

THE NOR-WESTER.

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AFFAIRS LOCAL.

Now that incorporation is almost an accomplished fact it would be well for those interested in the welfare of the town and who are here as an earnest of their confidence that some definite ideas should be formed as to what the municipality should do, as a corporate body. We do not hesitate to say that if good common sense men be elected incorporation will be productive of incalculable benefit. Every one knows that Calgary is expected to be the capital of the intended Province of Alberta, but it is not necessary that our townsmen should rest upon expectation. There are rival towns in the field and vigilance, enterprise and constant activity are needed to keep the town to the front. It is to be regretted that those who are likely to be most benefitted by the advancement are doing the least. The town proprietors are doing little or nothing for us. This is strange but true, and if this should meet the eye of Mr. Scarth as we hope it will, we trust that he will take the hint. It is most unfair the practice which town site owners in the Canadian north-west have pursued. They make a splurge, at first get people to come to their towns, encourage them to start numerous kinds of industries, and on a sudden their interest collapses. Mr. Scarth will agree with us that this is not encouraging, nor is it fair to leave the battles of progress to be fought by the handful of struggling pioneer citizens who at the invitation of town proprietors, are induced to invest their all and settle down in the town, the owners of which do not live in the place, and who seldom or ever visit it. It is manifestly unjust to leave a handful of people, most of whom are only small lot owners to do the heavy work, to encounter the obstructions which rival towns put in the way, and in brief, to do all the hard work. It is not only manifestly unfair, but it is unbusiness like: it is a very short sighted policy, and its effects are after all most injurious to the proprietary interest. We make these observations in a friendly spirit, and we hope they will make an impression in the quarter towards which they are directed.

If there has been any back-stairs influence working against incorporation we now hope there is an end to it. Incorporation is needed. It will give the town government. Calgary will have a status. As to the lavish expenditure of public monies which certain sapient people dread that is a mere bugbear, because the municipal act does not confer anything like absolute powers on a Council: There can be no appropriation of any amount worth speaking of, unless it is voted upon and carried by the taxpayers. A little more attention from the town site owners, a little more substantial help should be extended. A lift of this description is needed, and we trust that it will be promptly given.

With characteristic stupidity and more than the usual perversity the neutral organ endeavours to belittle the geological investigations in this district. As a matter of fact there is no better mountain geologist in America than Dr. Dawson and the able staff which has been working in this district under his directions have accomplished a great deal of useful work during the present season. The cost of a staff in this district is three times what it would be in the older portions of the Dominion, and it does not appear from the records that the report of a parliamentary committee composed largely of Ontario members who are unfavorable to geological expenditure in the Northwest has made much impression on the Government. The eagerness with which our contemporary seizes upon the text which the committee furnishes is quite suggestive.

In a few days we will give our impressions on the lease question from our own standpoint. While much that has been said in this respect here is entitled to careful consideration we are satisfied that there is yet a good deal of uncovered ground. Impressions hastily and superficially formed are not the best guide, and in pursuing our own enquiries in the ranche country we shall follow our usual practice of collecting information from sources that are likely to command respect from all parties.

The Grits are unnecessarily exercised because of the probable admission of Jamaica into the Confederation. The Manitoba Free

Press is afraid of the "niggers." The Toronto Telegram, which claims to be an independent journal, is apprehensive lest the United States should gobble it up. Both of these objections are not tenable. There is nothing to prevent Jamaica from becoming a useful and necessary member of the Confederation.

Our beloved contemporary actually publishes an article on the leasing system, and in accordance with its usual practice it supports both sides of the question, and then incontinently dashes off at a violent curve and declares that it would be better if the lease system was entirely and forever abolished. That is "free ranging" in downright earnest.

The Manitoba Free Press has discovered that the only thing heretofore in Winnipeg that has not been exaggerated is the civic rascality. This sounds odd. What has the Free Press been doing that it did not sound the note of warning before? The steed has gone, and the door is now being trebly barred.

Professor Goldwin Smith saw the Northwest from the rear platform of a Pullman car at Brandon, and yet he is accepted as infallible authority on Northwest affairs simply because he is Goldwin Smith. It would have been the same had he seen it from a balloon stationed off the Bay of Biscay.

The Conservatives of Calgary do not intend to be behind their brethren of other places in the Dominion, in honoring the occasion of Sir John A. Macdonald's fortieth anniversary into public life. An appropriate address is being prepared and it will be duly forwarded to the chieftain.

Some tyro writing in the Herald says that British Columbia has not over 12,000 "whites." This is probably the same medical authority who has discovered that the "kidneys" of the Blackfoot Indians are unsound. We would advise this writer to apply for a medical certificate.

Rot like the following needs no comment:—"The Conservatives and Reformers of the eastern provinces forget here their peculiar differences, and in their desire for their country's good they unite their influence and blend their opinions into one harmonious whole."—Herald.

Mr. Bourlier's Impressions.

H. Bourlier, Esq., Agent of the Allan Line of steamers, who was recently here, has sent us a Toronto Word with the following:

"H. Bourlier, general passenger agent of the Allan line for Ontario, has just returned from an extended trip throughout Manitoba and the Northwest, and has visited all the principal towns, and reports good signs of a return of business throughout the whole country. The harvest was very good, and very little wheat has been damaged; and the price only been up to the usual figure, the farmers would have nothing to complain of; but of course this is a matter that cannot be helped. Some farmers are holding on for prices.

A number of costly buildings and stores are going up in Winnipeg, and as soon as Main street is block paved (and this work is being pushed as fast as possible) the city of Winnipeg will have a street that will favorably compare with any business street in Detroit or Chicago.

The very nature of the black rich soil naturally caused the Winnipeg streets to be almost impassable in rainy weather, but sewers, planked streets, broad sidewalks have been constructed and now the block paving of Main street will make a complete transformation.

Mr. Bourlier visited Minneapolis, at present the terminus of the Manitoba and North-western railway, (a line which runs from Portage la Prairie and which is being extended some eighty miles further). The farming lands between Portage la Prairie and Minneapolis are being well settled, and no wonder, as this district is conceded to be the garden of Manitoba. The farms along the line show every sign of prosperity, and strangers attending the agricultural fairs held at the different little towns would be amazed at the richness of the products from the soil, in the shape of wheat, oats, barley and all kinds of vegetables. The exports of grain will be large from this district. No less than 100 cars of wheat will be shipped this winter from Gladstone, one of the little towns on the Manitoba and Northwestern railway.

Mr. Bourlier after visiting Brandon, Moose Jaw, Regina, Medicine Hat, Swift Current, etc., pushed on to Calgary, a very pretty situated town on the Bow river, and in sight of the Rockies. Calgary is said to possess a beautiful dry climate, and the chinook winds which prevail at intervals during the winter bring about a mixed, pleasant atmosphere, which no doubt is of great service to the owners of the immense stock farms which are dotted all over the neighborhood.

Calgary is a locomotive station on the Canadian Pacific, and as the railway traffic developed so will the increase in the railway staff, and additional machine and engine shops be put up. It is an important station for the mounted police, also the freighting front for Fort McLeod, where a large business is done.

The train service on the Canadian Pacific is excellent. The track sidings, stations and rolling stock show that nothing has been spared to make this line one that will rank with any American line now running to the Pacific.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, if after the fourth publication of this Notice in THE NOR-WESTER, no proceedings be taken against the erection of the Municipality hereinafter mentioned, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories, intends erecting under the provisions of Ordinance No. 3 of 1884, intitled "An Ordinance respecting Municipalities," the following tract of land into town by the name of the

"Town of Calgary,"

Namely:—All those parts of Section Nos. fourteen, fifteen and sixteen, Township 24, Range 1 West of the Fifth Initial Meridian, South of the Bow River in the northwest territories of Canada.

By Command,
A. E. FORGET,
Clerk of Council.

PROCLAMATION

CANADA.
NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.
Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of Faith, Etc., Etc.

E. DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

[SEAL]

To all to whom these presents may come, or whom the same may concern—

GREETING:
Whereas by Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General, Thursday, the sixth day of November last, has been set apart as a Day of General Thanksgiving;

And whereas it is one duty to acknowledge publicly to the Giver of all good our thankfulness for the bountiful harvest and other blessings and mercies He has vouchsafed to the North-west Territories during the present year.

Now know ye that we have thought fit to appoint Thursday, the sixth day of November next, as a Day of Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God, in the North-west Territories, and we do invite all pastors with their people and the inhabitants generally to observe the said day as such.

In Testimony Whereof we have caused the Seal of the North-west Territories to be hereunto affixed. Witness, His Honor Edgar Dewdney, Lieutenant-Governor of the North-west Territories, at Government House, Regina, this twenty-seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the forty-eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,
A. E. FORGET,
Clerk of Council.

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on 8th November, 1884, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, once per week each way, between

MARIETON
AND
REGINA

from the 1st January next.

The conveyance to be made in a suitable two-horse vehicle, via Longlake, Craven and Rose Plain.

The Mails to leave Regina every Friday at 7 a.m., and arrive at Marieton at 4 p.m.; Leave Marieton every Saturday at 8 a.m., and arrive at Regina at 5 p.m.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices at Marieton, Longlake, Craven, Rose Plain and Regina, or at the office of the subscriber.

W. W. McLEOD,
P. O. Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Winnipeg, 15th Sept., 1884.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CALGARY.

Gentlemen:—By request I am in the field, a candidate for the office of mayor. If favored with a majority of your suffrages I will exert my utmost endeavors to forward the interests of this place, and will regard the welfare of all Calgarians as my own. I therefore place myself in your hands, and remain, gentlemen,
Yours truly,
GEO. MURDOCH.

Calgary, Oct. 7, 1884.

Silver City and Columbia River Mail Route

THIS Mail Route was established previous to the C.P.R. being complete further west than Calgary, and has been the only Mail Line west of Calgary.

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OPPOSITE P.O.

FROM THE "CROW"
To the Editor of THE NOR-WESTER,
Sir,—I notice by in your last issue Finch Creek, has McLeod Gazette, in tion to my explanation name of the Crow's mountain in that vi draw upon my imm One thing is certain accuse Mr. Goddall source for his facts I went over to the for the purpose of at tion I could as to the present condition of the benefit of your reading of statistics I endeavored to em little bits of descri anecdotes and tradi Among other things Nest Mountain "b resembles to a g certainly the case; it, although this reasonable and pr by Mr. Goddall shat once driven to a " have been a very one) by the Blackf not that what is Mountain" (a very opinion) is the real Mr. Goddall may be wrong, but it will co his mere ipse dixit After all whether it "Old King Crow" Crow's "immortal warriors who, acor made their nest there little consequence, I