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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 10, 1887.

J. JARDINE has opened a stationery store at Carberry, Man.

MRS. DORR, from Winnipeg, has commenced business as a dressmaker at Manitou, Man.

FRED ROCKETT has rented the Ellis hotel, Manitou, Man., and will open business in a few days.

THE Winnipeg *Siftings* has again made its appearance, under the management of J. H. Smith.

A. TAYLOR has commenced business at Rat Portage with a stock of boots and shoes and harness goods.

THE Saskatchewan coal mine and plant was offered for sale by public auction at Winnipeg, on Tuesday last, but without bids. The property was therefore withdrawn.

THE steamer Port Victor sailed from Vancouver for China and Japan, on Thursday night, with a full cargo and passenger list and seventy-five Chinese passengers.

MR. JOHN MATHER, of the Keewatin Lumber Co., was in the city last week.

A. CRUICKSHANK & Co. have succeeded Jos. Stovel, merchant tailor, Winnipeg.

MR. JOHN OGILVIE has returned to Montreal, from an extended visit to this province.

J. A. MITCHELL, of Winnipeg, has rented the Macara elevator at Niverville, Man., and placed a buyer on that market.

THE grist mill at Gladstone, Man., has changed hands. Williams retires, and Brown, Burpee and Ritchie are now the owners.

A SALE of lands for taxes in the municipality of Derby will be held at Cartwright, Man., on Nov. 2nd next; and a number of choice parcels will be disposed of.

J. H. ROSS, Moosejaw has gone to Rogers' Pass, B.C., to take possession of the general stock assigned to him by Woods & McBride, of the former place. It is said the assets will be largely in excess of the liabilities.

THE Royal Soap Manufacturing Co. of Winnipeg, now have their toilet soap boxes manufactured in the city. These were formerly imported from Chicago. Some very handsome boxes are used for the finer brands of soap.

A FIRE at Vancouver on Thursday last, destroyed a frame block occupied by Farr, Howatt, Jones and Lymons, Farr's loss on millinery stock is heavy, and is insured for \$3,500. Lymons & Jones saved most of their stock. The total loss will be over \$8,000.

AN item which lately appeared in the city daily papers, to the effect that an Eastern wholesale boot and shoe house would open a branch in this city, is not correct. The report originated from the fact that an eastern shoe traveller had opened his samples here, an occurrence of no uncommon nature.

THE well-known wholesale agricultural implement firm of Wesbrook & Fairchild, of Winnipeg, has been dissolved by mutual consent. F. A. Fairchild & Co. will continue the business in all its branches, and will receive and pay all accounts of the old firm. We bespeak for the new house a continuance of that success which has so long characterized the business of Wesbrook & Fairchild.

ROBERTS BROS., grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Each will probably continue alone.

THE recent reduction in freight rates on potatoes, announced by the C.P.R. only applies to potatoes shipped by the C.P.R. boats from Port Arthur, and thence by C.P.R. branch roads in Ontario. Where connection is made with the Grand Trunk or with other lines of steamers at Port Arthur, the reduced rate will not be given.

THE facts regarding the Red River Valley railway situation briefly are: Mr. Norquay has returned without the money. Nothing is known as to what further efforts will be made to raise funds, but the Ministers claim that they are yet hopeful of financing the scheme. In the meantime work has been stopped on the road, probably owing to the fact that the contractors' estimates have not been paid. The rails and iron continue to arrive in batches occasionally. The province has won first blood in the injunction proceedings, the Browning injunction suit having been dismissed. The case of the Dominion injunctions is now proceeding. In every instance the lands upon which the Dominion authorities base a claim are occupied by squatters, who claim to be lawful owners under the Acts relating to the Red River settlements. The provincial authorities hope in this way to overcome the Dominion.

F. A. FAIRCHILD & Co., successors to Wesbrook & Fairchild, wholesale agricultural implements, etc., Winnipeg, have leased premises in the Gerrie block, corner Princess and William streets, and directly across the street from the old stand. They will occupy the corner of the block, where they will have greatly increased accommodation in the five flats of the building. The premises will be fitted up in good shape by the first of next month. The new firm has already made arrangements to put in a very full line of winter and spring goods, the former including some handsome new styles of cutters, designed and manufactured specially for this trade. Special lines of light and heavy sleighs, bobs, etc., are also being manufactured, with a view to the particular requirements of the North-western trade.