

Along the Line.

The traveler who has to pass on does not get much of a chance to see Regina. His train arrives during the hours of repose. This is an arrangement of the railroad company and it is not appreciated by Regina, but it is likely to be changed as soon as daily trains run to Calgary. It is late at night when our train pulls up at the Capital Street Chimes in Regina and the S. W. Council has adjourned. A private telegram to him, received at one of the stations on route give the information, and it is confirmed upon my arrival. I put up at the Windsor Hotel. Mrs. Kelly, proprietor. The two principal hotels in Regina are the Windsor House and the Palmer House. They are both good hotels, and as I stopped at the former I can recommend it. The traveler can get a good bed at the Windsor. At the Windsor the table d'hôte is perhaps better than anything west of Winnipeg which is saying a good deal. In the Windsor they adopt the capital style—dinner at six, and Mrs. Kelly is very attentive to those who come from a distance. Regina upon inspection is a much larger place than it appears from the car window.

The two chief streets in Regina are broad and long. They run at right angles to each other but the lots like those in Calgary are only 25 feet wide for which we blame Mr. Scarth is to blame. The council building and the Governor's office and Indian Commissioners office are situated north west of the town about a mile distant from the business centre. These buildings are frame and they are situated on the best and highest ground. The C. P. R. people however, located their depot about a mile and a half to the east in a much lower location. Not a single building has been located east or north of the city. The city of Regina is showing itself in a marked manner in Regina. Pure goodness appears to have actuated some of the railway people in the selection. The Bank of Montreal and the Leader office appear to have struck out for themselves. They are away off on the prairie to the south at least three quarters of a mile from the business centre. The Dominion Land office is another institution that has obeyed this centrifugal tendency. It has struck out for itself in a southerly direction so that Regina is a city of magnificent distances. The Government offices are large and airy. The office of Mr. Hayter Reed, Assistant Indian Commissioner is the first to the left as you enter building. There is a large amount of work connected with this department and it is well and ably managed. Grit papers to the contrary notwithstanding. Mr. Forget, clerk of the council and an assistant was busy engaged in comparing and revising the ordinance with the prairie, and I must again mention the courtesies which he kindly extended to the Nor'wester.

He lives in a neat little cottage close at hand, and he pointed out on the prairie two deer that were lying down about three hundred yards away. They were tame and belong to him and they roam at will not, however, going very far away. One had been wounded a short time before by an enthusiastic sportsman who mistook the pair for wild ones.

A third he had lost by the shot of a sportsman who had made a similar mistake. They return to the house regularly in the evening and appear to be thoroughly domesticated as any kind of pet. At the kind invitation of the Lt. Governor I paid a visit to his residence and he kindly showed me the garden, in which everything in the vegetable line was growing to perfection. The garden is not large, but everything in it was cooking well. The wheat and corn which are growing on the first sod show that the soil is of excellent quality, though its nature evidently requires that it has to be well worked but it is of inexhaustible depth and of great fertility. The farming of Lt. Governor this year was, however, experimental. The results this year are highly satisfactory, and another reason will witness the farm and on in a systematic way. Lt. Governor Dowdney has some blood stock, including a Black Kentucky stallion which is a noble animal. Regina is to have a fall show this year and Mr. Dowdney expressed the hope that Calgary would be able to send some of the productions of the field and garden a suggestion which I trust our agricultural society will not fail to set upon.

In the bow window of the Lt. Governor's residence is a conservatory which Mrs. Dowdney has under especial care. The vines are healthy and luxuriant especially the grape vine which is looking remarkably well and which next year will bear fruit. The conservatory is occasionally utilized as a ball room. It is a neat little building. The interior is nicely decorated with various military accoutrements. Two immense buffalo heads look down grim and silent on the "many whir" and the circumstance leads to a conversation upon the disappearance of the buffalo from our North west. He has disappeared for ever, and even in a few years his bones will be as much of a curiosity as the relics of the historical east. Lt. Governor drove me to the fort which is situated but a short distance from Government House on a beautiful piece of high prairie. He pointed out the Wascana as he passed and I could not help thinking how much better it would have been for the town to be located on this high ground. True the Wascana is almost a dried up stream in midsummer, but there are times when it contains a considerable volume of water. The fort, which is the headquarters of the Mounted Police is nicely situated. The buildings and officer's quarters are neat and erected after the American frontier fashion, though we think they would look better if they were painted white instead of the pink color which is so unimpressive. Lt. Col. Irvine was not in his quarters so that I did not get a chance of paying my respects to one of Canada's most popular soldiers. Col. Irvine is in command of the post and I heard nothing but the kindest wishes for Col. Herchimer, the commandant at this post, and who, until recently was stationed at Regina where his family still remain.

The New Mission Chapel. Rev. Father LaComb extended a kind invitation to us the other afternoon and we accepted it. Proceeding to the new mission chapel we found the worthy father and his staff fully in possession of the new mission which comprises a chapel, residence and school reception room and store room. We were shown the interior economy of the new mission house, and among other apartments we were shown Father LaComb's modest but well selected library and the allegorical catechism which graphically gives the history of man from the creation down to the Christian era.

Ascending a neat stairway we reached the chapel, which is on the second story 50x30. The interior is plain and substantial. The altar is a piece of artistic skill. It is ordinary wood and carved by Father Van Vighien of Fort McLeod. The workmanship is marvellous and it denotes skill which is of the highest order. We understand that the artist did not even use a lathe in the work though he used primitive tools he succeeded in turning the wood appears to us a mystery. The window and picture frames are also his handiwork.

Rev. Brother Foisy, who is the church organist, played some excellent music and Father Chap Sans "Vene Creator." The organ is a deep toned and well fills the space. It is well adapted to church service. Rev. Father LaComb has chosen a nice location for his chapel. Mr. Mervitt is now engaged in staking out the lots.

are 50 by 150 which is a great improvement on those thin first lots which the North-west Land Company have laid out. Three avenues are already laid out viz: Notre Dame, St. Joseph and St. Mary. The survey corresponds with the old survey of the town except as to the size of the lots.

These lots will soon be in the market and we hope that our citizens will avail themselves of the advantage they offer. They are beautifully situated and are most suitable for residences. Pere LaComb has now on his hands a blind helpless Indian, abandoned by his tribe. "I cannot turn the poor fellow away, said the great hearted man. I cannot see him abandoned, I will get a tent for him." The poor fellow lay crumpling on the door step, but he knew that although abandoned by his own friends he had still a friend in Pere LaComb. There is something sad about being abandoned by one's friends, something indescribably sad no doubt when to other helplessness is added blindness the picture of woe is complete.

The following are the names of the members of the North-west Council with their constituencies: Wm. White, Regina, elected. Hayter Reed, Regina, appointed. Col. Irvine, Regina, appointed. Col. McLeod, Fort McLeod appointed. Frank Oliver, Edmonton, elected. Claude Hamilton, Broadview, elected. Col. Richardson, Regina, appointed. Wm. Turfitt, Moosejaw, elected. Judge Rolan, Prince Albert, appointed. Pascal Breland, Wood Mountain, appointed. Ross, Moosejaw, elected. J. D. Geddes, Calgary, elected. Macdonald, Prince Albert, elected. Jackson, Qu'Appelle, elected. Lt. Governor is president of the Council and ex-officio a member.

An English Woman's Will. A remarkable will has lately come to light by the death of Mrs. Ann Ball, on Ball's Pond England. The value of her estate amounted to \$50,000 which was to be distributed among over eighty different charities. The bequests are mostly of an original character. Among others are \$500 to the Ladies Association for the social improvement of Syrian females; \$50 to a home for starving dogs; \$1000 to be distributed by her executors in sums of \$40 to such deserving persons as they may select who have lost all their effects by fire; \$250 each to six Episcopal curates of the church of England whose respective incomes are less than \$500 per annum and who shall each have more than four children, etc.

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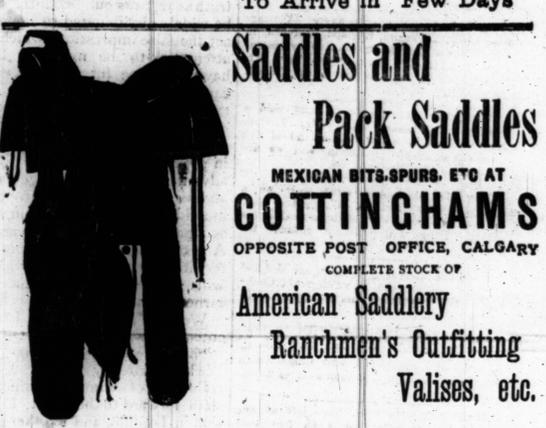
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