

Up The Elbow.

Samuel Livingstone has spent nearly a generation in the Bow River District. He is undoubtedly the oldest settler. His date of settlement would take us back to the days of the war between the north and south. Like John Glenn he has traveled far and wide from the "Russian possessions down to Mexico," and a few miles from Calgary is where he staked out his home. His wife is of mixed blood and numerous little Livingstones peered through the crannies of the canvas tent as we took our notes. Livingstone is a man of unusual natural intelligence. He left his Irish home when quite a boy, and he has crossed the wide ocean, sailed the seas over and traversed the continent, and now past the middle age he is taking his comfort almost under the shadows of those tall cliffs which are justly called rocky. We engaged in conversation and he told us of his grievances which exist to the detriment of the settler. He complains that there is no land in the district that is not either an Indian reservation or a lease or a reserve of some kind. The Indian he says has his pick and the Indian tract left open for settlement he says is destitute of wood, and what is the settler going to do without wood. The Sarcoes he claims are thieves according to the code. The worst of it is that they steal what they do not want. They are accomplished cattle thieves. Their semaphoric system is decidedly effective. When they want to steal cattle a number of them separate into single sentinels, each selecting a hill and with the small mirrors which they possess, intelligence of the approach is instantly flashed to those engaged in killing the cattle that does not belong to them. The slaughtered animals are immediately cached and all traces of the "steal" are removed. So expert are they at this says Livingstone that the mounted police have never been able to catch them in the act. The advent of the signals are made by means of fire. He thinks that there is no danger of the Sarcoes starving so long as there are cattle to be had. When a Sarcoe enters a Blackfoot camp the Sarcoe is welcome and the spoons are carefully counted on his departure. Livingstone complains of the depredation of their dogs which he says destroys a large number of calves during the year. Not long ago he says the Indian man was as shy and as coy as any Beavertail. The advent of the whites has changed all this, and now the modest dusky maiden is not to be found where either in the camp of the Sarcoes or Blackfoot. The women are prostitutes, and the Indians encourage them to degrade themselves.

"To the poor Indian" Livingstone however, is no enemy to the Indian. He has clothed and fed him many a time and oft. The Indian has helped him self to his herd and he is still their friend. He thinks they ought to be placed beyond the influence of the whites who have no feeling for them. It is not civilization that hurts an Indian it is what goes in the name of it. It is the whiskey, man and the squaw man that defeat the benevolent aims of the government. These are substantially Samuel Livingstone's views on the Indian question from the standpoint of a settler who has put in his quarter of a century on our frontier. Like John Glenn, Samuel Livingstone thinks the country should be the hands of the farmer and stock raiser. That the country is well adapted to mixed farming Livingstone is fully satisfied, and he is putting his confidence into a practical test by opening one of the largest farms in the district.

West of the Slope. Port Moody. Clearing, building and fitting upon steadily forward there is no rush. It is like fitting up a dwelling for a life long residence. Sales of land are constantly occurring, but they are to experienced speculators from the South who buy for favor at present. Our steamboats are all busy with an early prospect of their being much busier. The new inspector has been over them, and had all the necessary improvements effected, so that they are now ready for this season's work.

Amongst the numerous improvements going forward we note one friend Mr. Wiso is laying down a new sidewalk opposite to his store on Front st.

The residence of Mr. Duncan R. Browne of Mud Bay was completely destroyed by fire on Friday last. His loss exceeds a thousand dollars and there is no insurance.

C. C. Johnston, a champion colored athlete of British Columbia, thinks of joining the Olympic Club, to whom he would be a valuable acquisition.

The advanced guard of what may be termed the June run has made its appearance; they are generally large fish, and a good deal like the Columbia River salmon and of fine quality.

The mayor and town council of the royal city must have some means of acquiring the earliest information of events that have occurred in Buckingham Palace. During the last ten days there was an under growl of discontent all over the city; it was felt at Port Moody and in the township of Surrey. Men were saying in whispers what do they mean? Is it annexation or treason? Or is it only a fit of stupidity? What! not celebrate Her Majesty's birthday in her own royal city? It is treason, Powers Eternal! Is it the mayor's head centre, a dynamite or an invisible? Have patience you patriotic enthusiast; the mayor is Her Majesty's good friend. On Thursday last a telegram from London announced to Her Majesty's loyal subjects that she wished to adjourn the celebration. It will be held on coronation day all over the Empire. See what it is to have a friend in court who gives the earliest information. In other places great preparations have been made, great expense incurred and the people are disappointed; but there are no preparations to expense, simply because the mayor and council knew ten days ago that Her Gracious Majesty intended to adjourn the celebration. On coronation day we shall see a grand display of the national spirit.

Booming Blaine. ALBERTA, Me., June 8.—Congratulatory telegrams continued to reach Blaine during Friday and Saturday. Over 1,000 were received in twenty-four hours after his nomination. Many came from Europe, the most prominent being from Minister Morton, Paris, and John Hay and Clarence Morton, London. The following was also received: Cleveland, Ohio, June 7.

He J. G. Blaine.—Our household join in one great thanksgiving. From the quiet of our home we send our warmest wishes that through the turbulent months to follow and in the day of victory, you may be guarded and kept.

Mountain Masters. We learn from George Winton the Co. am his River mail carrier that an Italian named Pignu a landscape painter formerly of Silver City, was killed last Monday in a rock out at Bell & Madigan's works 20 miles east of the Columbia river. Rocks fell in to and killed the unfortunate man. This is the second case of the kind within a week.

Four horses went over the trail into the Kicking Horse last week. Gold bearing quartz has been found on Dean & Doherty's work, at the second crossing on the Columbia below the tunnel.

The Republican Convention.

CHICAGO, June 6.—An hour and a half before the time for the convention to assemble, vast crowds of people were in front of the entrance waiting for the doors to open. It seemed as if there had been no change from last night when thousands demanded admittance to a hall already crowded. The door-keepers, policemen and sergeants-at-arms exercised great patience, and there was little irritation. It was twenty minutes past the hour for meeting when the gravel all and the chairs announced that the convention would be opened by prayer by Rev. Dr. J. C. Cuddar, of the Minnesota Presbyterian church.

THE FIRST BALLOT. The roll-call of States for the first ballot was as follows: Blaine, 354; Arthur, 278; Edmunds, 93; Logan, 53; John Sherman, 30; Hawley, 13; Lincoln, 4; Gen. Sherman, 2.

At 11.20 a. m. the convention proceeded to the SECOND BALLOT. The roll-call of States for the second ballot was as follows: Arthur, 206; Blaine, 349; Edmunds, 85; Arthur, 61; Sherman, 28; Hawley, 13; Gen. Sherman, 1; Lincoln, 4.

There was great cheering over Blaine's gain. THE THIRD BALLOT started at 1.26 p. m. Indiana was reached from that state asked for a few minutes delay. It was finally announced that Arthur gained 1 and Edmunds lost 1 from Indiana. The third ballot resulted as follows: Arthur, 275; Blaine, 375; Edmunds, 78; Logan, 60.

ANOTHER UPROARIOUS SCENE in which Duff, Roosevelt and other New York delegates took part. It arose upon a technical point that a motion to take a recess had been made, and had been decided by the chair in the negative although calls had been made for a vote by states. At last a Blaine delegate appealed to his friends to have the vote on the recess taken by the States, and at 2.30 the votes by States began. The Illinois delegation requested a few moments as to its vote, then it was announced at 2.45. The vote was challenged showing that it was regarded as important, and the result of polling the Illinois delegation was: For recess, 51; against 13. The result of the vote on the motion for a recess was:—Yes, 364; nays, 450. The announcement was hailed with vociferous applause as a Blaine triumph. It was a long time before order was restored sufficiently to have business proceeded with. An Ohio delegate proposed to nominate Blaine by acclamation but Burrows (Michigan) insisted that the taxing of Ballot should go on. Finally, at 3.15, the Convention proceeded to the fourth ballot.

LOGAN RETIRES. The following despatch was received from Logan: Washington, D. C., June 6. S. M. Callum, Illinois Delegate. The representatives of the States that must be called on to elect the President have so strongly shown a preference for Blaine, I deem it my duty to stand in the way of the people's choice, and recommend my friends to assist in his nomination. JOHN A. LOGAN

ARTHUR'S MANLY ACTION. A despatch was received from President Arthur by Mr. Curtis, of the Inter Ocean, saying: "If Blaine is nominated on the ballot have Duff ask to make the nomination be unanimous and thank my friends for me."

THE FOURTH BALLOT. The total result of the fourth ballot was as follows:—Arthur, 208; Blaine, 544; Edmunds, 41; Logan, 7; Hawley, 15; Lincoln, 2.

The result was announced at 4.40. Instantly and even before the figures had been pronounced by Mr. McPherson the vast audience arose and broke out to another demonstration of enthusiasm. (Cheers resounded.) The band struck up an inspiring air. Hats and handkerchiefs and national flags were waved. A large square banner from Kansas was carried through the hall promising large majorities in that State for Blaine and with it two uprights capped with new wreaths. A live eagle from Colorado was also carried around in the procession. The roar of artillery outside was heard co-mingled with the louder roar of voices inside, and amid great enthusiasm the nomination was

MADE UNANIMOUS. The following despatch from President Arthur was read by Mr. McPherson, of Pennsylvania:—

Washington, D. C., June 6. To the Chairman of the National Convention.—The President has sent the following despatch to Mr. Blaine.—(Signed) W. J. Phillips, Private Secretary.—"To Hon. J. M. Blaine.—As the candidate of the Republican party you will receive my warmest and cordial support.—(Signed) CHESTER A. ARTHUR."

The reading of this despatch was received with loud applause. The Convention adjourned until 8 p. m. General Logan has been telegraphed to know if he would accept nomination for Vice-President, and a reply is anxiously awaited.

We clip the following from the Victoria, V. I., correspondence of the Winnipeg FREE PRESS.—A serious difficulty has arisen between the Provincial and Dominion Governments on the question of the eastern boundary of the Province. The Federal Government contends that Alberta extends to the summit of the Rocky Mountain range while this Province claims all as far as the eastern leg of the mountain range extends to the coast. Already much correspondence has taken place on the subject, and the end is not yet. The territory in dispute is very valuable, as it embraces much of the best mineral sections in that portion of the country. A conflict between the authorities will take place, and then an adjudication will follow, possibly in London, England.

The difficulty between Manitoba and the Dominion Government will of course be patched up. The people of the prairie provinces are always finding fault with some thing or other and making big things at public meetings, but in the end they cool down and go home to tea. It is likely that Sir John and Mr. Norquay had an understanding in regard to the whole matter, and that the clause in the agreement to the effect that the concessions were to be accepted in full of all demands, was only inserted with the object of being thrown out. It was a straw man, set up for the purpose of giving Mr. Norquay a chance to show his pluck. The intention has been given that the Dominion Government had no intention that the terms offered should be a final settlement of Manitoba's claims. Manitoba will therefore accept them in part payment of what she has asked for, and the farmers will return to their work of setting up scarecrows in the fields to keep off the frosts. — Toronto TELEGRAM (Independent).

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