

MOUNTAIN MINING, INTERESTING NEWS.

A Nor-Wester Special. From Our Own Correspondent. (CONTINUED FROM OUR LAST NUMBER.) The company was then formed by the gentlemen before mentioned and operations were commenced the following month.

Mr. McNaughton informs me that the indications in this vicinity for mining are superior to anything he has ever seen before. There being much better prospects than could be found in Nevada or the Black Hills before the mines were developed.

Supt. Ratalook's services were engaged to inspect the property and give his opinion in the same. He brought from England Mr. Kinahan, assayer, to assay the minerals discovered in the lead.

They are running three 8 hour shifts. A solid lump of copper weighing about 80 pounds was taken from the top of the lead this time the assay was made.

I then proceeded to Holt City, which is 18 miles west of Silver City. This is 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 on.

On Saturday night the swains and lasses of Holt City had a dance at the Summit 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 provide everything for the comfort of the guests. They give their guests a good table and their charges are moderate.

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 is opening a large stock of goods.

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.

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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 does not sprout much even in balmy June. We have entered that terra incognita which is best described as comprising a soil of clay marl sand and alkali.

The first want of the traveler that arrives at Calgary is that of a hotel, but the traveler does not want the hotel worse than Calgary itself. A first class hotel is needed, a hotel that will properly meet the requirements of first class travel.

YARD IMPROVEMENTS.

ON THE C.P.R. TRACK.

A Grist of New Buildings.

A NOR-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 the accommodation of their rapidly increasing traffic.

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CALGARY.

THE METROPOLIS OF ALBERTA.

Its Situation--Extent--Buildings--Population and Prospects.

This one year old town is situated near the confluence of the Bow and Elbow rivers in the district of Alberta, within sight of the great Canadian Alps whose wreaths of eternal snow glisten in the sunlight and afford the traveler a never-fading source of wonderment and pleasure.

To the east is the natural opening through which the Canadian Pacific enters the basin and to the west is a similar opening through which the train emerges on its westward course. With the exception of these two gorges the immediate view is obstructed by bold, magnificent and continuous bluffs, whose escarpment exposes various kinds of valuable stones which will yet be a source of wealth to the town.

The Canadian Mettehorn and the Devil's Head, the latter a curiously shaped mountain of a dark hue rounded like a dome is plainly visible on any clear evening from Stephen 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.

There are at least three hundred buildings of all kinds in the place. Here are the headquarters of the Mounted Police, there being a force here of at least 200 men. The first town site was laid out on the east 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 the east enders moved over in the night time to the west side, though the store of the Hudson's Bay Company that of Messrs. 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 end though on the west side of the Elbow.

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A noticeable feature is the existence of bar rooms and saloons, and the total absence of the liquor traffic, and to meet an intoxicated person is a rarity. Hop beer is the most intoxicating beverage. This is due to the prohibitory law in force and producing a quiet and orderly population. It is perhaps, the most cosmopolitan place of its size in the Dominion. There is a western freedom about it that is most agreeable since drunkenness is a feature which does not enter into the text ensemble of every day life.

The soil near and around Calgary is a light 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.

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 hardware stores, two stationer stores and the Non-Wester Printing Office, and through the columns of the Non-Wester, which is published every Tuesday, will be furnished thousands of eager eastern people the most valuable information concerning this most promising young city.

An application for a town charter has already been made to the North-west Council and in a few weeks the town will have 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 to secure the Edmonton trade. A new bridge has been erected 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 \$250,000 each towards the construction of another bridge across the Elbow to connect with the Fort McLeod trail.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat, organ of the Missouri devotees of yellow kids and high culture in politics, gravely informs its readers that at White House banquets a gentleman and lady alternate around the table, and a man and his wife are always separated by as many seats as the sounder of rank will permit. Plain people in all parts of the United States would like to be further informed, no doubt, where, in a republic where all the people are sovereigns and the office holders their servants, "considerations of rank" come in, and of what the alleged rank consists. All such talk is unmanly and unrepublishable, and affords another and an urgent reason why the gilded corruption prevalent in Washington should be succeeded by the democratic simplicity of the followers of Thomas Jefferson. -New York Sunday Messenger.

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