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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 11, 1883.

THE Rat Portage *Argus* has suspended publication.

THE steam grist mill at Crystal City is now in full blast.

H. HOLMES, dry goods, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

A. E. HILL, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out to A. R. Christie.

LOBSINGER & ULRICH, general store, Blumenort, have assigned.

THE sheriff is in possession of A. McKay's saw mill at Morris.

A FURNITURE store is being opened in Manitou by Robt. Macdonald.

MELVILLE & CAMERON, have leased the Shumah House, Port Arthur.

WAIT & FLAHER, hotel, Rat Portage, have been seized by the sheriff.

G. W. McLAREN, of Nelson, has opened a branch drug store at Manitou.

AN Icelandic paper, the *Leifur*, has been started in Winnipeg by H. Jonson.

COLE & SANDERS, dry goods and clothing, Winnipeg, are removing to Brandon.

THE Morris Water Power and Manufacturing Company is in the hands of the sheriff.

MOOSE JAW has, according to a census recently taken, a population of seven hundred.

THE earnings of the C.P.R. for the fourth week of November amounted to \$117,000.

AN average of 3,000 bushels per day of wheat is marketed at Greta. The highest price paid is 75c.

DURING this month semi-annual dividends amounting to \$2,250,000 are payable in Montreal.

JOHN M. KELLER, hotel, Winnipeg, has admitted a partner. The firm is now Keller & Fisect.

W. WARD, has disposed of his interest in the Anglo-American Hotel, Morris, to Samuel Keese.

W. O. ANDREW, who recently opened the Delmonico Hotel, Winnipeg, has left for parts unknown.

GRIEVE & JAMISON, stores, etc., have dissolved. The business will be continued by F. A. Grieve.

ALEN LENS has sold out his interest in the store at Melbourne to Thomas Dold, from Amprior, Ont.

MR. M. BOWELL, has been appointed Surveyor of Customs at Winnipeg, and D. Marshall Collector at Portage la Prairie.

JOHN McDONALD has rented D. Taylor's saw-mill at Elm River, and expects to get out a large quantity of lumber this winter.

It is proposed to establish a cement manufactory near Winnipeg. It is claimed to be equal in quality to the celebrated Portland cement.

McMULLEN Bros., of Winnipeg, have purchased the brickyard near Fort William, and expect to operate on a large scale next season.

A FIRM under the style of Parsons, McMullen & Co., are opening a flour and feed store in Port Arthur. The members of the firm are from Winnipeg.

THE stock and property belonging to the insolvent estate of McTaggart & Scott, general

store, Sornis City, is to be sold by the trustee on the 21st inst.

THE C.P.R. Telegraph Company have constructed a line along the Emerson loop line, and connection was made last week with the Emerson office.

MORDEN has three stores and two hotels. The former are owned by Johnson & Shipman, Clerihue, and Penner and Shultz. The hotel keepers are: Henry McKay of the Morden House, and R. H. Johnson of the Commercial.

THE steamer, United Empire, of the Beatty Line, has made sixteen trips during the season between Sarnia and Port Arthur. She has carried over 5,000 passengers; more than 40,000 tons of freight; and made her sixteen trips on an average of sixty hours between Sarnia and Port Arthur.

THE Mississippi Valley *Lumberman* reports the situation, for holders of lumber, as growing brighter. There has been a material advance in Chicago on nearly every item on the list. The advance is made on 57 items, including about everything except common boards, fencing and small dimension.

DURING the last week in November there were reported to *Bradstreet* 232 failures in the United States, being 4 more than the preceding week, 46 more than the corresponding week of 1882, and 74 more than the same week of 1881. In Canada there were 34 failures; an increase of 10 over the preceding week.

THE total number of failures in the United Kingdom during the week ending December, as reported to *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette*, was 170, against 226 and 256 respectively during the corresponding weeks in 1882 and 1881. England and Wales reported 152 against 208 and 235 in the like weeks of 1882 and 1881; Scotland had 15 against 12 and 19, and Ireland 3 against 3 and 2.

ADVICES from Batavia, of September 23, relating to the growing coffee crop, state that in Central Java, there had at times been a slight rainfall, but, on the whole, the drought continued, so that prospects for the next crop remain discouraging. The leaf disease (*himeleia vastatrix*) has ravaged in Central Java the following districts: Samarang, Preanger, Pecalongan, Kediric and Kadoc.