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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 7, 1883.

A Post Office has been opened at Swift Current.

Mr. SMITHERS has opened a harness shop at Moosomin.

MOOSE JAW is to be made a money order office shortly.

JAMES PARKER, druggist, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

MISS McLEAN, stationery, Winnipeg, has given up business.

DAVID COWAN, merchant of Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

B. W. MOLLINS has gone into the flour and feed business in the city.

H. B. ROSE, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, has made an assignment in trust.

THE C.P.R. have spent \$186,000 in building operations in the city this season so far.

R. B. WATSON, saw and grist mills, Rock Lake, has taken a partner, and the firm style will be Watson & Cowie.

ARCHIBALD & ALEXANDER, general store, Broadview, were burned out last week.

RETURN tickets from Port Arthur to Toronto or Hamilton are now being issued at \$33.

MATHEW ANDERSON, from Fergus, Ont., has been appointed collector of customs at Regina.

MACBAIN & DUFFIELD, grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved. H. Macbain continues the business.

THE mayor of Winnipeg has issued a proclamation, making Thursday, 16th inst., a civic holiday.

LAST month Stobart, Eden & Co., shipped from their Prince Albert agency to Winnipeg, 120 packs of furs.

THE stock of Wm. Ferguson, groceries and liquors, Winnipeg, is to be sold by the sheriff on the 15th instant.

THE first sod on the Souris and Rocky Mountain Railway was turned at Melbourne on the 31st ult. by Miss Young, daughter of the president.

A. PIERS has been appointed assistant general manager of the C.P.R. Mr. Piers was formerly private secretary to Mr. Broughton, of the Great Western.

ELFORD, MANNING & Co., commission merchants, Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business will be continued by W. C. Manning, under the same style.

THE visible supply of wheat in Canada and the United States on July 14th was 18,170,321 bushels, as compared with 8,947,855 bushels, at the same time last year.

THE inhabitants of Chater and surrounding country are offering a liberal bonus in cash or grain to any reliable man who will build and operate a flour mill there.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway will be completed to Calgary this week, and it is expected that the summit of the Rocky Mountains will be reached sometime in November.

THE Selkirk branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway was completed on Saturday. An opening demonstration will it is expected take place at Selkirk some time next week.

RATES of freight via the Winnipeg and Western Transportation Co. and Northwest Navigation

Co.'s boats have been reduced to \$3 per 100 lbs. to Prince Albert, and \$5.25 to Edmonton.

THE Winnipeg and Western Transportation Company have purchased the warehouse and landing privileges of the Hudson Bay Company at Prince Albert. Mr. R. R. Beaty has charge of the warehouse.

THE Free Press of last Saturday contained an elaborate and carefully compiled record of building operations in Winnipeg this season so far. It shows that there has been expended in building this year, so far, \$1,710,850.

THE following new post offices were opened August 1st:—Big Fork, Rainy River, Keewatin, sec. 1, twp. 6, range 28 east; W. T. Thekar, P.M. Stockton, sec. 32, twp. 6, range 15 west, Manitoba; A. F. Andrews, P.M. Swift Current, Assiniboia; F. Fraser Tims, acting P.M.

A COMPANY has been formed with headquarters in London, Ont., to manufacture agricultural implements on a very extensive scale. The company which will be capitalized at \$1,000,000 is to be known as the North American Agricultural Implement and General Manufacturing Company. Messrs. Weshrook & Fairchild, of this city are on the provisional directorate.

AN Eastern merchant who never advertised was found dead on the counter in his store the other day. It is thought the body had lain there for several days before being discovered.

CLOTHES pins are made of white birch and beech. The logs are sawed by three operations into blocks five inches long and three-quarters of an inch square. In this shape they are fed out of troughs into automatic lathes, each of which turns out 80 rounded pins per minute; with equal rapidity the knives of a slotting machine, set to work like a circular saw, bite out the slope of each pin.

THERE are now being built in England 784 iron or steel vessels, the estimated tonnage of which is over 1,000,000 tons. The Shipping World, in commenting on "the onward march of steel," says that in 1879 only three per cent. of the metal vessels were of steel; in 1880 the percentage of steel vessels to the total was seven; in 1881 nearly ten; and of the vessels now being built nearly one-fifth in tonnage are of steel. The difference in first cost of iron and steel vessels has been reduced to about \$15 per ton.