

# THE NOR-WESTER.

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## BRANCH RAILWAYS

We are not in possession of the details of the plans for aiding branch lines submitted by Sir David Macpherson, Minister of the Interior, to the Cabinet, and which we are informed has been approved of. The Manitoba Free Press, a few issues ago, concurred in the plan, so that it must possess certain merits, though we perceive that in a later issue it appears to have backed out, and it is now disgruntled because the Minister of the Interior does not in his plan propose lavishly to give free land grants to all chartered companies now in existence or that may hereafter be organized. The scheme which has been adopted is to give free grants of lands to the Manitoba and South-Western and to the Manitoba and Northwestern. The first named has fifty miles of road in operation and the other has eighty. These companies, in the first instance, had land allotted to them at one dollar per acre. Sir David Macpherson now proposes that these companies will have to pay the Government ten cents an acre to cover the expenses of surveying. The Free Press now says so far as these concessions go they are commendable but Sir David, it complains, does not go far enough. To do what is right he should subsidize every branch road organized or unorganized. Nothing short of this will suit the "sturdy yeoman of the intelligent prairie province." The perversity of the Minister of the Interior in this matter is most reprehensible because the Free Press asserts most solemnly that there is land enough in the northwest to spare which cannot be put to a better purpose than the development of the country.

We take it for granted that there is wisdom in the discrimination which the Minister of the Interior makes in his proposed plan for aiding branch lines. Both the roads referred to are material facts, while many of the Free Press roads are paper lines projected by parties whose common name is speculator.

We cannot compliment the writer in the McLeod Gazette of the 10th inst. on being a political fanatic, but he has our unqualified congratulations on the success which he is achieving as a political hermaphrodite. We can assure the independent ci-devant peeler of the Gazette that his pretensions to lofty independence come with exceedingly bad taste from the clerk of a court under public pay, and we might add from a young man whose bread and butter for a number of years was drawn from the very Government, whose patronage he in a covert way has been endeavoring to obtain, while at the same time he has been doing his best to stab that Government under the fifth rib. Pretensions to independence are not independence as every sensible person knows. The party now-a-days who preaches independence in politics must practice it. The editor of the Gazette would have his readers believe that he is such a person, but we have the best of reasons for knowing that what he calls "independence" is inexperience, and what he is pleased to call fanaticism is a long and severe journalistic experience. THE NOR-WESTER is gall and wormwood to such journalistic tyres as the editor of the Gazette. The very fact that he knows nothing of Canadian politics except what he has read during a secluded life of several years at Fort McLeod merely shows what presumption a political tyro may possess. It would be far more honorable of him to support the Government of which he is enjoying favors, or go at once into the arms of their political opponents. This is what he evidently wants to do, though he appears to lack the courage of his convictions. Perhaps with him it is a case of volo, non valeo.

The Ottawa special correspondent of the Regina Leader is authority for the statement that the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald is to be made a life peer under the title of Baron Ottawa. No man in the British Empire is more entitled to this distinction at the hands of our Sovereign Lady than is the distinguished statesman, who for forty years has been identified with the public affairs of the country, and whose administrative ability long years ago ranked him among the leading statesmen of the world. We trust that the statement is true, and that the Right Honorable gentle-

man's visit to England at the present time is not unconnected with the well-merited distinction referred to.

Sir David Macpherson at the head of his department is showing commendable activity with regard to those matters which more particularly concern the northwest. The Minister of the Interior is most anxious to secure the soundest legislation for the people of this portion of the country, and it is only a miserable kicker who is heard doubting this. It is some satisfaction for a Cabinet minister to know that the hearts of the great majority of the northwest people are in their right places, and that it is only the professional grumbler who wants to remain dissatisfied.

Federal office holders in the northwest will be pleased to know that the McLeod Gazette has classified them all as "political vagabonds." The only redeeming feature contained in this sweeping indictment is the fact that the editor of the Gazette, who is clerk of the District Court for McLeod, has included himself in the classification.

The Manitoba Free Press is opposed to a public celebration in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald's career as a statesman. The opposition is incomplete without the support of that ultra-independent, the McLeod Gazette, and the goody-goody neutral, our lovable local rival.

**A Pretty Sketch.**  
Henry Muma, Esq., of Drumbo, Ont., one of the Dominion arbitrators who was here a few weeks ago has written an able and interesting letter to the Brantford (Ont) Daily Courier, giving a description of his trip to this portion of the Dominion. Mr. Muma is a pleasant gentleman, besides being a level-headed arbitrator. He possesses a descriptive pen as will be seen from the following extract, which we are pleased to make from his letter.

"Bow River and Belly River below Medicine Hat, 600 miles west of Winnipeg unite and form the southern branch of the Saskatchewan river. At this point an abundance of coal exists, sufficient for the whole population of that vast country for ages. This, of course, does not cover the fact that there is no timber for building purposes for man or beast; however, we should not forget that the source of the Bow river is from the Rockies, and these mountains abound in spruce and fir timber, which can be rafted down the river as well as brought in by the railway. So thus it seems that kind Providence has so disposed of things necessary for the advantage of this section of the country. Calgary is built upon a plateau formed between the rivers Bow and Elbow. Flanking on two sides of the city is a series of hills, the situation of Calgary is one of the prettiest imaginable, and it is about 838 miles west of Winnipeg, 200 from Edmonton, 110 from Fort McLeod, and 250 from Fort Benton, in Montana. From Calgary can be seen long blue lines of the Rockies, some of which are to be seen covered with snow. Here you are but forty miles from Morleyville, a village occupied by the Stonies or Assiniboine Indians. This tribe is fairly advanced in civilization, inhabit small wooden houses and till the soil like the Brant and Caughnawaga Indians. The Assiniboine formed part of the Sioux tribe of Minnesota, but a quarrel having taken place among them concerning a squaw—we man having begun the trouble in the garden of Eden and will finish it—hence the perpetual separation. The Stonies have, however, gained by the separation. Had they remained with the parent stock at Minnesota they would still have remained heathens and barbarians. "Out of evil comes good." From Calgary the C. P. Railway follows the Bow River, crossing it seven times, until it reaches Stephen station, which is located at the summit of the Rockies, and being the limits of the Province of Alberta and the beginning of British Columbia. Four miles before reaching Stephen the river winds to the northwest, and forms the lakes on the tops of the high mountains. Although you are 6,000 feet above the level of the Pacific Ocean, you do not perceive the ascension, so gradual it rises after leaving Winnipeg, but more particularly from Calgary. The slope on the west side of the Rockies differ from the east, the descent of the former being abrupt and steep. The valley of the Bow river is spacious, being from 3 to 6 miles in width, and covered with fine fir trees. This is not the case with the Kicking Horse pass, which is narrow, difficult and wild.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, 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.  
Council Chamber,  
October 3rd, 1885

## 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.

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 next, has been set apart as a Day of General Thanksgiving; and whereas it is our 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 a Day of Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God, in the North-West Territories, and we do invite all paston 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. I favor 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.

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## BOW RIVER MILLS.

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