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A MONEY order office will be opened at Prince Albert.

THE Virden Advance has been enlarged to a 28 column paper.

R. J. BOND & Co., butchers, Winnipeg, lose about \$200 by fire.

T. B. MURDOCK, hotelkeeper, Brandon, offers his business for sale.

J. K. PAISLEY, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg, has gone out of business.

T. COOK, hotelkeeper, Oak Lake, has sold out to Moor & O'Hearn.

J. G. JARVIS of Calgary has opened a stock of jewellery at Edmonton.

— Jones, photographer, Winnipeg, has opened a studio at Birtle.

A TELEPHONE line is in operation between Clarke's Crossing and Prince Albert,

W. A. PREST has been elected secretary of the Portage la Prairie board of trade.

THE Emerson tax rate will be 2c on the \$ this year, 7 mills being for school purposes.

F. R. JACKES & Co., hardware dealers, Winnipeg, offer their stock for sale by tender.

N. NEVISON, harness dealer, Indian Head, has closed his business and will move to Winnipeg.

AXFORD, JOYNER & RICKARD, millers, Fort Qu'Appelle, had dissolved partnership. Axford retires.

THE firm of Whitehead & Whitelaw, general dealers, Brandon, has been changed to Strome & Whitelaw.

A SHIPMENT of Highland cattle was made last week from Stratclair station to Winnipeg, for beef purposes.

F. W. PADMORE has bought out the business of Chipman Bros., hardware, Calgary, and will add a stock of groceries.

THE Selkirk Record has been enlarged. The paper could be further improved by suppressing that Anglo-Israel controversy.

THE Neepawa Register says: There is a prospect of that town getting a branch of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba.

ARMOUR, proprietor of the Medicine Hat Times, has sold out to a stock company, composed of citizens of that town. B. I. McMahon will be manager.

LAPOUREUX BROS. of Edmonton are preparing a second raft for shipment to Battleford. It will consist of 175,000 feet of lumber, 100,000 lath and 100,000 shingles.

E. J. PELKIE, clothier, Winnipeg has been burned out, with the almost entire destruction of his stock, which he values at \$9,000. He is largely protected by insurance.

THE charter for the Northwest Central railway has been awarded to Senator Clemow's Company composed of C. T. Bates, A. Charlebois, W. Allen, Capt. Murray and Senator Clemow. This Company agree to pay all actual debts of the old Souris and Rocky Mountain Railway, fifty miles of which was graded from Millbourne station, two years ago, and then abandoned. Fifty miles of the Central are to be completed by December.

FIRES in the mountains have destroyed many million feet of timber. The town of Farwell, at the second crossing of the Columbia narrowly escaped destruction. The warehouse of G. V. Wright & Co., with its contents, valued at \$20,000, was burned.

THE telegraph system in the North Saskatchewan country is being considerably extended this season. Metallic poles are now used instead of wood, the latter being liable to destruction from prairie fires and are occasionally appropriated for fuel by the Indians.

DURING the month of June the following produce was disposed of on the Winnipeg market: Hay 516 loads, straw 14 loads, potatoes 417 bushels, oats 3,240 bushels, wheat 240 bushels, barley 480 bushels, beef cattle 208,875 lbs, mutton 2,020 lbs, pork 33,990 lbs, vegetables 108 loads.

THE first shipment of mutton ever made from Minnedosa was forwarded to Winnipeg last week, and it is said the business is assuming large proportion in that vicinity. Mutton is now the only meat product imported into Manitoba and it is expected another year will do away with the necessity for even this.

THE Minnedosa Tribune says:—Farmers are making preparations to commence harvesting next week. Barley is about ripe; and oats and wheat changing color. In some fields of late sown grain straw will be what is considered short here, that is about eighteen inches to two feet long, but on the whole it will range at about three feet.

THE through freight rates from Winnipeg to Victoria and Vancouver have been greatly reduced. They now are as follows:—First class, comprising dry goods, clothing, etc., \$1.89 per 100 pounds; second class, small lots, \$1.54; third class, groceries, hardware, etc., \$1.19; fourth class, produce and provisions, \$1.02; fifth class, heavy material and car load lots, \$1.02. These rates only apply to through freights from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast, intermediate points not being effected thereby. They are the same as the rates in force over the Northern Pacific from St. Paul, and are liable to change at any time, owing to the war of rates going on between American roads.