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Notes and Comments.

IMPROVEMENTS costing about \$5,000 have been made in the Body & Noakes linseed oil mill at Winnipeg.

DOCTOR SELWYN, director general of the Dominion Geological Survey Department, was in Winnipeg on June 24th.

THE Canadian Liberal Convention at Ottawa, which was closed on June 21st, was a very successful and harmonious affair.

AUSTRALIAN papers, dated May 20th, reached Winnipeg via the new steamship line to Vancouver on Sunday, June 11th.

St. ANDREW'S Society, Winnipeg, decided to follow their plan of recent years and give an excursion to Rat Portage on Dominion Day (July 1st).

THE annual picnic of the C.P.R. employees at Winnipeg will be held this year on the 15th of July (Saturday). Carman has been decided on as the place.

THE C. P. R. lake steamer Manitoba went ashore at Bear Island on Saturday, June 3rd, and sustained damages which necessitated her laying up for repairs.

A hard summer's drill has been put in by the cadet corps of the several leading public schools of Winnipeg in preparation for the competition which was to be a part of the closing exercises of June 30th.

FOR the convenience of those Winnipeggers who intend camping out at the Lake of the Woods this summer the C. P. R. are putting on a special local train to run between the city and Rat Portage.

FIRE completely destroyed the stables of the Winnipeg Street Railway Company on Friday night, June 9th. Some 65 horses were lost. Arrangements were almost immediately made for the erection of new stables.

MESSES. BUCKLE & Co., printers, Winnipeg, who were burned out some weeks ago, succeeded in replacing their plant early in June, and are now carrying on business as usual.

THE Ogilvie Milling Company's cash prize of \$125, offered for the best twenty-five bushels of Red Eye wheat shown at the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition is to be open for competition to the Territories as well as Manitoba this year.

MESSES. Haggard and Patterson, of the Dominion Cabinet, arrived back at Ottawa on June 18th from an extensive tour in Western Canada. They were greatly surprised at the magnitude of the country and at the manner in which its resources were being developed.

It is estimated that the present movement of emigrants from Iceland to Manitoba will transfer some 7,000 of those people to this province. A party of about 700 are expected to leave Iceland in July bound for Manitoba, and others will follow at intervals all through the summer.

REPORTS from London, England, early in June stated that arrangements were being made for an Anglo-Canadian dinner in that city to celebrate Dominion Day, similar to the one of last year. Sir Charles Tupper will probably preside. It is not unlikely that this dinner will be made an annual affair.

AMONG the guests at the Leland House, Winnipeg, on Friday June 16th were Mr. C. J. Lemaire and family of Sydney, New South Wales. They were passengers on the boat which made the first trip on the new steamship service between Australia and Canada. Mr. Lemaire is travelling correspondent of the Australian Star and is making a tour of Canada and the United States.

THE Northern Pacific Railroad Company are distributing three new and handsome map folders showing the leading features of the railroad system. One is intended to be a guide to the World's Fair, another a guide to the Yellowstone National Park and the third a guide to Alaska. All three are well gotten up and serve admirably the purpose for which they are intended.

A SWEEPING reduction in passenger rates to the Pacific coast was made by the Great Northern Railway Company with the opening of its new line last month. The reduction amounts to 40 per cent. in some cases. The rate from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Puget Sound was reduced from \$60 to \$35; to Spokane for \$55.50 to \$30; and Helena and Butte for \$40 to \$25, with corresponding reductions on second class tickets and to intermediate points. The Northern Pacific Company have since met this rate and the C.P.R. will do likewise.

THE Canadian Gazette, of June 1st, said:—"Captain Hamilton, of the East End Emigration Fund, sails for Canada on Friday by the

Lake Superior After eleven years of continuous labor at the East End, Captain Hamilton feels the need of a change and rest, and this he hopes to secure in Canada. While there, he will not forget the work to which he has given the best years of his life. He has in contemplation a proposal to colonise lands on the Calgary & Edmonton Railway, and he goes out with letters to Mr. Daly, the Minister of the Interior, and others in the hope of furthering the scheme. Captain Hamilton will meet in Ontario and the Northwest many settlers, now well-to-do, to whom he lent a helping hand in bygone years."

THE Dominion immigration hall at Winnipeg has, ever since it was re-opened last March, been taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate the immigrants registering at it. The following list shows the numbers for each month since then: March, 436; April, 1,280; May, 1,277; June (to 21st), 793. Nationalities—Germans, 1,220; English, 655; Scandinavians, 538; French and Belgian, 156; United States, 138; Scotch, 84; Canadians, 77; Irish, 20; miscellaneous, 83.

The following from the Calgary Herald gives an idea of what riders in Western Canada often have to put up with:—"A combination of man and broncho created considerable excitement on Stephen Ave. on Saturday evening. The broncho was a particularly vicious brute, and was possessed of a strong mania for bucking. The exhibition of the animal's prowess in this line was given in front of the Criterion. The man on its back was certainly no slouch, and he stuck to the beast manfully while it performed every species of devilment that a broncho is capable of. It stood on its front feet, and it reared up on its hind legs; jumped into the air with its back in the shape of a bow and twisted its body into a half circle before it struck the ground with a force that must have jarred the man considerably. The methods it adopted to unseat its rider were fully successful, and he was at last compelled to vacate the saddle, fortunately, however, sustaining no injury in the fall. Having accomplished this the horse struck and kicked viciously at all who approached it, and went careering down the avenue at full gallop. It turned south on McTavish St., and thence east on Atlantic Ave. to its stable. The rider's name was McCrae."