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WINNIPEG, JUNE 22, 1886.

A. COULDRIE has opened a hotel at Killarney.

THE machinery for the new flour mill has arrived at Moosomin.

W. W. FRITCHARD, of Manitou, will open a butcher shop at Killarney.

It is reported that the Hudson's Bay Co. will build a store at Shoal Lake.

GRAHAM & JOHNSON will build a large livery and feed stable at Brandon.

A. McCALLUM has purchased the Beaubier hotel and business at Brandon.

W. W. PHILIP is building a carriage and blacksmith shop at Crystal City.

S. HERSCHBERG, lessee of the Tecumseh House, will move to Vancouver, B.C.

THE grist mill at Morris is being taken down and will be moved to Moose Jaw, Assa.

THE work of construction has been commenced on the roller flour mill at Wolseley.

THE firm of Cameron & Co., lumber dealers, Rat Portage, has been changed to Cameron & Kennedy.

NEW potatoes are reported from several districts of the country, and strawberries are abundant.

THE first home grown new potatoes of the season came into the Brandon market on Wednesday last.

THE Massey Manufacturing Co have opened branches at Calgary, Edmonton and Macleod, in Alberta.

JOS. LAWRENCE, of Clearwater, has had his warehouse burned, with its contents of 600 lbs of dressed pork.

TRACKLAYING has commenced on the Manitoba Northwestern railway and will soon be completed into Birtle.

A RAFT of 100,000 feet of lumber from Lamoureux Bros.' mill above Edmonton, passed down the river to Battleford lately.

It is stated that the C.P.R. have sold about twice as much lead up to date this year as for the corresponding season of last year.

It is reported that the work of extending the Manitoba Southwestern will soon be commenced. Survey parties are preparing to go out.

THE estate of E. O. Denison, of Minnedosa, has been sold for 45c in the dollar, to Denison & Darroch, the latter gentleman of E. J. Darroch & Co., general dealers, Minnedosa.

THE postmaster at Edmonton has recommended a mail four times a year to Fort Chipewyan, estimating the cost at \$1,000 a round trip. The distance is, roughly, 400 miles in a direction a little east of north.

THE opening of the C.P.R. for through passenger traffic to the Pacific coast is fixed for June 28, on which date a train will leave Montreal for Vancouver, passing through Winnipeg on Dominion Day, July 1.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Merchant's Bank was held on Thursday last. The annual report showed the net profits of the year to be \$524,754, of which \$403,735 were paid in dividends and \$125,000 added to the rest. General Manager Hague gave a very interesting address, from which we may make an extract next week.

MESSRS. HALLAN, of Toronto and Winnipeg,

have issued their annual circular regarding the wool trade, in which a not very encouraging view is taken of the outlook. It is thought coarse and medium wools will range in price about the same as last year. Fine wools are said to have declined fully 30 per cent. within a few months and are now lower than for very many years. The circular says: "This will have a deterrent effect upon the production of fine wools in the Canadian Northwest, which it is so desirable to encourage, and which is already so handicapped by enormous transport charges and railway delays."

It is amusing to note how carefully all those provincial papers which opposed the board of trade in its efforts to secure a mitigation of the discriminating freight rates in favor of Montreal, have avoided the subject since the partial success of the board in securing more favorable terms for Winnipeg and other Northwestern towns. It would only be justice that these papers publish the circular recently issued by the board, but so far not one of them has done so, probably from the fact that the circular would show the absurdity of their former contentions, as well as the deliberate falsehoods which they circulated regarding the efforts and intentions of the board in the matter.

THE NEW town of Vancouver, Pacific terminus of the C.P.R., has been completely destroyed by fire, only half a dozen out of 500 buildings being left standing. The loss is placed at about three quarters of a million, with the insurance proportionately small. The buildings were mostly of a flimsy and temporary character, and succumbed rapidly to the flames, several persons perishing in their attempts to save their property. The following are the names of dealers in the principle lines: Dry goods, Geo. F. Schelz, J. M. Clute & Co., and Gilmore & Clarke. Groceries, H. F. Keeber, Otter & McGregor, Templeton & Northcote, Cook & Neelands and Jas. Hartney. Boots and shoes, Abrams & Co., Ed. Gold, G. R. Gordon and S. Pedgrift. Liquors, J. B. Thornton, Maclean & Grant and Brown & Macle. Druggists, W. E. McCartney & Bro., E. H. Blakeway. Hardware, Vair & Miller, Thos. Dunn & Co. Jewellers, H. J. Cartier & Bro., J. W. Jackson. Stationers, T. R. Pearson, S. T. Tilley. Auctioneers, J. A. Finney, W. Dufour & Co. Furniture, F. W. Hart.