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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 30, 1884.

JAS. SIMON, hotel, Emerson, has moved to St. Pie.

JOS. HOWSON, livery, Emerson, has opened a branch at Grctna.

J. R. SUTHERLAND & Co., saw mill, Winnipeg, has been burned out.

CHESTER & SCHOFIELD, produce and commission merchants, have opened up at 532 Main street.

THE Northwest Publishing Co. have opened their office at 232 Main street, with J. M. Leet as manager.

FEROS, SHAW & Co., commission merchants, Winnipeg and Port Arthur, have closed their Port Arthur Branch.

THE Ogilvie Milling Co. will have grain buyers at thirty six stations in Manitoba and the Northwest Territory this season.

BRENDRITT & Co., produce and general commission merchants, have opened up on the corner of McDerrott and Arthur streets.

THE Neepawa flour mill has again resumed operations after being thoroughly overhauled and a number of improvements added.

WM. LOGAN & Co., bankers, Carberry. Wm. Logan of this firm is opening a private bank at Seafort, Ontario, and has admitted H. Crowe into partnership at this point.

SCONES & WOLF, auctioneers, Winnipeg, have removed from the Harris block to the old Royal Exchange hotel, corner of Main and Water streets, where they will have much better accommodation for their increasing business.

FRED COCKBURN has purchased a stock of furniture and opened up at the old T. N. Scripture stand on Portage avenue, Mr Cockburn was formerly associated with Bishop & Shelton, and it is to be hoped that he will meet with that success which his industrious habits entitle him to.

DELIVER received \$50,000 bus. of wheat last week, three-fourths of which graded No. 1 hard and about 15 per cent No. 1 northern. But few cars graded rejected or condemned. The inspector has found but one car of hot wheat in all arrivals this season. The shipments by lake were 236,000 bushels.

THE failures in the United Kingdom and Ireland for the week ending August 30 reported to *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette* numbered 86, as compared with 205 and 185 in the corresponding weeks respectively of 1883 and 1882. England and Wales had 71 failures, as against 189 and 169 in the weeks specified: Scotland had 13, as against 14 and 12, and Ireland had 2, as against 2 in 1883 and 4 in 1882.

AT the recent meeting of the Flax Supply Association of Ireland, held in Belfast, Mr. Ewart, M. P., the president, in his speech called attention to the continuous decrease in the acreage of flax, and said that he could not but reflect upon the strangeness of the fact that the manufacturers of Ireland, the best flax-producing country in the world, were so dependent upon foreign supplies. He stated that of the flax required for their 300,000 spindles not one-third of the quantity was produced in that country. But 89,197 acres were planted in flax in 1884, against 95,943 in 1883, and the acreage was decreasing yearly.

ON October 1st, the following new post offices will be opened in Manitoba and the Northwest: Boakvien, 16, 23, 2, w 2, Chas. E. Boake, Assiniboia; Saskatoon, 28, 36, 5, w 2, J. H. C. Willoughby, Assiniboia; Edgeby Farm, 12, 18, 15, w 2, Wm. C. Cameron, Assiniboia; Caumore, in the mountains, Wm. Jenkins; Lenox, 34, 12, 4, w, C. H. Spence, Manitoba; Kintrac, 20, 21, 1 w 2, W. H. Minninnick, Assiniboia.

THE *London Labour News* of September 6. reported the labour market as in practically the same condition as in the preceding week. Work in many collieries was very unsettled, and in several districts the men were still on strike. In the iron trades work was very slack and low wages were the rule. The strikes of the ship-builders, engineers and joiners still continued, and the disputes in the glass trades remained unsettled. Work in the building industries and the boot and shoe trades was very brisk, and railway building was generally active. In the textile trades some branches were busy and full time was the rule, notably at Halifax, Leeds and Bradford. The weavers at Oldham were still on short time, and the prospects of a revival seemed very doubtful. The minor industries throughout the country were not very active. Agricultural operations continued active.

THE *Pittsburg Dispatch*, in its report of the glass trade of that city, showed business to be very dull, considering the lateness of the season. There were various reasons given for this depression, the presidential canvass coming in for its usual share of blame; but the main reason for this dullness may be found in the stringency of the money market in the west, where a large quantity of the production of Pittsburg is sold. The numerous strikes both east and west caused many building projects to be delayed or abandoned, thus diminishing the demand for glass, and causing dealers to order cautiously and sparingly. The glass works in and about Pittsburg have nearly all lighted their fires for 1884-85, and it is expected that with the large building operations now going on all over the country the market will assume a better tone than it has had in some time. The number of factories engaged in glass-making in Pittsburg is fifty-four, and the annual products is estimated at \$6,000,00.