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WINNIPEG, JUNE 17, 1884.

F. McDERMOTT, baker, Portage la Prairie, has sold out his business.

WM. ROBINSON, general storekeeper, Katepewa, has assigned in trust.

E. W. BISHOP, harness maker and dealer, Minnedosa, has sold out his business there.

PORT ARTHUR has invested in a fire alarm bell. Its weight is 2,056 lbs. and cost \$600.

F. H. McNAB, general storekeeper, Portage la Prairie, has sold out his crockery and glass-ware branch.

WM. BRYDON has received the contract for the erection of a solid brick building on Market street east for Mr. James.

CHESTER & Co., have purchased the business of J. S. Caveth, dealer in produce flour and feed, Main street, Winnipeg.

THERE are numerous complaints heard at present about the damaged state in which goods from the east coming via the lakes reach this city.

SHAW BROTHERS, dealers in groceries and clothing, Winnipeg, have made an offer to their creditors of 25c on the dollar, cash.

GEORGE ECOB, who has been running a tent hotel in Winnipeg for two years or so is reported gone, and the city can well afford to lose him and his tent.

THE steamer *Victoria* arrived at Solkirk light from White Mud River Monday evening, twenty-one days out and ten days overdue; high winds and low water was the cause of the delay.

A PROJECT is on foot at St. Vincent to bridge the Red river at that point to connect the town with Pembia. A. Marvel, General Manager of the St. P.M.&M. railway has promised to assist the scheme.

THERE were 182 failures in the United States reported to *Bradstreet's* during the past week, against 148 in the preceding week, and 148, 130 and 82 in the corresponding weeks of 1883, 1882 and 1881 respectively.

DURING the past week the weather has been more or less broken all over Manitoba, and refreshing showers have been general. Under their influence the progress made by crops has been something phenomenal.

THE steamer *Baroness* arrived at Medicine Hat, last week, from the Galt mines at Leith-bridge, having in tow three barges of coal containing 400 tons, which will be reshipped on cars for distribution along the line. The coal is said to be of excellent quality.

THERE is a movement on foot in Port Arthur to build a hotel at Kakabeka Falls for the accommodation of tourists. The scenery at and around the Falls is said to be unequalled on the American continent. The Falls are higher than the Niagara, although not so great in volume of water.

A MEETING of the Bell Farming Company was held on Saturday. Mr. Duncan MacArthur, president, occupied the chair, and there were present Messrs. T. Howard, A. F. Eden, Major Bell and E. J. Eberts, secretary. The object of the meeting was to discuss the advisability of erecting an elevator on the farm adjoining the railroad. It was finally decided to build one immediately of the capacity of 50,000 bushels, which will cost about \$20,000.

In the Minnedosa correspondence, in our last issue, there appeared an announcement of the assignment in trust of H. G. Henderson, general merchant, of that town. We regret very much the appearance of the item, and take this, the earliest opportunity, of correcting the same. The assignment of a lease of some town property, made lately by Mr. Henderson, was evidently what misled our correspondent, as on investigation we find that he has no necessity for making any general assignment of his business affairs. While we regret the mistake, we are pleased to know, from enquiry among Mr. Henderson's creditors, that it has done him no harm, and has in no way injured his credit.

THE Princess Restaurant, in the Opera House Block, Winnipeg, has come to grief. Ten days or so since Noble, one of the proprietors, left rather suddenly for the United States, leaving his kind regards to a few mourning creditors. Among the sufferers was his partner Hagenois, who was left without a cent, and surrounded by a crowd of hungry creditors. He has since taken down his shingle and announced his inability to face the music. Noble's skip seems altogether unnecessary, as the debts of the firm probably did not exceed \$500, and he must have taken over the half of that sum with him. A little more moral grit and determination would soon have pulled them through their difficulties.

ON Tuesday last a fire broke out in a livery stable adjoining the Lacrosse Hotel, Winnipeg. A gale of wind was blowing at the time, and in spite of the labors of the Fire Brigade, a great amount of damage was done before the flames were extinguished. The livery stable was totally destroyed, and nothing of the Burrige Block, in which the hotel was located, was left except a portion of the walls. The grain store of Alderman Bawlf, another livery stable, and a Chinese laundry west of the block were also destroyed. The sufferers by the fire were: Jas. Burrige, owner of the block; Wm. Multhup, lessee of the hotel; A. C. McPherson, wholesale fruit dealer; Chas. McGregor, livery; Ald. N. Bawlf and Sam Wah, laundry. All were more or less insured except Multhup the hotel keeper and the Chinaman, although all are losers more or less, and in the cases of Bawlf and Burrige the loss is heavy.