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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 18, 1883.

T. RIGNEY, liquors, has taken J. Haverty in to partnership.

E. BRISERON, general store, St. Norbert, has assigned in trust.

WM. McALLISTER, general store, Wolseley, has assigned in trust.

G. B. LITSTER, general store, Sewell, has been sold out by the sheriff.

R. B. SHORE, grocer, Winnipeg, is succeeded in business by Geo. Evans.

R. RYAN & Co., furniture, Winnipeg, are selling-off their stock by auction.

WM. BROWN, general store, Prince Albert, is selling off and giving up business.

D. RUPSTEIN & Bros., groceries and liquors, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust.

D. PATTER has opened up in the jewellery and watchmaking business at Crystal City.

GRUBERN, GARDNER & Co., lumber merchants, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

BETTS & GWYNNE, general store, Prince Albert will dissolve partnership on the 1st of January.

J. O. DAVIS & Co. have established a branch store in the west end of Prince Albert, near the old stand of T. J. Agnew.

THE Hudson Bay Company have received a large quantity of new machinery for their grist mill at Prince Albert.

A NEW grist mill is being erected at Glenora, by Messrs. Blain & Reeves. It is expected to be in operation in a little over a month.

T. J. E. SCOONES, auctioneer, Winnipeg, has admitted Joseph Wolf, into partnership. The firm style will be Scoones & Wolf.

The receipts of the late Dominion exhibition at St. John, N.B., amounted to \$45,000, which is \$40,000 less than the total expenses.

WM. MCCARTHY, dealer in fruit, etc., Rat Portage, has formed a partnership with his brother David, under the style of McCarthy Bros.

MOORE & MACDOWALL are opening a lumber yard on the mission property, Prince Albert, to be under the management of MacArthur & Knowles.

During the week ending December 8th, there were reported to *Braidstreet's* 246 failures in the United States, being 14 more than the preceding week, 1 less than the corresponding week of 1882, and 77 more than the same week of 1882. Canada had 33, a decrease of 1.

THERE were 215 failures in the United Kingdom reported to *Kemp's Commercial Gazette* (London), for the week ending November 21, against 235 and 247 in like weeks respectively in 1882 and 1881. Of these England and Wales had 191, against 206 and 229; Scotland had 20, against 22 and 11; and Ireland 3, against 7 and 7 in like weeks of 1882 and 1881.

APPLICATION is being made for a charter of incorporation by the Vulcan Iron Company, Limited, to carry on in Winnipeg the business of founders, merchants, car makers, etc., and every other branch of business connected with the manufacture of metal and wood. The capital is placed at \$250,000. The applicants for incorporation are Andrew Allan, Montreal; F.

H. Brydges, John McKechnie, H. N. Williams and W. R. Allan, Winnipeg.

THE season has been an uncommonly disastrous one for lake navigation. One hundred vessels and 200 lives have been lost, the property destroyed being worth \$3,000,000. Over \$1,000,000 worth of property, or more than the aggregate of 1881 and 1882, was lost in the storm of two week's duration in November. The insurance companies have been losers not only by the tempest but by the close competition in rates. It is thought that there will be a balance of \$950,000 against them on the season's operations.

THE Dominion government, in order to increase the trade relations between Brazil and Canada, has offered to reduce the duty on sugar coming from Brazil 10 per cent., if the Brazilian government will lessen the duty on Canadian fish and lumber. Negotiations are also in progress looking to the increase of commercial relations between Cuba, Jamaica and Canada. The reason given for the delay in the latter countries in proceeding to an arrangement is that each has a treasury deficit, and that any reduction of revenue in the removal of duties will increase it.

RAT PORTAGE was again an unfortunate sufferer by fire on Sunday morning last. The fire broke out in McKinnon's general store on the west side of Main street, and swept over a large portion of the place before it could be stopped. The total loss will foot up to \$100,000. Those burned out were: Chadwick & McLellan, hardware store; James Green, hardware store; W. Brydon, drug store; Baker & Co., general merchandise store; Nicholson, tailor; Woodbine saloon, owned by Myers & Lillie; G. A. Kobold, meat store; McDougall's shoe store; Thompson & Palmer, meat store; J. K. Brydon, law office; Masonic Hall; McCarthy's new store in course of erection. Robson & Kennedy's less on the Masonic Hall building is estimated at \$2,000, on which there is an insurance of \$1,500 in the Northwest Insurance Company. Baker & Co. have \$2,400 insurance in the City of London Insurance Co. Chadwick & McLellan are insured for \$500 in the Commercial Union and \$1,000 in the City of London. The loss of McKinnon Bros. is covered by \$3,500 insurance in the City of London Company.