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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 26, 1884.

C. BISHOP, butcher, Birtle, has sold out.

A. M. LEITCH, cigar, Portage la Prairie, has been burned out.

M. G. McLEAN, general store, Calgary, has assigned in trust.

S. ADAMS, hotel and butcher, Birtle, has sold out to Taylor Bros.

C. G. REID & Co., general store, Keewatin, have assigned in trust.

WM. BLACKMORE, contractor, etc., Winnipeg, is removing to Minneapolis, U.S.

McCORMICK & Co., butchers, Winnipeg, have sold out to Masterman & Benard.

GEORGE MORTON, general store, Waubeesh, has opened a branch at Whitemouth.

H. S. ARMSTRONG, general store, Poplar Point, has sold out to John Armstrong.

H. A. DART & Co., publishers, etc., Winnipeg, are offering their business for sale.

NIGHTINGALE, LARSON & Co., general store, Laggan, have dissolved. Business will be continued under style of Nightingale & Co.

PRATT MANUFACTURING Co., biscuits, etc., Portage la Prairie, have given up business.

ALLOWAY & CHAMPION, bankers, Winnipeg, are opening a branch at Portage la Prairie.

JOHNSTONE, ROCHE & Co.'s elevator at Minnedosa is rapidly approaching completion. It is the intention of the owner to have it in running order by the 1st of October.

THE Rainy Lake sawmill has resumed operations. The mill is now in first-class working order, and will cut about 30,000 feet of lumber daily. The owners intend to put on a night gang of hands, when the output will be nearly doubled.

THE total number of failures in the United Kingdom and Ireland for the week ending July 26, as reported by *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette*, was 84 as against 209 and 229 in the corresponding weeks respectively of 1883 and 1882. England and Wales had 58 failures as compared with 183 and 210 in the weeks specified; Scotland had 22 as compared with 19 and 15, and Ireland 4 as against 7 in 1883 and 4 in 1882.

THE condition of the lumber trade of the country as reported by the *Chicago Northwestern Lumberman*, showed but little change from the preceding week's report, and in Chicago, the chief lumber centre of the country, with the exception of the local building account, dullness has been the rule. The stock of lumber at the mills and in the markets of the northwest was accumulating faster than the depressed state of trade would demand, and some manufacturers had made a proposition to shut down in September. Much interest was manifested as to the result of the conference to be held on the 20th of August, but according to the report few anticipated that any considerable shutting down movement would grow out of the meeting. In the east the pressure of slow trade was not so seriously felt as in the northwest, and while sales were not made in great volume distribution had been steady and profitable. Trade prospects in the rural districts of the west were everywhere being based on the crops, but it was generally conceded that, while a fair volume of distribution would take place during this coming fall, the full force of the revival would not be felt till next spring.

D. G. McBEAN, of the firm of D. G. McBean & Co., grain, etc., Winnipeg, is forming a partnership with his brother under style of McBean Bros.

THE steamer *Marquis* left Grand Rapids last Thursday, for Prince Albert, where she will lay up for the winter in company with the steamer *Manitoba*. Captain Davis, the superintendent of the W. & W. T. Company, will bring the crews overland as soon as the steamers are laid up.

THE London sugar market, as reported by F. Gerich & Co., under date of August 2, noted but little change from last report. Cane sugar was quiet, with a moderate demand for West Indian sorts. The fine sorts of Demerara were in good demand, and full prices were being paid. Floating cargoes sold very slowly. Beet-root sugar was extremely dull, and notwithstanding the small quantities on offer prices have further declined.

THE British labor market, as reported by the *London Labour News* of July 30, seemed to be approaching a more settled condition than had existed for some time. Among the colliers work was fairly active, and the Lancashire strike seemed likely to terminate in a short time, as at many of the collieries work had been resumed at the 10 per cent. reduction in wages, and the difficulty had been referred to a committee for settlement. Ship-building in the north continued depressed, and what employment there was had to be accepted at reduced wages. The engineers and boiler makers' strikes at Sunderland had not ended at the time of writing, but while the strike of the former trade showed no sign of abating, many of the boiler makers had returned to work. Railway building showed considerable activity and gave employment to a considerable number of railroad laborers. The Bradford joiners were still on strike, and the ironworkers of Staffordshire had intimated their intention of demanding an increase of wages during August. In the textile trades there was little to note, and on the whole, according to the report, trade was as brisk as could be expected considering the overproduction which had existed for some time previous. Emigration was rather slack and harvesting kept the agricultural laborers fairly busy.