We would respectfully remind advertisers that hereafter when a contract is made with this paper it is a contract that cannot be dissolved by the mere whim of the advertiser. Several parties have done this in the past, and we have not insisted upon the strict rights of the publishers. Such leniency will not be repeated in the future. Advertisers will bear in mind that in future they will be required to fulfill the conditions of their agreement, and that annulments of contract without liability can only be made by mutual consent between the contracting parties.

THE NOR'-WESTER.

CALGARY, TUESDAY, JAN. 20, 1885.

TOWN MATTERS.

To suppose that a town like this can be run without expense is to believe that shoes can be purchased for nothing. Those citizens who consider that the way to assist those who are charged with the management of the place is by adversely criticising every act of our Councillors should remember that discouragement is a poor way of appreciating the efforts of those who are giving their time and attention to the responsible and unthankful end of civic government. If town incorporation brings with it certain expenditure, it is not without corresponding advantage. It is the beginning of local self-government and it is not reasonable to argue that local self-government can not be properly conducted—but it will never be rightly conducted so long as the average citizen imagines that a Councillor is a person on whom abuse can be showered, simply because the Councillor is a public representative. Such an impression is not only erroneous but it is positively mischievous. We have no reason to join in any crusade against a Council that has been but recently elected, and elected too by large majorities in every case. We take it for granted that it will be time to condemn the doings of a Council when it has committed mistakes which cannot be defended or corrected. The present Town Council has not yet had anything like a fair trial. It has done nothing that deserves censure or adverse criticism, from a public point of view, so that it is only a matter of justice that it should have the fairest support until it has shown itself unworthy of support or confidence. Until it has done wrong it is our bounden duty to support and encourage it.

The NOR'-WESTER asks the Courier to produce its authority for stating that Assiniboia had a population of 65,000. Well, Mr. NOR'-WESTER, the first intimation the Courier had of its publically, was in the NOR'-WESTER, in one of the November issues, when it stated :—"If there is any district in the North West which has now a sufficient population it is Assiniboia. It has 65,000 inhabitants and all the requisites." We could furnish more substantial proof than the above, but we presume, for the present occasion, this is equal to the emergency

That is what our esteemed contemporary the *Courier* says, but it is somewhat disingenuous. The NOR'-WESTER'S information as to the population was based upon the *Courier*, and the *Leader*, and what Mr. Jackson has said. We took it for granted that they would not go back on their own statements. It is unjust to insinuate that the NOR'-WESTER originated the report that the population of Assiniboia numbers 65,000. We think the back fyles of both the *Leader* and the *Courier* will prove that the report originated with the Assiniboia papers themselves. The fact that the *Courier* is now trying to blame the NOR'-WESTER shows that the population has been over-estimated, otherwise the *Courier* would not be engaged in the disingenuous task of blaming the NOR'-WESTER for assuming something to be true which it supposed to be true because such an eminent authority as those named just originated it. We regret that the *Courier* is not a better exchange reader than it shows itself. If the population was over-estimated why did not our contemporay correct it at the time?

It would hardly be necessary to remark that at such a time of the year as this—mid-winter—while money is a necessary evil it is still not to be picked up either in the snow banks or in the chinooks which latter like the cash have been rather conspicuous by their absence. We, however, hope that those who have to deal with our lot owners with regard to any payments that may be falling due just at this time will not necessarily crowd an esteemed class of property owners in our midst. We leave the matter to be dealt with in an enlightened way, feeling certain ourselves that those who have it in their power will not necessarily be harsh or overbearing. Pioneer settlers always need considerable latitude, and we hope it will be extended to them by those who have it in their power. We hope that such forbearance will be used—and spontaneously too.

A private letter to the editor of this paper says from an authoritative secure—Representation must come at the proper time, but people should not be too impatient, because representation will most likely mean local organization and local expenditure. This expenditure should not come before the population is large enough to pay it without feeling it too much. Our friends in the West may rely upon our doing all we can to meet their reasonable wishes, and I have no doubt that Parliament at the proper time will do the same.

Sir Hector Langevin when here last summer gave the special committee who waited upon him a favorable answer in regard to the bridge question. He said he would recommend an appropriation for a bridge across the Bow provided the people would build the one across the Elbow. We feel sure that he has not forgotten his promise in this respect. Such an expenditure and such a work just now are of greater consequence to the people here than "mass meetings" and "frantic resoluting."

The MacLeod *Gazette* having discovered that Mr Nicholas Flood Davin is in favor of agitation meetings in the North-West therefore contends that the Dominion Government are in favor of agitation in the North-West, and accordingly the *Gazette* publishes a long article on mass meetings. Mr. Davin should come to the North-West and conduct these meetings so that the "continual state of agitation" may be decently kept up.

The new financial arrangements made with Manitoba ought to give satisfaction. Her annual grant has been increased from $45,000 to $100,000. This increase is in lieu of her lands which are held and administered as Dominion Lands. The province is to receive all the swamp lands within her borders instead of one half as before. Her revenue under the new arrangements has been increased to $450,000.

Now that the agitation business has completely collapsed with the McLeod meeting which was the last feather that broke the hump on the camel's back, we do not hesitate to say that any gentleman visiting Ottawa at his own expense, and speaking on behalf of the North-West and its wants, particularly of this district will be held in grateful remembrance by the people. This is the way that patriotism should first develop itself.

It will be seen from a despatch we give elsewhere that the Supreme Court of the Dominion has given judgment on the Liquor License Act of 1883, and the amending Act of 1884. Their decision is that the Act is *ultra vires* of the Parliament of the Dominion. This is a most important decision.

Editorial Notes.

THE finished manner in which "three little Indian boys" can yank off an armful of slabs from an ordinary wood pile shows that wood lifting may be reduced to a science. The adroit way in which they will surround wood pile and make it hide its diminished head would shame a quartermaster or any army contractor.

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W. W. McLEOD,
P. O. Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,
Winnipeg, Oct., 1884.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Malcolm G. McLean of the town of Calgary, in the North-west territories of Canada, General Merchant, has made an assignment of all his estate and effects for the benefit of his creditors to Donald Fraser, of the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, manager. All persons having any claim against the said Malcolm G. McLean, or his estate, are requested to send the same to the said assignee at said Calgary, with full particulars of their respective claims properly verified, within six weeks from the date hereof, and take notice that the said Donald Fraser will, after the expiration of six weeks from the date hereof, proceed to distribute the assets of the said Malcolm G. McLean, pro rata, among the creditors of whose claims he shall hed notice, and that he shall not be responsible for any claim or claims of which he shall not have received notice as aforesaid

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