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"Next year I will be very good,
In fact a little lamb;
I'll never climb the closet shelf
To help myself to jam.

I won't drive nails into the wall,
Or throw the rude brick-bat
To dislocate the vertebrae
Of any neighbor's cat.

I will not smoke my father's pipe
When he is not around;
I won't annex the can unto
The caudal of the hound;

But I will be so very good,
That when to school I'm sent,
I will not hookey play to steal
Beneath the circus tent."

Just hear the butcher toot his merry
horn, while all the world with purest rap-
ture listens, and epicures go wild for very
joy to hear the butcher thus proclaim him-
self:

"I will not sell a tenderloin
Cut near the crump'd horn;
I will not sell a hammered steak
At even or at noon;

I will not sell an ancient chop
At any time for gold;
And no spring chicken of mine shall be
More than ten winter's old."

[R. K. MUNKITTRICK in *Once a Week*.]

Manitoba Thirty Years Ago.

WE propose in future to devote a
space once a month to remin-
iscences of a quarter of a cen-
tury ago, when, as our readers are aware,
Manitoba was Assiniboia, and Assiniboia
was comprised in a circle, drawn from
Fort Garry, of a radius of fifty miles.
The Council of Assiniboia was its Legis-
lative Assembly, its Government, and its
Executive, and the case which is mention-
ed in the following minutes of Council,
the power of release from sentence of
death, was assumed and carried out.
Without further comment we will give a
specimen of how this Government was
conducted at the time we mention in the
following minutes of a meeting of the
Governor and Council of Assiniboia, held
on the 13th day of March, 1862, at which
were present the under-mentioned Coun-
cillors, viz.: William McTavish, Esq.,

Governor of Assiniboia, President; the
Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Rupert's
Land, Robert McBeth, Esq.; Henry
Fisher, Esq., Francois Bruneau, Esq.,
Salomon Amlin, Esq., Pascal Breland,
Esq., John Inkster, Esq., Thomas Sin-
clair, Esq. The President and these
Councillors have all passed away, and it
will be interesting to the present genera-
tion to learn in how simple a manner
matters of moment were disposed of.
The record goes on to say:

"After the Minutes of the last meeting
of Council had been read and adopted,
Petitions were read praying for the re-
lease of Paulette Chartras from goal.
The total number of signatures was 465.

It was moved by the Lord Bishop of
Rupert's Land and seconded by Mr. John
Inkster, that the prisoner Paulette Char-
tras shall be liberated from prison at the
expiration of six months, counting from
the day of his committal to prison. Car-
ried unanimously.

A petition was presented from August
Schubert praying the Council to grant
him compensation for the loss of property
caused by riotous Indians. The petition
was not granted.

A petition was laid before the Council
from Ryar Olson and Har-Kuske Weyah
Denig or Olsen, praying the Council to
appoint guardians over the minor child-
ren of the late Edwin Thompson Denig.
The Council refused to act, not having
sufficient information to act upon.

The following letter from Mr. James
Ross was then read:

WILLIAM McTAVISH, Esquire, Governor
of Assiniboia and President of the
Council:

HONORED SIR.—My experience has
convinced me that an improvement could
be effected on our present mode of paying
the constables, and with this conviction, I
beg to submit a proposition for the con-
sideration of the Council at its next ses-
sion.

You are aware that, under the present
arrangement, they receive their annual
allowance only at the end of each year of
service—a system which, no doubt, frees
the paymaster from trouble and facilitates
account-keeping, but which, assuredly, en-
tails hardship on some of the men. Most

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