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AS IT IS.

Our special correspondent who went as far as Holt City a few days ago had exceptional facilities for obtaining correct information as to the opinions of a great many experienced miners and prospectors in reference to the new mining regulations. Contrary to what we have heard here the miners at Silver City and other places with whom our representative had interviews, expressed general satisfaction at the placer mining regulations, but they appear to be dissatisfied with the quartz mining sections of Hon. Mr. MacPherson's Act. Our correspondent was informed by Mr. McNaughton, of the Queen of the Hills mine, that a number of experienced miners and prospectors from the United States who went to Silver City some weeks ago have returned to Montana and Idaho and other places because they were disappointed in the mining regulations, we presume the quartz mining sections of the act. There would appear to be conflicting news among the miners themselves as to the quartz mining and placer mining regulations but there can be no possible doubt that the feeling among the miners and prospectors is to the effect that the British Columbia law would give entire satisfaction. In this matter we are anxious to mislead no one. It is of the utmost importance to the country that the mining regulations should be liberal and reasonable in order that the immense mineral deposits which exist in the Rockies and adjacent ranges may be speedily developed.

FALLACIES.

Time was when the North-west Territory was represented as a region fit only for the Indian and the white trapper, the voyageur and the Esquimaux, and it was that distinguished body of traders and adventurers known as the Honorable the Hudson's Bay Comp'y. that always gave strength to the fallacy by oft repeated assurances made through their servants and employees. There was then a purpose to serve and allowance can be made for the reasons by which these gentlemanlike speculators were actuated. The fallacy has been exposed and the territory thrown open to the free trader and the settler alike, still there is yet a good deal of misconception with regard to the capabilities of North-western Canada. For instance the impression has gained considerable headway in the eastern provinces that the district of Alberta is fit only for mining and grazing purposes. The lands it is alleged are adapted for sturage only. Fallacies we suppose must exist until they fade before the light of experienced facts and it will shortly be our privilege to present to the readers of the NOR-WESTER a few plain facts which will dispel the delusion which prevails concerning the lands of this promising district. We say facts because we will present nothing but what is perfectly true, that which actual experience has proven. Anyone who has seen the fine country along the Red Deer River knows that there is no better farming country in any part of the Northwest, Manitoba not excepted, than is to be found for a distance of nearly one hundred miles along the Red Deer River. There are good farming lands as well as pasturage in the district of Alberta, and these tracts are distinct in themselves. The farming lands are yet unsettled and available to the bona-fide settlers, and as the climate is milder and the winters less severe than those in Manitoba, the rapid settlement of these fine farming tracts in the District of Alberta can only be a question of a few months. We will shortly present to our readers the experiences of a few old settlers who have tried farming in this district. The statements which will appear in this connection may be depended upon. They will be found without color and in every way most reliable. We venture these statements without the least disparagement to those interested in lands which are from their nature more properly grazing lands. These tracts are extensive, but it must be borne in mind that Alberta is a very large district as may be readily seen from the map, and yet the map can only afford but a faint idea of the extent and varied physical features of this fine district.

BRIDGE ACROSS THE BOW.

Those who are interested in the welfare of the town must know very well that eternal vigilance is necessary in order to make the town what they all fondly wish to see it.

There are rivals in the field whose claims cannot be regarded slightly. There is Edmonton to the north, and Fort McLeod to the south, places whose citizens are energetic, ambitious and enterprising. Calgary from its situation on the main line of the C. P. R. and at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow Rivers should command the trade to the north and the south. What is needed at once to secure the trade is the bridging of both the above named streams at this point. This is a matter which like fire protection should be taken hold of immediately. There is no time to be lost.

Regina has been an incorporated town with a Mayor and four Councilors nearly four months, and the council has so far succeeded in appointing a Clerk and Assessor and passing two by-laws, one investing peace officers with the majestic authority of impressing citizens to work at possible Reginese conflagrations, and the other by-law defines the architecture of water-closets and is for the use of disinfectants and for the protection of public health against carrion. The legislation of the Reginese fathers does not appear to be heavy so far, but by-laws Nos. 1 and 2 show an amount of wisdom, forethought and enlightenment which sparkle with the brilliancy of the Reginese snows when compared with the crude but voluminous legislation of the other capital to the east of it.

The fewer the by-laws the better and the absence of a by-law to raise the wind is so healthy that the health by-law itself was hardly necessary.

"Mugwump" is neither classical nor euphonious, but the eastern papers are trotting it around as though it were something toothsome.

It is some time since this place was gazetted a Port of Customs Entry, but as yet the gentleman appointed customs officer has not received the necessary documents enabling him to act. The seal of office has been received but this insignia does not arm the officer with the necessary implements of his authority. In the meantime our merchants and others are very much inconvenienced by this delay. We have no doubt when the attention of the energetic Minister of Customs is directed to this matter the needed machinery will be put into motion without further delay.

Mr. George Purvis, Secretary of the moribund Farmer's Union of Manitoba, is not deficient in that which is vulgarly known as "cheek." Mr. Purvis likes to see his name in print, appended either to a long-winded letter or to some ridiculous manifesto of the Union. Secretary Purvis' latest essay is a letter to the Conservatives of Brandon, dictating a platform, and sending it to the Convention by a special messenger, the President of the Union, Dr. Fleming. The Conservative Association very properly sat down on Mr. Purvis' missive, and declined the services of President Fleming, who insisted on being present at the Convention as a sort of Purvis-Brown-Shillinglaw nuncio. The Convention did right in politely showing the doctor the door.

The ins and outs in the Manitoba legislature have joined hands and now there is no opposition. Manitoba is a strange Province, and its politicians a queer set. Norquay, the lion, is now lying down with Greenway, the lamb; or to be more apt—the fox and the wolf have entered into a co-partnership. We would like to know how long this compact will last?

Fire protection is an important question with which the people of the town should deal at once. Why not purchase a Remington engine at once and hose enough to reach to the river? There is no necessity to wait for incorporation or for tanks. A Remington can be obtained upon the bond of the inhabitants. This bond can be confirmed by the council when one is elected. "For want of a shoe the horse was lost," etc. Delays are dangerous.

We have no news to give our readers upon the subject of town incorporation. The town committee, however, continue to meet and report progress, which, marking time process shows that the delay is not the fault of the committee. The North-west council will doubtless handle the subject by-and-by when it gets ready. In the meantime let the candidates for municipal honors be trotted out.

Calgary is just now supplied with small stores, and when we read in our exchanges that Mr. Peanut is about to leave Huskville, somewhere down east, with the intention of opening out a "general store" in Calgary, it is not a matter of doubt that Huskville's gain is Calgary's loss. The retail trade here is more than supplied. To overdo business is going to make business dull and unprofitable.

The Winnipeg correspondent of the St. Paul Pioneer Press is a most persistent Ananias and the paper that publishes his telegraphic trash is as bad as the Manchus who manufactures it. For instance he sent a very sensational telegram to his St. Paul paper the other day stating that 2000 Indians had marched into Battleford massacred the town and captured the telegraph operator. The Battleford story originated with this journalistic elf as also did another telegram to the same paper in which he states that Norquay had made an alliance with Germany. It is a typographical error of course, but it has as much the color of truth as the other telegram possesses. The Chicago Times is getting out storied.

Chinook Chaps. Bar Dig-gings—A Dakota saloon. Dry Dig-gings—A Calgary refreshment house. Alluvial dig-gings—The Cemetery. Creek Claims—Speckled trout. Bench claims—Suits in Court. Back claims—Interest on "hung up" drinks. Auriferous earth—Lots on Stephen and Pacific avenue. A Quartz Crusher—A double-barreled shot gun. And a local agent—A six-shooter. A Bad Rock Flume—The C. P. R. track. A bed rock Flume company—A brigade of tramps. Leaved of absence—Absconding debtors. Saddling a Chinook—Riding a Cayuse. "Tailing a Sluce"—"Drowning Paddy." A special "permit"—A dead marine.

Scientific. An instrument giving in the same lunette the images of two stars at the moment when they have the same height, and permitting the observer to determine by a single observation the sidereal time at the place, the latitude, and east and west line, has been brought before the French Academy of Sciences by Mr. Ch. Rouget. It consists essentially of a vertical mirror mounted on a centre with a level and adjusting screw, a lunette turning on the same centre, with an independent movement, and movement in a vertical plane. It is placed in such a manner that its optical axis passes always through the middle of the central vertical border of the mirror in such a way that half of the objective looks on the mirror, the other half on the sky. The principle of the instrument is very simple; all rays traverse the lunette and reflected by the mirror in any azimuth whatever may, be their inferior prolongation, the same angle with the horizontal plane of the mirror bisects the azimuths of the rays emitted and the rays reflected. M. Renouf has also invented a "self acting level circle" by which the altitude of a star can be taken at sea when the horizon is obscured by clouds or fog, or on land without the aid of artificial horizon. It is an ingenious combination of the levels and astronomical circle, and will be useful both at sea and on overland journeys.

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H. BLECKER, Solicitor for Trustee. Dated at Calgary, April 14th, 1884.

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