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WINNIPEG, JULY 29, 1884.

H. S. MAW, furniture, Winnipeg, has sold out.

F. H. JONES, fish, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

LAING & SON, general store, Silver City, have assigned.

JAMES LESTER, hotel, Archibald, has removed to Manitou.

C. CHRISTIE, flour and feed, Minnedosa, is succeeded by J. Bigham.

NEWMAN, FINNERTY & Co, general store, Portage la Prairie, are about removing to Qu'Appelle.

WARREN & SNYDER, general store, Menota, have dissolved partnership. Fred B. Warren continues alone.

HOOD & SMITH, hotel, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Abiel Smith.

FRASER, McINTOSH & McLEAN, sawmills, Pilot Mound, have dissolved partnership.

MCRAE BROS., hotel, Gladstone, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by James McRae.

HUMBER & THOMPSON, tins, Minnedosa, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by O. W. Humber.

THE Grand Union Hotel has been thoroughly renovated. Bath rooms, etc., have been added and it is now re-opened under new management.

THE steamer, *Marquette* left St. Vincent on the 27th, and is expected to arrive to-day. Herself and barge, are heavily laden with freight for the merchants of this city. This is the outcome of the C. P. R. discrimination against Winnipeg.

THE Market Superintendent weighed 1,025 head of sheep on the city scales yesterday. They were brought from Montana by Mr. Bell, who sold them to Messrs. Penrose & Rocan, Mr. Kobold, and Gallagher & Son. They averaged 117 pounds each.

THE President of the Board of Trade has received a reply from Mr. Van Horne, in regard to the discrimination that at present exists against this city by the C. P. R. of which Mr. Van Horne is manager. He flatly refuses to make any concessions.

MR. GEORGE E. LUNDY is building a sawmill at Lily Bay, Manitoba, and expects to have it in operation by the 15th of August. The mill is located in a fine timber country. Mr. Lundy has 100,000 feet of timber ready to convert into lumber. This will be a great boon to settlers.

THE Canadian and American Mortgage and Trust Company have opened an office in Winnipeg which will be under the management of C. S. Drummond. The Company intend for the present to confine its operations to Manitoba and the Northwest.

COFF BROS., stove manufacturers, of Hamilton, Ontario, have opened a branch warehouse on Albert street. Mr. Thomas Waddell will manage the Winnipeg branch. The firm is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Waddell, as he is held in high esteem by traders in this city, and favorably known throughout this province and the Northwest.

At a meeting of the Assiniboine Farming and Dairy Company, held on the 22nd, Mr. Duncan McArthur was elected president, Mr. J. D. Warren secretary, and Mr. Brown, manager. The main object of the Company will be the raising of good stock. Dairy products will also be a prominent feature of the enterprise.

THE total number of failures in the United Kingdom and Ireland reported to *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette* (London) during the first week in July was 107, as compared with 256 in the like period in 1883 and 252 in the corresponding week in 1882. England and Wales had 79, as against 230 and 226, respectively, in the preceding periods noted; Scotland had 21, as compared with 22 and 18, and Ireland had 7 as against 4 and 6.

THE Baltimore *Manufacturers' Record*, in discussing the industrial progress of the south during the past six months, finds that over \$69,000,000 of capital was invested in these states between January 1 and July 1, 1884. This appears all the more striking when the general business depression throughout the country during the first half of the current year is considered. The list of new industrial enterprises is said to embrace cotton mills, woollen, flour, saw, cottonseed oil and planing mills, iron furnaces, agricultural implement factories, machine shops, foundries, fertilizer factories, tobacco factories, ship-building yards and many others, besides coal, iron ore, copper, gold, mica and other mining enterprises.

THE Chicago *Northwestern Lumberman* finds no improvement in the domestic lumber markets, unless it be prospective, dependent on harvesting as full crops as now appears probable. Present trade as to volume and profits is at a minimum in both a wholesale and retail way. The summer season is usually characterized by a moderate business, but the present is unwontedly dull. Complaint is more pronounced east than west, though in the latter it is sufficiently emphatic. It is acknowledged, however, that building is generally going briskly forward in the cities, and that large quantities of lumber are being consumed in industry. This being true, it may be inferred that the complaints as to dullness in the lumber trade are somewhat exaggerated.