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WINNIPEG, JUNE 1, 1886.

BOYLE & GROFF have opened an hotel at Battleford.

A. MESSNER has opened a general store at Long River.

THE Eau Claire Lumber Co. will erect a saw mill at Calgary.

CHAS. HOEHN, hotelkeeper, Port Arthur, is giving up business.

W. J. BARKER, of Prince Albert, has opened a store at Battleford.

I. L. LONO, of Stonewall, will start a cheese factory at Meadow Lee.

MESSRS. O'Keefe, surveyors and engineers, will open an office in Birtle.

T. J. AGNEW of Prince Albert, will open a hardware store at Battleford.

CREFAR & MYERS, barristers, of Minnedosa, will open a law office at Neepawa.

DREDGING operations at the mouth of the Red River will be resumed at once.

L. A. CRSAK & Co., flour and feed, Selkirk, have sold out to Malcolm McFadyen.

E. DODD has opened a blacksmith shop at Long River, C.P.R. Southwestern branch.

RICHARDSON & TEPFER, general storekeepers, Birtle, contemplate dissolving partnership.

WORK has been commenced on the erection of a building at Minnedosa, which will be used as a brewery.

MACHINERY for a planing mill has been taken to Battleford. It will be placed in J. S. Oliver's establishment.

J. M. ROBINSON, of the Portage la Prairie *Tribune-Review*, will start a new Conservative paper at Brandon.

A. B. MACKAY, has purchased a building in Battleford, which he will fit up and open out with a stock of drags.

E. PENNER & Co., general storekeepers, Gretna, will open a branch at Pilot Mound, with J. Hiebert as manager.

D. SMITH has opened a bakery at Battleford, and in consequence of this the price of bread has been reduced to 10c per loaf.

THE prospectus of the *Manitoba Sporting Times*, a new journal to be published by Bunnell & Co., of Winnipeg, has been issued.

F. KOESTER has bought out Squair's interest in the Virden roller mill, and the firm will hereafter go under the style of Koester, Craig & Co.

TWENTY Icelanders went west last week to establish an Icelandic colony near Shellmouth. They had with them a couple of carloads of stock.

THE Portage Milling Co. have been awarded the contract to supply the File Hills, Qu'Appelle, Blood, Piegan and Sarcee Indians with flour for the year.

IT is expected that the roller mill to be erected at Moosomin, will be in operation by the 1st of October next. The mill will have a capacity of 100 barrels.

A REPORT from Montana says that stockmen there are sending large herds of cattle across the border to graze on ranges leased from the Canadian government.

THE largest load of grain ever taken from the C.P.R. elevator at Fort William was that of the three-master Glenora. Her cargo consisted of 40,200 bushels of Manitoba No. 1 hard, consigned to Ogilvie Milling Co., of Montreal.

THE Minnesota state railway commissioners have decided that the Manitoba road must reduce passenger fares to three cents per mile; also their freight rates on produce going out of the country and on products of the forest going up into the state 25 per cent.

A FIRE broke out in McGovern's fruit store, situated in a block of frame buildings on Main Street, Winnipeg, on Sunday morning last. The flames spread with such rapidity that the building and its contents were soon entirely consumed, and the building adjoining on the north, occupied by M. C. Clarke, grocer, together with its contents shared the same fate. Beyond this the Cleveland House was rendered a total wreck and the further progress of the fire in that direction was stayed. To the south the building occupied by Misses Carroll & Ingo, milliners, was destroyed, together with the stock, and the Windsor House on the corner of Market Street, was left a wreck. In the rear of the fire, on Market Street, a small building occupied by J. F. Searle, books and stationery, was consumed, and the Norfolk House received a severe scorching. The losses are as follows: J. McGovern, fruits, loss \$690; insurance \$400. M. C. Clarke, grocer; insured for \$3,500, which will about cover the loss. Maltby & McIntosh, lessees of the Cleveland House would lose about \$800 on furnishings; no insurance. Mrs. Smith, who conducted the boarding department, lost \$100; no insurance. Misses Carroll & Ingo, milliners, value their stock at \$2,500, with \$800 insurance. Mrs. Rymer, dressmaker, in the same building, would lose about \$250, without insurance. J. Johnston, lessee of the Windsor House, had no insurance and would lose about \$2,000 on furnishings. J. F. Searle, bookstore, loss \$150. Norfolk House, damaged to the extent of \$1,000, and covered by insurance. The Cleveland House was owned by J. R. Cameron and valued at \$5,000; insured for \$4,000. Geo. Folds owned all the other buildings burned with the exception of the one occupied by M. C. Clarke. His loss is estimated at \$5,000.