

THE NORTH-WEST

Notes of a Trip of 3,500 Miles in Three Weeks by a Well-Known Explorer.

We have read the interesting letters over the signature of J. R. G. in the Brussels Post, and claim the distinction of publishing to the world nearly 30 years ago his first utterances regarding that land of illimitable possibilities, the North-west, then being a new land indeed. Mr. Grant has had a very extended trip through Manitoba and the North-west territories into British Columbia, and judging by what he says, has not been idle. He pictures in an interesting manner the sights and scenes during his travels of "3,500 miles in three weeks." He graphically describes Winnipeg, and notwithstanding the present depression, presents a decidedly hopeful picture of that modern Mecca. He regards the operations of the C. P. R. as phenomenal as to speedy construction, quality and extent of work done. The principal cities and towns along the C. P. R. are described, and sandwiched in are many pleasant surprises and meetings with old acquaintances, but his powers of description never get full scope until the mighty Rockies are reached, where he affirms after his best efforts that description is impossible. The agricultural as well as the mineral wealth of the country are spoken of, and interesting statistical information furnished, we reproduce his closing remarks.

A short drive brings us to the summit of the Rocky mountains and an altitude of 5,299 feet above the sea, it was here we met the pack horses that took Sanford Fleming and Principal Grant over the mountains. At the summit a square piece of timber is planted vertically indicating the dividing line between the N. W. territories and British Columbia, here also is

THE HEIGHT OF LAND, and from Summit station can be seen one stream flowing toward the Atlantic ocean and another westward toward the Pacific. Three small lakes here follow in succession, Summit lake, which is shallow and to be filled up for the station-ground, Sink lake, which has no visible outlet, and Kicking Horse lake, the largest of the chain. There is considerable timber at the summit which must not be taken for the top of any mountain but as the highest of land in the Pass about to be adopted by the C. P. R. The towering snow-covered peaks elsewhere seem much like these as we entered the mountains. The timber becomes noticeably larger, and 6 miles along the Kicking Horse river (now 10 miles into British Columbia) the trees of pine, fir and cedar are of great size. There is apparently larger timber on the continent than is found along the Selkirk range, 100 miles west of here. The river is panorama of beautiful falls and rapids for its entire length, in fact the grandeur of the falls on the Kicking Horse is proverbial. In the first 15 miles beyond the summit there are two tunnels, one of 1,400 and one of 500 feet.

THE MINIMUM GRADE for the west side of the Rocky mountain as well as the Selkirk range will be 116 feet to the mile, the latter being 4,400 feet above sea level. We go no farther than the first tunnel, and while taking a peering look at the mountains through which the largest tunnel is to be made, we see far up its side where the railway is to enter it, and one almost shudders to think of crossing over the dreadful chasm in a railway train, with the Kicking Horse river like a silver thread at a distance of 750 feet beneath. Next in order west of the Rocky or Continental range and separated by the Kootenay river is the British range of mountains, and next to the British and separated by the Columbia river, the Selkirk range separated from the Gold range, and finally the Coast range completes the sum and affords a faint idea of the gigantic undertaking known as the Canada Pacific Railway.

THE SHORTEST ROUTE is what the company is aiming at, and from what has already been achieved and is now doing, it is quite clear they are not easily diverted from their purpose. Nearly 3,000 miles of road yet remain to be built here which is expected to be accomplished by the end of 1885, by which time the remaining portions of the iron girder will also be completed and the trip from Halifax to Port Moody made without change of cars. We met J. S. Bingley, formerly of Chatham, near the summit, and spent a pleasant hour with him. He is an enthusiast in mining matters and is satisfied this region will yet attract as much attention as Colorado in its palmist days. He asserts that

COAL, SILVER AND GOLD have been discovered in the Selkirk and Gold ranges, the latter averaging as much as \$300 per ton, and he confidently expects a great rush as soon as the railway is in operation. He also showed us on the ground where we stood the work of the glaciers, where the largest trees were mown down leaving nothing standing for a width of 300 feet and one and a half miles long, and in another where so much of the mountain became detached by the glacier as to completely bury the timber over a similar extent. A snow slide had taken place a short time before we arrived, carrying away 200 feet and still leaving snow to a depth of 500 feet. He said the avalanche made a noise like distant thunder and appeared to shake the earth for miles. And now we begin to retrace our steps, somewhat regretful if however, for what we have seen and gone through only creates a desire for further adventure, but we must return to the railway, which by the time we reached it had made an advance of nearly 20 miles. I will not detain you with accounts of our toiling up hill and down, scarcity of horse feed,

OATS 10 CENTS PER POUND, attacks by sand flies and winged ants, sleeping in wagon boxes and under wagon boxes, pursued by bush and prairie fires, experiences with cow-boys, how when likely to be left all night at the last siding near the mountains, I obtained entrance to a deserted telegraph station and arranged for the transportation on a locomotive running light to Calgary, of meeting Sandy Forrest, formerly of Grey, now foreman on telegraph construction at the tracks of meeting

Walter and Jack Smith, sons of Walter Smith, also Joseph Ritchie, all among the foot hills of the Rocky mountains, what we witnessed of larval throwing and broncho breaking, all this and more too could be written up, but your readers, I fear, will only be too willing to pardon any further reference.

THE PLEASURES OF THE TRIP

will far outlive in our memories any recollection of its hardships. I have in my possession statements made by Messrs. Glenn and Livingstone, farmers of the Bow river country, to Rev. J. Cracknell, Episcopal clergyman of Wales, claiming enormous yields of grain with encouraging experiences as to soil and climate. This section of the country will be watched with interest until its true agricultural wealth is known, my experience being that summer frost is its only fault. Returning from Calgary by the same route I went I had a pleasant trip, and met many whom I knew. I may just here mention a few whose names are familiar to many readers of the Post—Mr. Sherlock at Oak Lake, formerly relieving agent at Brussels station, J. E. Smith, Brandon, engaged in business in the city, besides farming extensively a few miles out, also met Wm. Elliott, formerly of Morris, he also is farming. Visited the Oak River country ("which none surpasses") and found James Watt and family very comfortably settled in a new house, with 100 acres ploughed ready for the seed drill; Wm. McOutcheon is farming near him, but he had gone to Ontario on business; B. B. Mories I met at Portage La Prairie and returned in Southern Manitoba. He is operator on the C. P. R.

ARCHIE MCKAY, BARRISTER,

late of Goderich, has good practice in Emerson, is also City solicitor. David, his brother, assists him, and is comfortably settled there with his family, William Somerville, late Dominion telegraph agent here, is C. P. R. agent at Dominion city. Thus it will be seen that the Brussels and Huron contingents are at least holding their own. I find here at Winnipeg by a curious coincidence that we are exactly equidistant between Montreal and Port Moody. And now I have closed my wanderings, and speaking generally of our great Northwest, it is almost boundless in extent, 500,000 square miles and more, and no less boundless in resources and natural capabilities, and that a great future awaits it, no one who has watched its progress can doubt. It has its desert places, but they are far less frequent than its oases.

THE COLLAPSE OF THE CLIMATE

has been urged as an objection, but let the young grow up with the country, and they will be a hardier race for it or experience contradicts itself. When our great highway is finished, the importance of this western country will assert itself and become recognized both at home and abroad as it deserves. That it has great cereal and mineral wealth no one disputes; there is land enough for everybody and the toils of the husbandman will be so richly rewarded that it will not pay to be lazy. Give the sturdy infant its energies or poison its blood, then every settler becomes an immigration agent, communicating energy to everyone setting foot upon the soil and then nothing short of the superhuman can arrest its prosperity. I have seen this country in almost every phase of development from 1874 to 1883, and am satisfied that

THE MOST SANGUINE HOPES

regarding it will yet be realized, many who have not seen it are inclined to doubt, but to such I would say "give thy thoughts no tongue" until you have seen with your own eyes the indescribable beauty of its scenery, the phenomenal richness and fertility of its soil and your testimony will then be as was said by the Queen of Sheba after she had visited King Solomon laden with gold and precious stones and all the gorgeous trappings of the Arabian Court, that "it was a true report I heard in mine own land, but the half had not been told." J. R. G.

CARLOW.

At the last regular meeting of Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, A.F. and A.M. the following officers were elected: W. Bro. Andrew McDonald, W.M.; W. Bro. D. S. Munroe, S.W.; W. Bro. Alex. McKenzie, J.W.; W. Bro. John Tiffin, Treasurer; W. Bro. John Wilson, Secretary.

COLBORE.

Charles Dancy, the other day, killed a fox with a stone at a distance of one hundred feet. G. B. Baer, the other day, received a nasty cut on his skull from an axe which his father was using above him. The person that tried to break into Mr. Holz's house and grainary had better be more careful or he may get what he deserves. Harry Habel and W. H. Baer have worked threshing by steam power with stiff gear to perfection, Harry coupling his champion engine to Mr. Baer's celebrated Maxwell cleaner. The whole business works immensely. COUNCIL MEETING.—The municipal council of Colborne met in the township hall, on Thursday, 13th December, 1883. Members all present. Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Communication from the Canada Land Law Amendment Association, asking for the co-operation of the Council in petitioning parliament to simplify the land transfer in this Province. The Reeve and clerk were instructed to sign petition on behalf of the council.—Application of H. B. Proudfoot, P.L.S., for the position of civil engineer for the township of Colborne.—Deferred. Thos. Mitchell, sexton Colborne cemetery, was present and requested the council to allow him to charge \$1.50 per grave for digging. After careful consideration the council authorized him to charge \$1.50 per grave. He further complained that parties erecting monuments were in the habit of leaving heaps of clay on the walks of the cemetery. The council ordered him to report any person doing so in the future. The following accounts were ordered to be paid.—Sam'l Bissett, for culvert, \$20.40; Emanuel Mitchell, for wire fence, \$10.00; Mrs. Ellen McWhiney, for wire fence, \$10.00; John

McWhiney, for plank, \$3.69; Wm. McWhiney, for gravel, \$2.00; Owen Jones, for wire fence, \$50.00; John Million, for culvert, \$3.00; Wm. Malloch, for gravel, \$1.50; Wm. McVittie, for lumber, \$300; A. Glen, for repairing culvert at McPhee's, \$13.00; Robert Bissett, taxes refunded, \$1.70; Andrew McAllister, statute labor, \$2.00; Jas. Bogie, wire fence, \$21.75; Wm. Blake, for gravel and repairing culvert, \$10.25; Nicholas Morrish, for lumber, \$300.20; David Fisher, for lumber, \$28.75; Jas. Kennedy, for repairing bridge, \$2; Jas. Clark, for wire fence, \$17.00; Jas. Clark, dog tax refunded, \$1.00; James Carroll, burying two sheep, \$2.00; Pat. McIntyre, for gravel, \$6.55; Wm. McIntyre, for cedar, \$1.00; Wm. Tindall, for plank to repair road at McPhee's, 98c; Michael Pframer, repairing bridge at Benmiller, \$18.28; Thos. Good, road work, \$2.00; Geo. Neibergall, lumber, \$62.08; Wm. Neives, for removing timber, \$3.00; H. Dodd, for lumber, \$7.50; Star office, for printing, \$5.50; Star office, for printing, 6.00; Joseph Goldthorpe, for repairing culvert, 4.00; R. Huston, for culvert, \$3.50; H. Green, for wire fence, \$25.50; Henry Green, for culvert, \$1.25; Gordon Young, for wire fence, \$20.00; Jas. Long, for gravel, \$6.30; Clerk, for postage, \$5.30; Clerk, for stationery, \$3.20; T. Campbell, for logs, \$1.00; J. J. Gallagher, for repairing culvert, \$1.00; Jas. Long, damage to grain, \$5.00; Jas. McHardy, statute labor refunded, \$3.00. It was moved and seconded that the nomination for reeve, deputy-reeve and councillors for the township of Colborne, be held in the township hall, on Monday, 31st of December, at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon, and that in case a poll be demanded, that the election be held on the first Monday in January, 1884, in the several subdivisions, as formerly, and that the same deputy-returning officers be appointed, except Jas. O. Stewart in place of George McKee.—Carried. The council then adjourned.

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Josquin Miller, Dr. Daniel Wilson, Louis Honore Frochette, John Charles Dent, C. M. Houston, George Stewart, Jr., F. Blake Crofton, John Hoode, G. Mercer Adams, Mrs. E. Seymour McLean, H. M. Haver, Miss Mechar (Fidelia), R. W. Phipps, And many other writers of note. C. BLACKETT ROBINSON, Publisher, 5 Jordan St., TORONTO

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