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A Nor'-Wester Special

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Healy, J. R. Craig and O. G. Dennis. These were the original members, but a number of English capitalists have since been admitted into the Company. The indications in this mine point to valuable deposits of copper. The survey was n.ade by J. C. Wilson, D. C. L.

Capt. Ratallock's services were engaged to inspect the property and give his opinion on the same. He brought from England Mr. Kinahan, assayer, to assay the minerals discovered in the lead. These gentlemen made a thorough examination and assay, the result of which being entirely satisfactory, a meeting of the Company was called a Chicago last fall and decided to commence immediatedevelopments. T e contract wa let to Mayger and Talbert to run a drift in about 400 feet to tap the lead which would he bout 700 feet below the top of the Mountain where the lead was discovered. Th drift is 5 x 6 feet and it is now 163 feet in The prospects are that they will strike the lead about 350 feet from start, probably is July or August.

They are running three 8 hour shifts. solid lump of copper weighing about & rounds was taken from the top of the lead the time the assay was made. The Com puny are expending a large amount of money and they do not expect to get anything tin til they reach 350 feet at least. The fact that these two Companies are expending such large amoun s without any immediate prospec s of any seturn is sufficient proof of their own confidence in the mines turning but satisfac ory.

I then proceeded to Holt City, which 18 miles west of Silver City. This 18 the present supply station of the C.P.R. and doubtless it will remain the busy place it is until the line is completed further ou. This will take considerable time yet, as the tunnel at the summit has to be completed, re quiring a large number of men, who on pay days will spend their earnings at the saloons, dance houses and billiard halls of Holt City There are quite a number of business es tablishments where all the necessaries can

be procured. On Saturday night the swains and lasses of Holt City had a dance at the Summi House, and dancing was kept up until late on Sunday morning, sometime when the Church bells would ring, if there were any to ring in Holt City.

The principal hotel at Holt City is the Queen of the West. The proprietors provid everything for the comfort of the guests. They give their guests a good table and their charges are moderate. Van Buskirk Larsen &Co. are doing a large general store business. They have two carloads of stock now on the road.

J. H. McNulty formerly of Moose Jaw has removed to Holt City. He is erecting a tent next to the Post Office in which he opening a large stock of goods. He will robably meet with a large share of the

FROM BRANDON TO CALGARY.

Notes On the Way.

(CONTINUED FROM OUR LAST NUMBER) A change of climate is always a welcome thing to an old Manitoban. When our train pulled up at Medicine Hat early on Wednesday morning it was quite evident that we had entered the belt of country which is influenced by the Chinooks. The gray dawn was beginning to fleck the horizon as our train entered the commonwealth Medicine Hat. If ever there was anything in a name this depressed locality may lav claim to the title. It is beyond all doubt a sick place and it needs all the medicine that the doctors, the politicians and the coal speculators can give it. The only things that I saw worth mentioning at Medicine Hat was the new railway bridge and the open waters of the Saskatchewan. The bridge is undoubtedly a magnificent one. It is the typical iron bridge of the period and its length and height are something which indicate its strength-for strong it must be to bear the weight and pressure which are brought to bear upon it. Inree heavy engines, two before and one behind help us up the steep grade as we cross the river, and when morning breaks the rising sun sparkles on ponds and lakes . Which are unbound, and the ducks, geese and wavies rise from the water and form hasty processions which disappear into space as our train rushes by. Yes, we have overtaken spring in a few hours! The anoly has dis-

appeared from the prairie and the grass has already begun to sprout here and there, but we have entered upon a country where the grass door not sprout much even in balmy June. We have entered that terra incognite which is best described as comprising a soil of clay marl sand and alkali. Indeed the sand is predominant, suggesting that it could be a good country for grits to settle in since there is an abundance of that material which has been improperly import-Work has been continued unceasingly night ed to them. Viewed from the car window and day. They run two shifts, sometimes all this country is as desolate of life and three. Next month they expect to have animation as that wretched region which a much larger force and to push the work stretches for many a weary mile along that shead more rapidly. They have sunk a campaigna which surrounds Rainy Lake. drift 120 feet and have run a cross cut 45 North and south it is the same country as feet and they expect to strike the lead when | far as the eye can reach from the car window, they go about 14 feet farther, which they It is a relief to know that coal underlies will likely reach in two or three days. The much of this country and that there are with is x 6 6 and the cross cut five or sand and gravel enough in it to supply the world. A few miles east of Calgary the Mr. McNaughton informs me that the in- country begins to improve, the snow clad dications in this vicinity for milling are su- peaks of the Rockies appear in sight and perior to anything he has ever seen before. their contour can be easily defined with a There being much better prospects than field glass. The atmouncement that the could be found in Nevada or the Black Rockies are in sight goes from car to car Hills before the mines , were developed, much as if it were robbers. There is a rush These convinced him that before long this of passengers to the car door and field glaswill be found one of the richest mining ses and binoculars are at once levelled at the countries in the world. I had an interview distant peaks and straining eyes for the first with Mr. Dennis, Manager of the Alberta time peep at these wonderful phenomena. Mining Company, who informed me that and many is the exclamation of wondertheleadwas first discovered by Joseph Healey ment- But if a distant view of these rocks of Fort Benton in 1875, but being so far wreathed in eternal snow is wonderful and from a railway nothing could be done at excite much astonishment, what will they that time, but just as soon as a railway got do when the traveller net only enters them hear steps were taken to work it. The Com- but when their train burrows through them pany is composed of J. S. Dennis, C. M. as will be the case when the tunnel is finish-G. J. S. Dennis, Jr., John J. Healy, Jos. ed, for tunnel it is to be, nine miles west of the summit for a distance of 900 feet. When the train crosses the Elbow river at Calgary and sweeps along to the depot there flashes

before the traveler # cluster of log and frame buildings which are explained as being the original Calgary, the spot where the town was first started. Then follows the Mounted Police barracks which however are on the west side of the Elbow. Then comes a long line of straggling buildings, then the new town site with its thickly studded buildings and then the period which punctuates the train at the station. First impressions are very seidom eradicated. Most persons who arrive at Calgary form very favorable impression of Calgary though there are some persons who never form favorable opinion of any place or anybody. A few of these occasionally come to Calgary and go away from it forming uncharitable opinions, but these persons are generally disappointed fortune hunters who will not be satisfied even if they secure their fortunes and those intended for others in addition.

The first want of the fraveler that arrives at Calgary is that of a hotel, but the traveler does not want the hetel worse than Calgary itself. A first class hotel is needed, a hotel that will properly meet the requirements of first class travel. The North-west Land Company are offering free lots to anyone who will undertake to build a substantial hotel and run it according to the requirements of the place: The society of Calgary is not yet drystalized. When the lines are drawn there will be some queer distinctions, but this will not take place until the advent of the dude, and the typical bank clerk and the young lady whose father made money somewhere east selling mackerel and making soap. Then it will be that Calgary will have lost its charm for the pioneer settler the man who pushes ahead of railways and other modern contrivances for planting people anywhere with promptness and dis-

With the appearance of the "inflationist if he should appear,' then will come the days when dress finery will take the place of a dark hue-rounded like a dome is plainly of the slouch hat, the buckskin and the blue shirt, but the early days will be remembered for the solid prosperity, and solidity which the pioneer commonwealth enjoyed.

ON THE C.P.R. TRACK.

A Grist of New Buildings. Station House—Freight Shed—Section House and Coal Shed.

A Non'-wester local nugget hunter did the C. P. R. grounds the other day and inspected the new buildings which the railway company are having erected for accommodation of their rapidly increasing traffic. In company with Mr. Marsh the obliging and efficient agent of the railway company here our representative visited the new and nearly completed station house which is situated on the north side of track in what will soon be the centre of the town. This building is a frame 20 x 50 18 feet posts, and it contains ten rooms up stairs. On the ground flat are the ladies' and gents' waiting rooms divided from each other by cosy office for agent and telegraph operator. The staff expect to occupy the new office about the beginning of the month. The rooms up stairs are intended for the accomo dation of the agent and his family. next visit was to the freight shed which is situated about 100 yards from the station house on the south side of the track. This building is also a frame 24 X 120 feet and it is nearly completed. The foundation for a section house 20 X 13, and an L. 14 X was laid on Friday, and a frame coal shed X30 feet is to be built at once. These buildings are located on the south side the track. Their construction is in charge

-The snow on the lower portions of mountains is beginning to look "sick." The "eternal article" on the peaks is, however, as fresh and as beautiful as ever.

of foreman R. C. McGrigor.

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CALGARY.

Situation-Extent-Buildings-Population

This one year old town is situated near confluence of the Bow and Elbow rivers in the district of Alberta, within sight of the gre Canadian Alps whose wreaths of eternal snow glisten in the sunlight and afford the traveler a never-failing source of wonderment and pleasure. The town site is beautifull situated in a regular natural basin formed by the wide bend of the Bow and Elbow rivers both of which here well deserve the name Bow. The valley is here from a mile to mile and a half in width. To the east is the natural opening through

which the Canadian Pacific enters the basis and to the west is a similar opening through which the train emerges on its westward course. With the exception of these two gaps the immediate view is obstructed by bold, magnificent and continuous bluffs. whose escarpment exposes various kinds of valuable stone which will yet be a source wealth to the town. To one accustomed the dead level of the eastern prairie; or eve to the rolling prairie of the Assiniboine, th valley of the Bow affords a most agreeable variety, and the traveller who enters it fo the first time cannot help uttering exclamations of admiration. It is no exaggeration say that it is one of the finest town sites North America. It has already earned t distinction and it is well deserving of But if the local scenery is varied and char ming, the view to the west where rise those majestic cliffs which have been often terme the back bone of North America is grand i the extreme. The great cones show them selves here and there beyond the peaks of the foot hills, and pierce the sky with their snow clad sides and spices. The Canadian Mettehorn and the Devil

Head, the latter a curiously shaped mountain visible on any clear evening from Stepnen Avenue, and when the telescope is brought upon their icy cones the eye is furnished with a treat of which no eastern city can boast Calgary has already assumed the dimensions of a city. There are at least three hundred buildings of all kinds in the place. Here are the headquarters of the Mounted Police there being a ferce here of at least 200 men The first town site was laid out on the ear side of the Elbow, close to where that river joins the Bow, but the location of the railway depot about a mile further west changed the business centre of the place, and most of th east enders moved over in the night time the west side, though the store of Hudson's Bay Company that of Mesers. King & Co. are still on the east side of the river and the well known firm of I G. Baker Co , traders, occupy ground at the east en though on the west side of the Elbow. These firms are the largest in the place and as ma be supposed do an immense business. They have selected ground on the west side they intend to build. The barracks of the Mounted Police occupy a beautiful situation on a rising ground at the east end, but it is evident that the heart of the business life is centering around the depot-

There is already here a Methodist Church, a Presbyterian Church and a Roman Catholic and the English Church people are arranging for a handsome structure to be erected this summer. There are already several hotels which furnish accomodation to the weary

Capt: Boynton, an Englishman of means and who takes a great interest in the place in erecting on Stephen Avenue a theatre which is to cost several thousand dollars. The building is in a fair way of completion and i bids fair to become one of the successful institutions of the place.

A noticeable feature is the exist ence of bar rooms and saloons, and the total absence of the liquor traffic, and to meet an intoxicated person is a rarity. Hop beer the most intoxicating beverage. This is due to the probibitory law in force and producing a quiet and orderly population. It is perhaps, the most cosmopolitan place of its size in

easemble of every day life, The soil near and around Calgary is & light York Sunday MERCURY.

sandy loam. A magnificent country stretches to the north and north-east along the Red Deer River, towards which are already flocking large numbers of settlers. When i borne in mind that the great frozen belt which stretches from Lake Superior to the Saskatchewan exercises no influence on this region, that the winters are mild, with only an occasional cold day, that there is none that terrible winter severity which render Manitube in winter synonomous with the Artic Circle, some apprecition will be felt for the climate at least. When the traveler passes the country near and around Medicine Hat he enters a more agreeable climate, and every fifty miles west from that point makes a very perceptible difference. The winters of this district are neither so long nor so severe as those of the Red and Assimibeine valleys- Spring commences from two three weeks earlier, and the fall is two three weeks later. The prevalence of westerly winds Chinooks ameliorates the climate and renders winter not only agreeable but positively acceptable

The waters of the Bow and the Elbow abound in trout, the mountain and brook variety which afford excellent sport to the citizen and iourist. The waters are clear and beautiful the streams being mountain fed and clear as crystal.

The proprietors of the town are the North west Company, the Government, the Railway Company, Mr. Stewart and some others. Lots have been sold principally on building terms and a rebate allowed for building within a certain time. There are already about twenty stores in this place, three or four hard ware stores, two stationer stores and the Non'-wester Printing Office, and through the columns of the Nor'wESTER, which is published every Tuesday, will be furnished to thousands of eager eastern people the most valuable information concerning this most promising young city. The North-west Land Company bave just completed a handsome office on the north side of Stephen Avenue which is to be occupied by the efficient and gentlemanlike agent, Mr. Ramsay. That Calgary is to become the capital of the proposed province of Alberta there can be no doubt. A great future before it, and it has all the co

sound and substantial common wealth. An application for a town charter has already been made to the North-west Council and in a few weeks the town will have an incorporated existence, thus giving it additional status and importance.

The people of the town are already moving in the matter of bridging the Bow in order t secure the Edmonton trade. A new bridge has been erseted across the Elbow, thus uniting the old town with the new, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the North-west Land Company have contributed \$250.00 each towards the construction another bridge across the Elbow to with the Fort McLeod trail. The population of Calgary is already about 1000, which is rapidly increasing. Two through trains from gary, though not the end of the tractors, and no coaches or mails are carried beyond this point. Calgary will remain the terminus of the road until the line is completed through British Culumbia

With the development of the mineral treasures Calgary promises to become the Denver of the Canadian North-west, Indeed it is already designated by that name.

The St. Louis GLOBE DEMOCRAT, organ el the Missouri devotees of yellow kids and high culture in politics, gravely informs its readers that at White House banquets s gentleman and lady alternate around the table, and a man and his wife are always separated by as many seats as the consideration of rank will permit. Plain people in all parts of the United States would like to be further informed, no doubt, where, in republic where all the people are sovereign and the office holders their servants, 'considerations of rank" come the alleged rank consists. All such talk is unmanly and unrepublican, and affords an-Dominion. There is a western freedom about other and an urgent reason why the gilded it that is most agreeable since drunkeness is corruption prevalent in Washington should a feature which does not enter into the tent be succeeded by the democratic simplicity of the followers of Thomas Jefferson. - New

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