Albert, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by William and John Stewart.

THE surveyors have located the line of the M. & N. W. R. to within a few miles of Birtle. Whether it will run through the town is a question.

J. P. DILL & H. Cross, general merchants, Wolsley, N.W.T., have dissolved partnership. J. P. Dill continues. Their dissolution is advertised in another column.

TODD & ARMSTRONG, Winnipeg Bottling Co., Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Mr. Todd, who has taken in a new partner.

SAMUEL McCLELLAND, left on Thursday for Fargo. He was formerly agent for the Northern Pacific and is now travelling agent for the Fargo Southern which is practically a branch of the Milwaukee and St. Paul which extends as far north as Fargo, but the day is not far distant when it may reach the boundary line, or even the city of Winnipeg.

THE Postal Savings Bank system is gradually extending in Canada. The total number of postal savings banks is now 343, an increase during the fiscal year of 43. The number of new accounts opened during the year was 26,562, and the total number of accounts standing open at the end of the year was 66,682. The system was established in Canada in 1868, and from that year until 1874 there was a yearly increase in the amount on deposit. In that and the three following years the hard times in Canada as well as in the United States, forced many depositors to withdraw their money from the bank, and in 1877 the amount on deposit was but \$2,639,937. Since that year there has been a steady and rapid increase, and on June 30 the amount on deposit was \$13,245,553. The average amount to the credit of each depositor at the close of the year was \$198.63. During the past year the amount deposited reached \$6,444,439.

CAMERON & LARKIN, lumber, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Charles A. Larkin.

THE British labor market, as reported by the London *Labour News* of August 16, reports things unsettled by reason of some small strikes still continuing, but they were not of a very serious nature. The colliers of South Staffordshire, as a body, threatened to remain idle for an indefinite period rather than submit to a reduction in wages. The Staffordshire ironworkers also declined to accept the masters' reduction. The Sunderland engineers were still out, and about 1,000 men were on strike at Glasgow. There was a short revival in the ship-building industries in some Scotch yards, and the building trades generally were brisk. The joiners' strike at Bradford was ended by the men returning to work at the employers terms. Railway building continued brisk, as also harvesting operations. Emigration continued slack.

THE Chicago *Northwestern Lumberman* of August 23, reports many signs of activity, and says that indications point to an early enlargement of business. As was expected, the meeting of manufacturers at Chicago did not succeed in agreeing on any general shutting-down movement, and matters remained in the same shape as before the meeting. In the Northwest the crop question was about settled, and the effect of an assured corn crop was already felt in Missouri, where farmers were beginning to plan for building, and lumber distribution was assuming considerable activity. From most of the prairie states, and also from Indiana and Ohio, the reports of low stock was general, and it was expected that when the farmer began to buy there would be an immediate demand for supplies from the retail yardmen, which, though not sufficient to produce a boom, was sure to induce a brisk trade in all the coarser kinds of lumber. In the east there was a degree of increase in trade, and prospects in New England were brighter. At Albany stocks in pile were large and shipments were fair. In New York city and Philadelphia the demand was well maintained, but in the interior of Pennsylvania, the stagnation in the coal and iron industries had a very depressing effect on the lumber trade.