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BIGGINS & HUDON, hotel, Whitewood, have given up business.

JOHN W. RIGBY & Co., furniture, Brandon, has gone out of business.

FRANCIS & FOWLER, general store, Manitou, contemplate dissolving partnership.

D. MACKENZIE & Co., canned goods, Winnipeg and Port Arthur, are about dissolving partnership.

A LARGE steam sawmill is being erected by McDonald & McKenzie at the east end of Kicking Horse Pass.

COLLINS & CHAMBER, real estate and loan agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Each continues alone.

MESSRS. J. O. DAVIS & Co., general store, Prince Albert, N.W.T., have assigned in trust to Mr. Robert Dunn, of Dunn & Bennie.

HUGH BEHAN, of Calgary, has secured the contract for the putting up and baling of fifteen hundred tons of hay for the C.P.R., for fall and winter use.

RICHMOND, STRINGER & Co., wholesale fruit, etc., Winnipeg, are giving up business.

ARRANGEMENTS have been completed for the Pet Show, and will be held in the city early in September.

MR. HUGH NELSON has retired from the butchering business in Nelson, Man. The meat market will hereafter be conducted by Mr. John L. Nelson.

THE steamer *Marquette*, on her last trip to St. Vincent, brought about 70 tons of general merchandise. She is expected again to-morrow with a much heavier cargo.

MR. F. S. STIMSON, of the Northwest Land Co., has sold 780 head of fat steers to Messrs. A. P. Samples & Co. at good prices. The lot arrived at Calgary on the 26th of last month. They are for the supply of the C.P.R. Coasting Company.

THE St. Paul Jobbers, on their excursion to the trading centres of the Northwest, will reach this city on Wednesday, the 6th inst., and will return to St. Paul on the following day. The party is composed of about 100 of the leading merchants of St. Paul.

THE steamer *Cheyenne*, which received such rough usage by the spring floods, that it was at one time thought that she would never ply the river again, has been fitted-up nicely, and looks as gay as ever. She will be used during the remainder of the season transporting freight from St. Vincent to this city.

THE Chicago *Northwestern Lumberman's* advices from different parts of the country are to the effect that the general depression in commercial and industrial circles is having an effect on building. This is noticed particularly in a diminishing number of projects rather than in any falling away of the amount of building on hand.

THE total number of failures in the United Kingdom and Ireland reported to *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette* (London) for the week ending July 5 was 97, as against 208 for the like week in 1883 and 238 in the corresponding period in 1882. England and Wales had 70, as compared with 173 and 216 respectively; Scotland 24, as against 29 and 16; and Ireland 3, as compared with 6 and 6 in the first weeks of July, 1883 and 1882.

THE Board of Trade, at its last meeting, considered it necessary that the city have a grain inspector, and appointed a committee of several of its members to make the appointment.

THE British labor market, as reported by the *London Labour News* of July 9, continued very unsettled. Wages disputes and strikes were cropping out in all directions. Large numbers of miners were on a strike in East Worcestershire and South Staffordshire, and "several thousands" of employes at Dowlais Collieries had struck. The textile industries are variously situated, some being better supplied with orders than others. The weavers at Burnley were still on strike, and the Preston cotton-mill weavers left off work for alleged non-fulfilment of agreement to advance wages in July.

THE balance of trade in favor of the United States for the last fiscal year was \$75,676,000, against \$100,658,000 in the previous year. The decrease in the value of exports during the past year was due chiefly to a falling-off of cotton, manufactures of cotton, wheat, flour, hops, tobacco and fruits. There was, however, a marked increase in exports of cattle, oils, provisions, copper and manufactures of copper, rye and corn. The decrease in imports was largely due to a falling-off in the value of the imports of iron and steel and manufactures thereof, cotton manufactures, hides and skins, breadstuffs, tea and wines.

THE British Board of Trade returns for June show that the total value of imports for that month was £29,053,065, as against £36,740,030 in June, 1883, and £31,572,322 in June, 1882. The value of the exports (British and Irish products) was for June last £18,649,174; in June, 1883, it was £20,034,942, and in June, 1882, it was £20,118,250. For the six months last past the decline made in the volume of exports and imports, when compared with like periods in 1883 and in 1882, are more conspicuous. The value of the imports for the past six months was £198,981,141, as against £217,115,442 in the corresponding period of last year, and £206,818,515 in 1882. The value of the exports for the six months was £115,621,173, as against £116,966,905 in the corresponding period of last year, and £118,278,540 in the first six months of 1882.