

THE NOB-WESTER.

CALGARY, THURSDAY, April 16, 1885.

STILL the demand goes on for men and horses to go to the front as scouts.

Mr. RIVERS has sold out his band of horses for the use of the mounted corps organizing.

Mr. KERFOOT drove in a band of his horses for sale. We believe Major Steel bought them readily for his scouts.

If the boys knew I am organizing a scout corps they will all join. O—d.

Not unless I'm made General of it, Tom.

Mr. J. K. OSWALD, who held a commission in one of the Montreal corps, has been appointed Captain of the troop of scouts under Major Steel.

It takes me to do the equine Masz-pa act, on the fiery untamed steed. C—L.

Yes, Kingstonian, but kick the animal a little more and he will stop.

Mr. GLEN, we understand, has engaged Mr. Nutting as bookkeeper and agent at his farm on Fish Creek. The large vegetable crop he has will require extra attention with regard to the selling, etc.

Mr. JACQUES, Jeweller, has greatly improved his shop by turning the shop window into cabinet form, for the better exhibition of his new stock of goods, as displayed now and by the effect of the velvet lining is very pleasing.

CAPT. STEEL, of the N.W.M.P., has been promoted to the rank of Major. He, very many friends, will be glad to hear this, as single one of the N.W.M.P. officers is held in higher esteem than Capt. Steel. We congratulate you, sir.

It is from blatter remarks by idiots that all more or less suffer suspicion, and talk about some white men going in with the Indians and raising the town, if anything serious happens, so take a hint and let up or stand an expose. J—.

The Oddfellows are preparing for their first Grand Ball here, to come off on the 27th of this month, and will be a great success to doubt, as the Society is well represented here. That's the sort of Ball we are going to walk to, with a little Scotch reel to it.

Mr. W. WILSON, dentist, returned from the mountains last Saturday, after spending three weeks up there, during which time he got through a good deal of business and eased many a painful toothache, but from all accounts he goes north to ease Indians of all ills.

LAST week's stage from McLeod brought a large number of passengers from that place, amongst which were Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood and family, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Dr. Kennedy. Mrs. Greenwood and children went east by last train. Mr. Greenwood returned to McLeod.

A NUMBER of families have come in from the Red Deer River to reside here for a while. In the eventuality of any trouble with Indians out there the women and children will be out of the way and safe. The men return to the Red Deer to go on with their farming, so the movement must be looked at in the light of a precaution only.

Mr. J. C. WILSON has returned from east of Winnipeg bringing with him a lot of fine milk cows and pigs, just the stock for this country. It is very satisfactory and shows enterprise and confidence on his part. As will be seen by his advertisement in another column he has selected a 1 animal which will be readily caught up. More power to you, Mr. W., your's a stayer.

Mr. KERFOOT informs us that the total loss of sheep by the late prairie fires will be 500. Although every precaution was taken to save them it was unavailing, as the fire came on them from three different directions. Upon enquiry he is led to believe the fires were intentional. If it is the case it is a damnable crime, and to see a punishment could not be meted out to such scoundrels. Some twenty horses were badly singed by the fire—a case where, but they will come round all right.

Mr. M. P. ZIMMEL, the contractor for the immigrant buildings here, left on the east last Saturday to look after work of his town in progress at Regina, and expects to return shortly to watch the final completion of his contract here. We understand that they are to be completed by May 15th ready for expected immigrants. The buildings as they were is as follows:—The main building being 50x80 and two stories, substantially fitted up in every respect. The height of ceilings will be ground floor 12 feet and the upstairs 8 ft. 6 in., giving ample room for a structure of its class. The kitchen will be 12x14 feet, fitted with a range, etc., for the convenience of the occupants and so arranged to give every facility. Hygienically the building should be a success, as proper ventilation has been secured, with proper water closets and urinals. So that with the outside appearance of the house with its veranda extending its entire length will be attractive. Mr. Zimmell evidently thoroughly understands his business as evidenced by the manner of construction now going on, and is deservedly to be recommended for his good work. The total contract price is \$12,000, and the investment will be beneficial.

At 3:30 Monday afternoon fire was discovered in the residence of Mr. J. S. Gibb

on Stephen avenue, and attracted a great number of citizens who willingly rushed to assist in putting out the flames. Mr. Rodgers of Rodger & Grant distinguished himself by taking their Babcock fire extinguisher to the scene which proved of timely assistance, and was effectual in quenching the fire to a great extent. Fortunately Mr. Beauprey, water carrier, drove rapidly to the place and gave the bucket in a plenty of water, which speedily drowned the fire. Owing to the great volume of smoke in the building it was impossible to enter to do any work, but by cutting a way from the rear the Babcock was used to advantage. There was no lack of willing hands to help, the Mayor taking the lead we noticed inside the building, and in a short space of time the fire was put out. It certainly was a fortunate thing no wind was blowing at the time or the results may have been very disastrous, from the fact of the closeness of the adjacent houses it is congratulatory it ended as it did. Mr. Gibb loses two fine saddles and set of new buggy harness, besides other minor articles and considerable damage by water to his apartments generally. Examination of the premises afterward plainly showed that the fire originated from a wooden box used for depositing ashes in, which had been smouldering since that morning, finally breaking out. Too much care cannot be exercised in the depositing of such ashes, and if necessary to do so in the house, an iron receptacle of some kind should be used, to prevent like occurrences, or we may have to bewail the loss of this town.

THE 65th regiment, 340 strong, Colonel Quinlan commanding, arrived here Sunday morning. They were rapidly disembarked from the train and found into their respective companies. A general expression of relief seemed to pervade the men, at their release from the cars, when considering the irksome journey of eleven days by rail they were glad to stretch their legs on terra firma. After building their tents on the high bank in town they dinner and refreshment got through the regiment was marched to the east end of the town opposite the N.W.M.P. barracks, where they pitched their tents in a camp-like quarters. The universal expression of joy and men was delight at this place, not only for the beauty of the country but the really fine climate, the water being warm and genial, so much so that the men sought the river for a bath, they freely saying that leaving Montreal eleven days previous, where there was four feet of snow laying on the ground at our arriving here to enjoy such warm weather was astonishing. Criticism upon the appearance of the regiment would be out of place, seeing that it was so hastily formed and hurriedly having been gone through during the winter, nevertheless the men are evidently of that fine material that a very short time will see them thoroughly proficient. The regiment is officered by gentlemen who evidently know their duty, and will sustain the prestige of Canada to a man. We are not in a position to say authoritatively what day they will march to Edmonton, their proposed destination, but rumor says they may stay a week or so until the arrival of other regiments now on their way here. We are proud to welcome them and shall feel sorry at their departure, so vive la compagnie mes amis.

STOCK ITEMS. Recent quotations of Montana wools in Boston are as follows: Fine, 18c to 21c; medium, 20c to 22c.

The Marias and Shonkin cattle owners will probably commence the spring round-up about the 1st of May.

The stock growers of the Yellowstone and Missouri divisions meet at Billings on the 6th of April to arrange for their annual round-up.

The Montana Stock Growers' Association will have a veterinary surgeon stationed with headquarters at Glendive, to look after their interests and quarantine diseased stock, etc.

The 2,500 head of cattle purchased by Thrifty Bros., of this city, from J. L. Perkins, range in the vicinity of Fort Magnums, on Armoles and Flat Willow creeks. The consideration is something over \$100,000.

A Utah cattle man in town yesterday said the prices of horned stock this spring are about the same as they were last season. The country is said to be full of buyers who are looking out chiefly for young cattle.

Robt. Vaughn of Sun River who has just sold his herd of cattle to Sands & Co., will now devote his whole attention to horse culture. He has one of the finest horse ranches in Montana at the mouth of his Deep Creek and as goodly band of equines as the territory affords.

A prominent stockman, who has been in business in Montana for nearly twenty years, told us today that this is the best spring for cattle that has been since he has been in the country. He says the crop of calves this year will be immense—at least 25 per cent. in excess of the average.

The sales of each season demonstrate the advantage of careful handling, grading and preparing wool for the market at the shearing pen. Buyers every year make slighter purchases, and the good condition of the wool, and the quality of the sheep, are the main features of their purchases, while the uneven grades, poorly handled and defective wools are more severely neglected. —Texas Spackman.

Messrs. Richter & Hunt offer for sale a magnificent sheep ranch and range on the Teton, a location exactly suited for a large company.

J. M. Graydon, of the Teton, drove in last fall 2,500 sheep from Washington Territory, arriving on the Teton, near the mouth of the Muddy, in November. Out of his entire band he lost only forty one head—no more than might be expected from natural causes.

The sheep driven from this section of Montana to the Northwest Territory last year have passed through the winter without loss, and the experiment of wool growing with our northern neighbors has

been a decided success. We may safely look for many buyers from the north during the coming season.

Kyle Price says that his sheep have wintered remarkably well, there being no losses to record thus far. His band of sheep is located on the Marias, below Fort Conrad—as far north, probably, as any sheep in Montana. They were all brought from Oregon last summer. The fact of their being no losses, speaks well for the manner in which they have been handled.

Mr. Oscar Stevens, of Cass Butte, has been feeding 3,000 wethers the past winter, with an abundance of good hay—allowing them access to the range in fair weather—with the intention of keeping them in fat condition and driving them to the railroad the latter part of March. He will ship them direct to Chicago with the wool on, thereby bringing Montana mutton into the markets during April. The scheme is a good one, and will no doubt be a financial success.—Argus.

Mr. Taylor, of Bressler, has a small flock in this district, and his experience is that they do remarkably well—the idea that the country is too cold for them being without foundation. Last winter he let them run in the stockyard, and they became so fat that many of his ewes lost their lambs; his greatest trouble this winter has been to keep them from getting too fat. It is worth noting in this connection that all stock in this district are in good condition as when winter first set in, and give no signs of losing flesh from exposure.—Battleford Herald.

Battleford is over 300 miles north-east of Fort Benton, so that Montana is by no means the northern limit of the sheep country. What a market will soon be opened in this Northwest to the wool growers of Montana.

Abortion in Cows.

A correspondent of the London Live Stock Journal sends the following story of how abortion in cows was cured in a not quite new, but altogether unaccountable manner.

Some eight months since a letter appeared in the Journal d'Agriculture of France from a dairy farmer, who complained of the ravages of abortion among his cows. He stated that the health of his cows appeared to be perfect, that they were giving an average of 2,000 litres per head, their food was perfect and abundant in quantity, the stables were well aerated continually, washed, and every care in their management was rigorously observed. He had consulted numbers of veterinary surgeons, who found that the conditions of hygiene were properly observed, and they could give no reason for the epidemic in question. In the year 1879-80, from 30 to 40 cows. In 1881-82, four abortions and in 1882-83 there were nine cases of abortion in six weeks. During the season in which the letter was written, after the first cases had occurred, and towards the 25th July, the cows were put morning and evening on the pasture in the hope that the change of air would arrest the complaint, but a though everything was done that human ingenuity could devise, and though the cow sheds were used as if they were infected places, the misfortune continued. The cows were lodged in two stables, about 250 yards apart, and without any communication between them. It is a singular fact that they all always commenced in the same stable, and a day or two afterwards was followed by its appearance in a second stable. The cows usually aborted between five and eight months, sometimes producing living calves. The loss was considerable, for it was not only the loss of the calf, but the cows frequently became barren and were difficult to fatten.

The writer appealed to the farmers of France for advice, and received a large number of letters. Among them were two from different parts of the country, in which he was recommended to introduce a hilly goat into the stables, and, struck by the coincidence in the experience of the writer, he determined to try the remedy. The result is now published. One goat was first of all purchased, and placed in one stable, and in due course the epidemic entirely disappeared, although it still continued in the other stables. A second goat was then purchased, and, strange to say, there have been no cases of abortion since. The writer says that he only speaks of an experience of 16 months, and that scientific men will probably smile at or ridicule the course he adopted; but the fact remains that since the introduction of the goats there has been no more loss from abortion upon the farm. He cites a case of a drayman in a large way of business at Bordeaux, who cured a disastrous epidemic of calve, which killed several of his horses, by the introduction of a goat into his stables.

The use of the goat among stock is, of course, not new to English breeders, but there are many who ignore the idea altogether, and are as much inclined to ridicule it as the men of science referred to above. These particulars, however, are given for what they are worth.

How to Fight Riel.

'I'll give you a counter,' remarked J. A. Chase, a veteran American and North-western traveler, to a reporter this morning, 'those half-breeds are a hard crowd for English regiments to tackle. They don't fight in line like regular troops, but as sharpshooters, and they are all head-shooters, and armed with the best of breech-loaders and repeating rifles. They protect themselves behind rocks and bushes and hide in the grass, and will cater all around the troops and fire, in which every cartridge will count for a life. Those fellows have been trained to shoot for meat. As game has become scarce and smaller they have improved their aim. They have been denied their usual rights and are deeply incensed against the government, and have been filled with intense hostility by the subtle diplomacy and fervid eloquence of the wily Riel until they feel that they are fighting for their homes, and unless they are profligated will

fight to the death. And the government's fear of a general uprising of the Indians is well grounded. They have been awfully by their agents somewhat the same as some of our Indians, and having suffered much during this long and distressing winter are now inclined to resent the lack of attention that has been paid to their demands. As grass will come shortly when they can move about with less discomfort, they may be expected to be more aggressive. You may expect them to make some very exacting demands from the government as the price of peace. Should the Cree, Blackfoot and Piegan take the war path and join the half-breeds' resources of the whole Dominion government would be sorely taxed to put them down, for they could muster at least 3,000 well mounted and ably armed warriors whose mode of fighting would tax the tactics of the regulars and the volunteers severely. Neither the Indians or the half-breeds fight in the open field. They know every foot of the broken and brushy ground over which they would invite the military to their line of retreat and they would ambush their pursuers and harass them at every moment. I have traveled through that country myself, and am familiar with its forbidding character. A campaign in the Sultan or in Afghanistan would be a circus-farce in the fierceness of the foe to be overcome and the natural obstacles to be overcome. The idea of organizing a cavalry corps from the rangers of the west for scouts for a good one, as such troops could do much to protect the troops from lurking foes and break up into small bands those troops would be quite available for following them in their forays.

Louis Riel is now about 40 years of age, of medium height, stout and dark complexioned, with dark brown hair and a mustache. He has a well-shaped and somewhat massive forehead, a Roman nose. His eyes are dark, bright and restless. He speaks very rapidly, and much after the manner of French Canadian, as a characteristic of gesture being a noticeable feature both in his conversation and 'oratory.' He was born in the Red River Settlement, but when a mere boy he was sent, under the patronage of Bishop Tache, to one of the Catholic colleges in Montreal where he completed his education. It is said that at one time he intended studying for the priesthood, but afterwards changed his mind. His powers as a public speaker are small, and he is not particularly well educated. He appears to be a man of this 'gift of the gab' with good effect just present in stirring up another row that may possibly result even more seriously than the last one.—Toronto News.

A young unmarried woman wearing a Salvation army bonnet, applied to the medical health officer at Toronto for admission to the Barrow hospital. She expected shortly to see one of her sisters had lived with her mother in that city, but the latter had moved out of town some time before. The father of the child refused to see anything for her. She joined the Salvation army in March, 1884, and left it in August following. It was during her connection with that society that she met her present husband. She refused to give her a hospital order until she had had a clergyman's certificate that she is a real widow of her city, and it was not the means to save the hospital.

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