

# THE PRAIRIE

(Items Gleaned from Our Exchanges)

THE cattle in the Kootenai River district are looking in fine condition. The calves are not coming very fast as yet.

MR. R. B. BARNES is one of the happiest looking men in Macleod this morning, says the *Gazette*. Reason—twins.

THE work of testing for oil in the Kootenai oil fields will be commenced as soon as the snow, which is pretty deep in there, goes off the ground.

Last Saturday was the day on which tenders closed for the Macleod bridge. It now only remains for the government to let the contracts and go on with the work as speedily as possible.

DR. DEVEBER'S many friends in Macleod district will hear with sincere regret of his intention to leave Macleod. He is not, however, going very far away, for he intends to practice his profession in Lethbridge. Dr. DeVeber has been in Macleod for a good many years, and is a universal favorite.

THE Lethbridge *News* says that lately several of our citizens have made complaints of the action of the N.W.M.P. at stations along the C.P.R., in breaking open parcels of goods, destined for Lethbridge, in search of liquor. A very annoying example of the way the law is being carried out came to our notice this week. A firm of druggists in town received a consignment of patent medicines a few days ago, which, when it reached Lethbridge was found to have been opened at some eastern point. The bottles were not securely repacked and the result was that a number were broken, and the remainder damaged by the spilled medicine so as to be unsaleable. This is a matter that calls for investigation, and the above mentioned would be perfectly justified in making a complaint to the department. This is only another instance of the bad results of the present Northwest liquor law.

## A CENTENARIAN

AMONGST the multifarious extravagances of cranks it has been maintained that human nature does not furnish such a phenomenon as a centenarian. The most obstinate of these ingenious persons would, however, scarcely deny the evidence in the case of a distinguished Naval Officer who to-day completes his hundredth year. Sir Provo William Parry Wallis, G. C. B., is the senior Admiral-of-the-

Fleet, and has been specially permitted to remain on the Active List on account of his unique services and position. This gallant officer was born at Halifax, N. S., on April 12th, 1791.

To the distinction of being one of the few survivors of the wars of 1812-14, Sir Provo Wallis adds the absolutely exceptional one of being, as Second Lieutenant of the *Shannon*, the officer on whom devolved the duty of taking into his native port that victorious frigate and her prize, the *Chesapeake*. As everyone knows, Capt. Brooke was disabled by severe wounds and the First Lieutenant was accidentally killed. We were not long ago reading the Halifax papers of that date and it is safe to say, that even to this day that old city has never seen such an excitement—for this was the famous action that after several reverses, due to great disparity of force re-vindicated the prestige of British Seamen.

Survivors of the great war time must now be very few. One of the last and most distinguished, George Keppell, Earl of Albemarle, who was an Ensign at Waterloo, died last month. He would have been 92 in June.

The next senior officer in the Navy is (Retired) Admiral Sir William F. M. Martin, Bart., G. C. B.; "Rear Admiral of the United Kingdom," an honorary rank which will cease with Sir W. Martin's life, as did that of "Vice Admiral of the United Kingdom," with that of the late Sir Michael Seymour. Sir Provo Wallis, commission as a Captain dated from August 12th, 1819,—72 years! that of Sir W. F. Martin, from 1824. There is a gap of ten years between the date of the latter officer's Captaincy and his next senior on the Retired List the Honorable George Grey, and five years again between him and Lord Clarence Paget, G. C. B. the third on the list.

We believe the veteran Admiral is hale and hearty for his great age.

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