

### LOCAL LOGGERS.

#### NEWSY NUGGETS

**Picked Up Around Town by Nor-Western Prospectors for the Information of Nor-Western Readers.**

—There was a refreshing rain on Saturday which lasted pretty well into Sunday.

—Messrs. Clark and Johnston will finish the plaster work on Medical Hall to-day.

—Messrs. King and Co. are having their mammoth store painted.

—Messrs. Steele and Snider left on Thursday for Fort McLeod on business. They went by the cayuse buck-board route.

—The office part of Major Walkers building, on Stephen Avenue is nearly completed. Mr. Gouin is to occupy the dwelling part.

—There was a land slip Sunday morning on the C. P. R. track, about 8 miles west of this point. It detained the west bound train four or five hours.

—Mr. T. S. Burns has received his commission of J. P. It is from Lieut-Governor Dewdney and has greeting etc., to our tried and trusty Thomas S. May the parchment never wear out.

—In our next issue the Mining Regulations will appear. Miners and prospectors should take the NOR-WESTER and read up the laws in which they are especially interested.

—Mr. Loughedon't want any more of it. He was trying to boss a cayuse yesterday and didn't succeed. He was hurt a little, but we are pleased to say not seriously.

—Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy leave this week for Fort McLeod. Every one here is sorry to lose the Doctor and his estimable lady. They have a host of friends here, and in their new sphere the NOR-WESTER wishes them many happy days.

—Mr. Manning, Dominion Government Surveyor arrived on the last train from Ottawa, and has proceeded to High River to locate the Indian industrial school. It is understood that the building is to be erected immediately.

—A NOR-WESTER item picked-up, stepped into Capt. Boynton's "Colliseum" this morning, and found Whitman and Buck hard at it. Finley was also seen with his staff busy putting on the first coat of plaster, which is nearly completed. The building will probably be completed in ten days.

—Among the arrivals by last train were J. J. McGuin and W. Lay of Renfrew. Mr. McGuin remains in Calgary for a few days, and then visits the Rockies, returning to Calgary to start business being delighted with the surroundings.

—The whole of the utensils and furniture of the Virginia chop house and restaurant were exposed for sale on Saturday last by Burns and Ramsay. There was a large attendance of purchasers from Silver City and Holt City. Mr. Burns officiated as auctioneer.

The NOR-WESTER office had a visit to-day from Mr. Leeson and favorably known to old Brandonsites. Mr. Leeson has the contract for running the mail between this point and Edmonton. On the first trip out, week before last he lost a stage horse in Blind Man's Creek. The creek was swollen to unusual proportions. A bridge is very much needed over this river.

—The trains from the east now arrive on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8.55 a.m. and leave for the west at 9.40 on same days. Trains arrive from the west on Mondays and Thursdays at 1.55 p.m., and depart at 2.50 p.m. same days. Freight trains will run daily Sundays excepted. Number 95 arrives at 11.45 from the east and departs 2 p.m. for the west. No. 96 freight train going west arrives at 4.08 p.m. and leaves for the west at 4.35 p.m. The sleeping car does not go any further than Calgary.

—A young man named Aikin Le-Gran who was riding down on McGiv's horse from Prince Albert, was severely injured. The horse ran away and plunged into Burbank's wire fence, and got entangled in the wires. The young man received a severe gash in the thigh which cut the muscles to a depth of three inches. His left leg was also cut. Dr. Lindsay was sent for and attended to the wounds. The young man has been taken to the hospital.

—Some wag at the Woodbine jocosely hid Dick's bell the other evening, and it was 'ambosin' to see how good naturedly 'Dick' hunted after the "hash caller". The boys can't make 'Dick' get up a Nor-easter even if they take his share of the eggs. Dick has traveled too much on the frontier not to know how to take a joke.

### TELEGRAPHIC

(SPECIAL TO THE NOR-WESTER)

**And the Star whose West-ward Way, Has fairly now begun, Is Waking them to Stay Every Mother's Son.**

**And the Rockies will rescound with the fearful Crash Of Heavy thuds upon the Ground, In one Commercial Smash.**

**At Sixty Odd, you bet, Uncle Sam Won't See Him Want; But Daily Rations He Will Get for Union Saver Grant.**

**Elmahdi, that Cheeky Reb., 'Mid Saracenic sounds, Gets even on the "Teb," and Raises "Chinese" to Fifty Thousand pounds.**

**WINNIPEG.**  
THE RACING RED  
WINNIPEG, May 13.—Navigation on the Red and Assiniboine Rivers has fairly opened.

**PORT ARTHUR ONT.**  
ONE THOUSAND STRONG.  
PORT ARTHUR, May 13.—The lake route is open. The steamer Algoma arrived to-day with one thousand passengers. Daily train service commenced between here and Winnipeg yesterday.

**QUEBEC.**  
STAND FIRM UNDER.  
MONTREAL, May 13.—The following names of firms have failed. Messrs. W. B. Desmarais & Co., W. M. Dodd, Samuel Woods & Co. and Caspella Stinson & Co.

**OTTAWA.**  
SIR CHARLES TUPPER.  
OTTAWA, May 13.—Sir Charles Tupper will retain his position as High Commissioner. His successor as Minister of Railways has not yet been appointed.

**UNITED STATES.**  
NEW YORK, May 13.—Reported great crash in New York, Toronto and Boston commercial houses. It is said that the firm of Grant and Ward have failed, ruining General Grant.

**INDIAN HEAD, May 13.**—Pie pot and his band are in turbulent condition and threaten an uprising.

**EGYPT.**  
A COOL FIFTY THOUSAND.  
CAIRO, May 13.—El Mahdi wants \$50,000 ransom for General Gordon, who is a prisoner.

**LONDON, May 13.**—A public meeting in London has censured the Gladstone Government for its policy in Egyptian affairs. The State of Florida was lost by colliding with another vessel. Only forty persons saved out of one hundred and fifty on board.

A volunteer infantry company has been suggested. The formation of an infantry corps here is an excellent idea, and we hope that some of those here who take an interest in such things will take hold and materialize the suggestion. There are good reasons for the formation of such a company justly reasons which need not be given here, but which all of us understand. We are sure the Minister of Militia will render every assistance.

—Mr. George Winton, the well known carrier of the Calgary Silver City and Columbia River mail, arrived from the front this morning. He reports having had snow storms in the Columbia River country. The water in the Kicking Horse River was so deep that he had to swim his horse. Work on the tunnel has commenced.

—The mail arrives here, once a week reminding one of the good old days when McDougall used to be the man of letters. The mail generally arrives at 5 p.m. The post office hours are 8 p.m., but on mail nights Mr. Bannerman, in order to give the public a chance to answer their letters by the return mail the next morning. The crowd that congregates around the p. o. waiting while the mail is being sorted is not always patient but invariably orderly. By and by, when the compressed air-route is established there will be less waiting and no doubt less sweating. The p.m. is a privileged character. He has a right to swear, and the right from time immemorial is never questioned except by the typical yahoo from Smith's corners, 9th line, 10th concession County Bruce.

### SHEEP CREEK. GLEN'S FARM.

#### A Picturesque Spot.

Nor-Western Representatives Pay Me a Visit and Interview Mr. Glen at Home. The sky was not the "empyrean blue" on Saturday afternoon as Mickle, well known all over as a "Western Twentier," drew up to the door of the Nor-Western office and enquired if we were ready.

It was a small animal, not a coyote; a buckboard, not a buggy. This was the Nor-Western's first trip on in the country it was not broken without a due regard to the importance of correct observation, but as we did not go on mere or specimen hunting the various relics of departed animal life which are plentifully scattered on the prairie were left undisturbed. Our road lay across the Elbow, crossing which we turned sharply to the right and pursued a sou'westerly direction for a short distance on the Fort McLeod trail.

The NOR-WESTER was ready, and the clouds ominous looking overhead were ready too—that is to say, they were prepared for business and might enter into the water traffic at any moment. Mr. Glen's house was on the line they call a "gun" but what we matter of fact it is called a Macintosh. He also secured, as a driver. We once expanded all we had on Charles Douglas' International wind splitter while making a trip to Dominion City, and that was enough. The incident may be worth relating.

China in the palm days of the Quadrilateral invested in a pony swift footed, frisky, peeping little pony' thick of the tender sex. She used to go like an express down an incline, and on account of the white ace which she bore, and the speed with which she ran, she had the name of being "the bald face wind splitter." She had a habit, occasionally indulged in, of suddenly punctuating a trip with an unnecessary period whenever she took the notion. A "out" midway between Emerson and Dominion City while we were in a great hurry to file an appearance at the Agricultural show because the usual secretary had suddenly de'voled upon us, "baldy" took a notion to close a paragraph of the road by inserting a tremendously large period. We knew there was no use to use the whip. That would be fatal to the pony.

We recalled a few choice epithets of that we in our anger had heard used with success by Minnesota stage drivers. It was no go. We quitted a few passages of sacred text, but they fell as ineffectually on "Baldy" as they would upon an average Sunday afternoon congregation. We repeated "The Charge of the Light Brigade" but "Baldy" was unmoved. We exhausted all the methods which are not usually used by human in general we began to feel in our pocket to see if we had any candy, but we had no candy. "Baldy" stood regarding. We finally got out and censored "Baldy, threw our arms around "Baldy's" neck and kissed "Baldy" two or three times. "Would you believe it, she winked at us. We had a hard time to get aboard before "Baldy" was off like a swallow from a telegraph line, and she never stopped till she came to Martin's Hotel. "Baldy" was a coquette, a regular little flirt and that was one of her little tricks to get petted.

As this was the NOR-WESTER'S first trip out in the country it was not undertaken without a due regard to the importance of correct observation, but as we did not go on a bird or specimen hunting the various relics of departed animal life which are plentifully scattered over the prairie, were left undisturbed. Our road lay across the Elbow, crossing which we turned sharply to the right and pursued a southerly; direction for a short distance on the Fort McLeod trail. Then we descended and followed the bend of the Bow through a broad valley. On our right lay that friendly stream, on our left "Baldy's" gentle hills rose with picturesque beauty their tops covered with the rich verdure of spring, while herds roamed the long drawn vale between. Mr. Larvin was delighted. There the soil is not of the richest character but is, not deep, and here and there it is covered with large boulders and guard indicating that at one time and not remote either the soil is turned up revealing a dark sandy improve as we get along and when we arrive at Mr. Geddes's we discover a great improvement in the quality of the soil. Mr. Geddes meets us with the courtesies of the gentleman for such he is, and we are invited to his parlor where we have a long and instructive conversation about the ranches, stock raising and the country generally. Mr. Geddes is a substantial farmer and stockman. He came to this country three years ago with upwards of two hundred head of stock and a large outfit. He came from Waterloo Ont., and first located on the Ghost River. Subsequently he moved to this vicinity. When we entered his house it struck us as being a home in all respects, besides the regular carpeting some splendid bear and goat skins were stretched upon the floor in regular Russian style; the parlor bristled with trophies of refinement and the unmistakable refinement of the well bred lady—a fact which was quite evident when Mr. Geddes introduced Mr. Larvin and myself to Mrs. Geddes. Innumerable were the questions we put to Mr. Geddes respecting the resources of the country and the wants of it. The questions and answers would fill a volume. Speaking of the ill luck of the Cochrane Ranch Mr. Geddes said that a great deal of it in fact the whole of the loss was due to a misconception of the country and to improper management. The cattle were disturbed too much by being driven back and forth too much. Had they been allowed to roam at their own will the disaster would not have happened. Indeed this seems to be the general impression in the neighborhood. Mr. Geddes has a considerable tract under cultivation. Wheat, barley and oats can be raised to perfection notwithstanding erroneous opinions to the contrary. Of course stock raising is next to an experiment so far. Mr. Geddes is going to introduce sheep, but he says protection against Indian dogs will be needed.

Thinking that you would like to be informed of any progress in the great north-west I will write you a few lines in regard to Gleichen which is situated fifty-four miles east of Calgary, and is the east division point of Calgary section. C.P.R. There is here built by the R. W. Co. a roundhouse for 12 locomotives, depot, coal shed, ice house, bunk house, dwelling for locomotive firemen. There are employed here from thirty to forty men. Business is good here. We have one store and three boarding houses, all No. 1 in their class. The land in this neighbourhood is a black loam with one or two, and pronounced by competent judges a No. 1. The C.P.R. Land Department opened a large herd field and has sown the same this Spring with wheat, oats and peas, and the crops are now coming up and are in splendid condition. I consider it a very wise act of the Commissioner of the Land Department in opening up these lands for it is success, which they undoubtedly will be it will do more to settle this country than anything else could have done. On agricultural success depends the growth of the north-west. I predict for this country a glorious future. The land is good, the climate (if it should not be favourable at present) is changing for the better. With cultivation we will have more wheat. What follows the Indian and Buffalo as they retreat to the west and north, and in a few years hence you will see thirty villages and prosperous farms, with cosy homes in groves of shade and fruit trees, where to-day is nothing but good pasture land, the wealth of the north-west.

Respectfully yours,  
Gleichen, May 2, 1884.

**SEASON 1884.**  
**A SPLENDID GREY HORSE, "YOUNG PERCHERON NORMAN,"**

Suitable for getting 2 or 3 calves for this country. Stands at S. H. May's farm, Elbow River, Terr. Price \$50.00 each service. Apply to KING & CO. Calgary.

### FROM THE PEOPLE.

#### THE SUMMER CLIMATE OF ALBERTA.

To the Editor of the Nor-Western.—In your issue of April 29th I gave an account of the winter climate of Alberta, and purpose now to mention a few facts concerning the summer climate and its adaptability for farming. Very many erroneous ideas prevail as to the kind of weather we have up here in summer. You will hear some say the summer frosts are fatal to all vegetation—others will say that there is no rain here in the summer and consequently all is parched, and you will also hear that there is no really hot weather. All of these statements are more or less false. As to summer frosts—a question which is being constantly talked about in many quarters—they are not fatal to all vegetation, if any, as is simply proved by the success experienced by Mr. Glen, Volocher of Sheep Creek, and Mr. Livingston of the Elbow River about four miles from Calgary. These are the only old settlers who have farmed up here for any length of time, having been here nine eight and ten years respectively. If the summer frosts were so serious as many detractors of this magnificent country try to make them to be, it is evident that these old settlers would have suffered from them. Yet notwithstanding these summer frosts they have always been most successful. Year after year, without exception, Mr. John Glen has grown the largest and finest flavored potatoes to be seen any where in Canada, as well as an enormous crop of peas, corn, cabbage, oats, wheat and clover. The same success in a more or less degree has attended the efforts of Messrs. Livingstone and Volocher. It is evident that these facts are far better evidence than the wild, and in nearly every case inexperienced, assertions of those who wish to be heard, but do not know what they are talking about or who circulate these statements for certain interested motives. I have heard some persons say that these three old settlers are exceptions, but why should they be exceptions? In the past and until last year they composed the agricultural population of the district, and besides, these men were not brought up to the avocation of a farmer consequently they only receive the same amount of success as would attend the efforts of any careful and industrious farmer who is not afraid of hard work to begin with, secondly, as regards rainfall in this country in spring and summer; of course one year is not a criterion of the other, but speaking generally rain falls to a small extent during April and the first part of May, but June and first half of July is the rainy season if it can be so called; but it must be admitted that this country is essentially a dry one, and often there is not sufficient rain to satisfy a farmer.

As to the heat in summer, in many days in June, July and August the thermometer will often register 85 to 90 in the shade, and from 120 to 125 in the sun; but these are, I think, unobtainable advantages to be met with in any other country, no matter how hot the sun is, there is always more or less of a breeze, and the other advantage consists in the nights always being cool, so much so that one never has to dispense with all the blankets. In fact speaking generally of our summer and early fall in this province, it may be said that that it is incomparably superior to any other part of British North America and especially so in every sense of the word to Manitoba.

That universally dreaded insect, the mosquito is unfortunately not conspicuous by its absence especially along the river, a zealous and slough as our newly arrived citizens of Calgary will find out to their cost, but they can keep their houses entirely free from these unwelcome visitors by burning a small quantity of Peruvian Camouille powder in a saucer or tin; this should be generally known as it is absolutely certain to be effective. As to the soil of this district, Calgary and north to Red Deer the soil is, I think, known to be stony, but with some exceptions conspicuous amongst which is Sergeant Danne's valuable homestead quarter-section, about one mile north of the town on section 22. Here the soil is of splendid quality—a rich loam, especially suitable for root crops; and on the gallant Sergeant's farm there is not a stone to be found. This property would be a mine of wealth to a market gardener supplying Calgary. Beyond this limit the soil all around Calgary and as far south as McLeod, especially suitable for root crops; and of magnificent quality, a rich, dark loam with either gravel or clay subsoil, very prolific and easily worked.

As to pasturage it is unnecessary to say anything about it as it is so widely known as a sufficient range country, and no further word of praise is necessary.

With all these numerous advantages in a country where one can also enjoy the countless benefits of perfect health owing to the extraordinary purity of the atmosphere and water, and where no epidemic is known, and in the midst of beautiful scenery surely should be the destination of thousands of British and Canadian emigrants instead of the bleak and terribly severe climate of Manitoba, and where the eye is wearied with a continuous and monotonous stretch of flat and level prairie.

Any British or Canadian farmer (or any one intending to farm and knowing something about it) who has command \$200 (\$1000) after paying his expenses to Calgary, could comfortably start farming on a homestead and pre-emption (320 acres). There is plenty of land for pre-emption and more would regret having made the province of Alberta their future home.

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**NOTICE.**  
A Sittings of the Second Judicial District Court, Calgary Division will be held on the 15th day of June, A.D. 1884. Court will open at 10 o'clock a.m. on that day.  
**T. DOWLING,**  
Clerk of the Court.  
Calgary, May 13, 1884.

**NOTICE.**  
Notice is hereby given that the late firm of WILKINSON & LINDSAY, book-keepers at Calgary, have made an assignment of all the partnership estate and effects, and also of their individual estate and effects, in trust for all their creditors, either individually or as members of said firm, and all persons having claims against the said partnership, or either of the said individual members of the said firm, are requested to send their names, residences, and particulars of claims, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned at Calgary, Solicitors for the said Trustee, on or before the Fifth Day of June, A.D. 1884.  
And notice is hereby given that after the said date, the said Trustee will proceed to distribute the assets of said firm, and the individual assets of the members of said firm, among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given, and that he will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person or persons whose claims shall not have been notice  
**H. BLEECKER,**  
Solicitor for Trustee  
Dated at Calgary, April 16th, 1884.

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