

### Death of Mr. Pardee.

Following closely upon the great loss which Manitoba has sustained in the death of Mr. Norquay, the sister province of Ontario has been called upon to mourn the loss of one of her most able sons. The Hon. Timothy Blair Pardee, from his long connection with the Government of Ontario, as Commissioner of Crown Lands, was widely known throughout the province. In point of ability, he was generally looked upon as second only to Premier Mowat among all the members of the Local House. As a political speaker, Mr. Pardee occupied a distinguished position among the public men of Canada, and as a campaign orator he excelled by few. His style of delivery was of the free, off-hand nature, and always quick at repartee. His ever ready and apparently inexhaustible supply of wit made him a favorite campaign speaker, and an undesirably opponent on the platform. Mr. Pardee was a man of apparently robust constitution, and though it has been known that he has not been in good health for the last year or two, his demise while yet in middle life, will be a shock to his many friends. In the death of Mr. Pardee, Ontario has lost one of her most able public men, and one who up to two years ago gave promise of a long life of usefulness.

WM. M. RUBLEE, of Rublee, Riddle & Co., wholesale fruits, Winnipeg, went south on a business trip last week.

W. R. CARSCADEN, of the firm of Paisley, Miller & Carscaden, general merchants, Bran-

don, has taken his departure for Seattle, Washington Territory, where he has accepted the position of manager of a clothing establishment. W. R. was well known here, having been on the road for several years in the clothing line.

WALTER S. CRONE, one of the best known travellers in the west, representing H. A. Nelson & Sons, wholesale fancy good, etc., Toronto and Montreal, has his samples on exhibition in Winnipeg. In a few days he will start on his western trip, going as far as the Pacific coast. He is showing a fine line of samples in Christmas and holiday goods, toys, etc., including many novelties in his line.

THE *Review*, published at Portage la Prairie, Man., has been enlarged, and presents quite an improved appearance. The *Review* claims to be the oldest paper in the country, outside of Winnipeg, and it is pleasing to see that it is still prospering. The *Review* has no doubt experienced some ups and downs since the early days of its establishment, but its general course has been onward. We wish it a continuation of that prosperity which the present enlargement would seem to indicate that it enjoys.

THE following from the Pilot Mound *Signal* will convey some idea of the extent of the drought in this country: "Some years ago W. A. Donald surprised the people of this neighborhood by purchasing a large shallow lake that was at that time the summer resort and breeding place of thousands of ducks and geese. The lake has now become dried up and the former site is one of the best hay meadows in

the district. The right to cut hay is eagerly sought, and no doubt the dry level bed of the old lake is one of the most profitable farms in the township."

### Grain and Milling.

The light wheat crop this year will do away with any possibility which may have existed of a scarcity of binding twine. The straw is very light this year as a rule, in proportion to the size of the heads, so that farmers will not use a large quantity of twine in harvesting their crops. As twine is a big price this year, light straw is not an unmixed evil.

The first story of Vanliven's grist mill being erected on the south branch of the Saskatchewan, Prince Albert district, is finished and the second story will be up in a short time as the frame while the first was stone. Goodfellow's grist mill on the Pehuman creek, near Fort la Corne, Prince Albert district, is now finished, but the water is so low that the mill cannot run.

The country immediately to the north and northwest of Winnipeg is evidently one of the most favored sections this year. A number of reports like the following have been received from this district: "Messrs. Nairn and Gillett, of Winnipeg, have returned from a trip through Balmoral, Stonewall and Stony Mountain sections. They report that all kinds of grain are looking splendid, and they brought back with them samples of wheat measuring over five feet high, and oats over four feet.

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