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WINNIPEG, JULY 27, 1886.

J. W. DONIER, dealer in picture frames, Winnipeg, is giving up business.

The general store of G. B. Wright & Co., Angus, B.C., has been destroyed by fire.

T. C. GRAY (Gray & Co.) storekeeper, Morden, intends clearing out stock and going to Vancouver, B.C.

The estate of John Whitfield, general store keeper, Nanaimo, B.C., is advertised for sale by the trustees.

ARMSTRONG & Co. of Poplar Point are leaving that place to open up a general store in Portage la Prairie.

HENRY & WHITNEY, liverymen, Lethbridge, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Whitney.

CLAYTON & SILVAIN, hotelkeepers, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by P. E. Clayton.

HUDSON & HARKINS, brick manufacturers, Victoria, B.C., have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Wm. Harkins.

COHEN & IRVING, barbers and cigar dealers, Victoria, B.C. have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by James Cohen.

P. BUTCHART, general storekeeper, Marney, has sold out his business to Stephen Peace formerly a clerk with G. A. Hogarth, of Minnedosa.

JACOB HINDMAN, wholesale liquor dealer of Emerson, has purchased the business of J. H. Parr, Morden, and intends shortly to give up the Emerson house.

HART & PATTERSON, furniture dealers, Solgirth, have dissolved partnership and sold out their business to West Bros. Jos. Patterson is to wind up the affairs of the old firm.

The Morden News in its last issue says prime beef steak and roasting beef now sells there at 10c a pound and boiling pieces at 6c. The Winnipeg butchers might give this matter their special attention.

From quite a number of points in the Northwest Territories we have news of prairie fires, some of which have done considerable damage. In some places in Manitoba small ones have taken place, but no damage from them is reported.

GEORGE BARKER who has been prospecting for petroleum in the Northwestern part of this province, struck some shale and clay near Lake Dauphin, having strong indications of oil. He has been to this city and received encouraging opinions from experts, and has gone out to his find to commence boring operations.

A PORTAGE la Prairie paper states, that the M. & N. W. R. Co intend building an hotel near their depot in that town. The house will be out of the way so far as proximity to the business portion of the town is concerned, but it would prove a great boom to travellers going up and down the M. & N. W. especially in winter.

MR. W. DUNBAR, from Portland, Oregon, a representative of the largest milling firm in that state, visited Winnipeg last week, and was not

a little astonished at our progress in roller milling. He looks for strong opposition from Manitoba in the British Columbia market, where the millers of Oregon and California had heretofore had all their own way.

Our millers are now shipping flour to British Columbia, and with a reduced freight rate can monopolize that market, which was formerly held by the Oregon and California millers. If the C. P. R. Co. will carry flour to the Pacific coast for twenty per cent. more than they charge for carrying it to the Atlantic, our millers will make their Pacific slope competitors climb.

Crop reports from all over the country differ but little from those we published last week. Local showers during the past three weeks have materially improved wheat and late barley and oats in many places. Still the grain crop average in the valley will not be much over half of an average yield, and certainly not more than three-fifths. All over the balance of Manitoba the yield promises to be up to an average, but west of the province the average will be below that of the Red River Valley. Barley cutting has commenced in a dozen places, and wheat cutting will be commenced this week, and be general next week. There is no danger from frost this year. Root crops will be light everywhere, and hay will be rather short in the most favored districts and a complete failure in most localities.

THE adjourned half yearly meeting of the Winnipeg Board of trade takes place to-day in the Board Room, Clement's Block, at 3 o'clock p.m. Among other items of regular business will be the appointment of a committee of grain examiners and a committee of hide and leather examiners for the ensuing year, and the grain examiners will likely be instructed about the sending of a deputation to Toronto next month, to assist in selecting the grain standard for inspection during the coming year. The president will probably name the committee to go on with the work of organizing a convention of land owners in the interests of colonization of vacant lands around Winnipeg. Since last meeting this move of the Board has been very favorably commented on by land owners and others, and it is just possible that it will prove thoroughly successful.