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SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1890.

AS ONE naturally expected, a report has been circulated in England to the effect that an uprising of Indians has taken place in the Canadian Northwest. The ignorance in the Old Country, on the part of the general public, on matters colonial, would be laughable, were it not so serious a matter. A few years' ago, in Australia, the writer received a letter addressed "Tasmania, New Zealand, Australia," truly an extraordinary address. A few days' ago a letter from the Old Country arrived at its destination, although addressed "Medicine Hat, Calgary, N. W. T." And of course, directly a row takes place in the States with the Indians, Englishmen at once jump to the conclusion that the Canadian Indians are massacring us, and taking scalps by the hundred. No, gentlemen, not a bit of it; we manage things differently in this country. Our Indians are contented, well-fed and well-clothed, have little or no work to do, and although living on Reserves, can always obtain permission to leave them when they like, and have privileges which no white man has—such as killing game at all seasons of the year, for instance. The Americans have treated their Indians badly and have not kept faith with them, the agents on most of the Reserves being little better than robbers. Intending English settlers need not have the slightest fear that there is any chance of getting scalped in the Canadian Northwest Territories. A ferocious-looking Indian boy, with a large grin on his face, may bother him for "ten cent," but that's all the scalping there will be.

Correspondents should be careful and honest enough when speaking of the Northwest, to say whether they mean that across the border or, the Canadian Northwest.

NOMINATIONS for Mayor and Councillors for 1891 were received on Monday, and the electors cannot complain that they have not sufficient numbers to choose from. At 12 o'clock the following nominations had been received: Mayor—Lafferty, nominated by Mr. D. W. Marsh, seconded by Mr. A. Allan; Reilly, nominated by Mr. I. S. Freeze, seconded by Mr. A. L. Cameron; G. Hamilton, nominated by Mr. A. Grant, seconded by Mr. H. Douglas. Councillors—W. H. Ford, Shelton, Jas. Bannerman, W. Costello, G. C. King, Cushing, Orr, Lucas, James, Parrish, S. A. Ramsay, J. Maw, Topp, Douglas and A. McBride. Of course some of those nominated never had any intention of running. In another column will be found a list of those who will actually run on Monday next, with their probability of success.



GOVERNOR ROYAL went to Ottawa to talk over, with Sir John, the deadlock in the Legislative Assembly. Unless the confab results in extended powers for that body, a good deal of "time and wind," as our Familiar puts it, will have been wasted. However interesting the struggle will be to those engaged, it is unutterably wearisome to the onlookers, over whose eyes these men have failed to draw the wool-bag of political blarney; so please, gentlemen, hurry up and get your fight over and let us see a little work accomplished.



MY DEAR KATHLEEN:

I am afraid my letter comes a little too late for Xmas greeting, but, "better late than never," you know, so please accept my most sincere good wishes that this bright New Year may be a happy one for you. How I wish you could be with me to do some shopping. Just now the stores are so crammed with lovely things that temptation assails one on every hand—temptation to exceed one's allowance and revel in dainties and nick-nacks. Just let me tell you of a few. Real Dresden or Worcester china, side by side with the most lovely painted leather, in the form of blotters and other useful things, liqueur stands, imitating old green glass, very dainty and