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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 23, 1884.

WM. CLEVERLY, hotel, Winnipeg, was sold out by the bailiff.

Mrs. D. WILSON, groceries, Winnipeg, offers her business for sale.

JOHNSON & MALCOMSON, general store, Cartwright, have dissolved partnership.

ESTATE of G. C. Reid & Co., general store, Keewatin, was sold at 50c. on the dollar.

LEWIS ARNETT, dry goods and clothing, Winnipeg, has sold out his dry goods business.

ESTATE of F. L. Leishman & Co., clothing, Winnipeg, their stock was sold at 40c. on the dollar.

THE traffic receipts of the Canadian Pacific show an increase last week of \$18,000 over the same week last year.

THERE were 180 failures in the United States reported to *Bradstreet's* during the week, against 178 in the preceding week, and 136, 139 and 88 in the corresponding weeks of 1883, 1882 and 1881, respectively.

NEELANDS & Co., druggists, have opened up a new stand corner of Portage Avenue and Main street, where it seems there should be a good opening for a house in this line.

WITH the close of the present week THE COMMERCIAL office will be in full swing at its new quarters, No. 4 James street, east. Patrons are requested to pay a visit at the new premises.

ACTION on behalf of the Exchange Bank has been taken for \$17,285 against the St. Anna Spinning Co., on grounds similar to those in the criminal action taken a short time ago against Mr. Buntin.

FRED. COCKLEUM has purchased a stock of furniture, and opened up at the old T. N. Scripture stand on Portage Avenue, where it is to be hoped he will meet with the success his industrious habits entitle him to.

MONTREAL shareholders in the Federal Bank are discussing the proposed policy by the new management, which comes up for discussion at the meeting here next month. They are opposed to the proposed reduction of capital.

A. WISHART, dealer in cigars and tobacco, Main street has closed up. Extortionate rent and other heavy expenses prevented him from making his business pay, and after less than a year of struggle he has been compelled to give way.

WITH the settling down of the weather the work of paving Main street will now be pushed forward. Mr. Carman the contractor, assures us that there will be no let up now as he has an unlimited supply of material ready to go on with.

MR. BOYD's flax seed oil mill is fast approaching completion and will be in full operation early in October. In a future issue we will give a description of this institution which promises to be one of the valuable industries of Winnipeg.

THIS number of THE COMMERCIAL makes No. 52 of volume 2, so that with next issue this journal enters upon the third year of its existence. It is to be sincerely hoped that during the coming year there will be more prosperity with the interests it represents there has been during the two just ended.

THE appointment of Mr. Win. Clark as grain inspector of this city may be expected to take place any day. The Board of Trade are only waiting the action of the Department of Inland Revenue. There is already a big demand for his services.

THE business failures in the United Kingdom and Ireland reported to *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette* for the week ending August 23 numbered 93, as compared with 201 and 172 in the corresponding weeks of 1883 and 1882 respectively. England and Wales has 75 failures, as against 184 in 1883 and 157 in 1882; Scotland had 16, as against 16 and 12, and Ireland had 2, as against 4 in 1883 and 3 in 1882.

THE Thunder Bay *Sentinel* of the 19th inst. contains a long editorial on the subject of grain inspection at that point. We like the stand it takes upon the subject, in objecting to the interference of the Toronto Board of Trade. Port Arthur requires an inspector just as much as Winnipeg, but local power of managing it is just as necessary there as it is here. No town or city of the North-west can afford to allow an eastern city to pat it on the head and say "good little boy, I'll run your business for you."

THE London *Labour News* of August 30 reported that the labor market was still in an unsettled state, and that many working people were idle. Shipbuilding and marine engineering were dull and work in many collieries was in the same condition. The low price of iron prevented any great activity in that or kindred trades, and work was consequently not very abundant. Railway construction was active, but there were few new contracts. The boot and shoe trades were very brisk and men were wanted in many places. The building trades were fairly active and good wages were being paid. Many thousand laborers were engaged in hop-picking and agricultural labor generally was actively employed. In the textile industries the prospects of work were favorable, and in some branches the operatives were very busy. The depression among the carpet weavers at Kidderminster still continues, however, and many workers were out of employment. The dock labor in London was very slack and many men were idle. On the whole the labor conditions, though open to improvement, were in better shape than they have been for many weeks.