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JOURNALISTICALLY GENERAL.

A great many matters of profound importance just now tax the resources and ingenuity of the local journalist of this district and the limited space at the disposal of the weekly chronicler prevents anything like rational or intelligent discussion of those questions. While the weekly press does its duty even in this frontier town— notwithstanding the local croaker who takes pride in denouncing the press—it is always admitted the professional journalist that the daily press is by the press which commands the attention of the reading world. As the magazines are the generals of division so are the dailies; the brigadiers of public opinion. The weeklies, unless as purely literary ventures must fall into the rear and become the mere exponents of local gossip and the chronicle of famous persons. It is thus that the local newspaper is appreciated and it is for this reason that it does not aspire at the vain attempts of educating public opinion, because in a village or a small town the conservators and exponents of public opinion are really the "village lawyer" the "parson" and the man with the sinewy arms, "the village blacksmith". A weekly newspaper—being published only once a week—is compelled to fall into nambly pamblyism because it is only an opportunity once a week to explain itself and then an exceedingly "limited" audience at that. In this frontier community of ours it must not be expected that a Toronto Globe or a Toronto Mail, or even a Bojayeon Independent can be furnished to the fastidious reader who in his own line furnishes up a western dish at a western price. When a community will support a daily newspaper the enterprise of the journalist will be found equal to the occasion. It has been perfectly impossible for us to keep pace with the rapid progress which has been made in this district in various ways. We have had scientific men amongst us whose visits have been of little consequence to anybody except to themselves. Our little community has had visits from men of science and culture and it has had visits from men whom it is charitable to suppose left what little they possessed in that direction far away behind them, and who have staked into land of wonders in the hope of finding fault. Our people only the other day met a distinguished though unsuccessful Canadian statesman but he came to judge for himself so that he could not be led away by reports—Our people will have other distinguished but more successful statesmen here in a few days and we have not the slightest doubt but that the will exhibit that broad, liberal and enterprising spirit which belongs to a people who have just aspirations that the little commonwealth of which they are now justly proud will in the near future become a city and a capital. Much remains with the people themselves. If they will it, they can accomplish much, if they give way to gloomy thoughts and village notions they will arrive at nothing. It is easy to achieve the latter, to obtain the former we must hew our way, axe in hand. There are only a few tall trees to be cut down and the goal is reached. With all its faults the local press will be found in the van. If the rest do their share, success and prosperity will ever rule a locality that even the worst sceptic has had to admit nature has already done a great deal for. Let our people but add the finishing touches and success is theirs.

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BATTLEFORD.

Head—The opening of the game season was celebrated by several expeditions of sportsmen, one of which numbering three guns brought in sixty five ducks the first day, and another of four guns reported eighty ducks as the result of a four days' outing.

The mounted police band is to be augmented by several members, the instrument for whom are expected by the next express. The band practices twice a day, and give an open air concert on the Parade ground every Wednesday and Friday afternoon. It has made excellent progress, since its organization and reflects much credit on its instructors, Corporal Bagley and Burke.

The Presbyterians have bought Mr. J. M. MacGregor's organ for use in their church. The first flights of geese, cranes and snipe from the north were observed here on the 21st.

G. Oliver left for Ottawa on the 18th on business connected with his mill. He will be absent about six weeks.

The mail came back to its old time last trip, arriving here on Wednesday evening instead of Thursday as per time table.

Point-naker once more is on the stool of repentance, and has not only been seeing that his people work, but has done his own share, and tells us that he is satisfied that the best thing he can do is to stick to the reserve. In this he is about right.

REGINA.

Magnificent harvest weather. Balmey breezes and sunshine.

A large through freight train full of cattle (from Montana, probably) passed here on Tuesday going east.

FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN.

Coal Harbor to be the Terminus of the C.P.R.

Grand Scenery Along the Kicking Horse and the Selkirk.

General Manager Van Horne, of the C. P. R., returned last evening from a trip to British Columbia, to inspect the progress of work on the sections of the railway in the Province. Another object of Mr. Van Horne's visit was to select an ocean terminus for the road. He went to the Pacific coast by the Northern Pacific, and returning, came through the mountains, reaching from the end of the "snack" bureau from the Northwest Territories, last week. Gen. Supt. Egan, who had proceeded west to meet Mr. Van Horne, accompanied him east. They left Calgary on Saturday morning, remaining over at one place that night and returned here at 5:58 yesterday afternoon making a very quick trip.

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only stayed at Winnipeg for an hour or so, and then left for G. yndon, Minn., where he will meet Mr. Scribner, who is en route to British Columbia. Mr. Van Horne will return to the city in about a month. Gen. Supt. Egan said he had a very pleasant trip indeed and enjoyed it immensely. He reports the work of construction on the C. P. R. progressing rapidly. The track is laid down on the flat tundra, which is about five miles from the summit. Contractors are at work to the first crossing of the Columbia and it is expected that some of them will commence on the west side of the first of course very heavy through this section of country along the Kicking Horse. He says that notwithstanding the difficulties to be surmounted in connection with the work that the line will be fully completed within one year from now, and that the Canadian Pacific will then extend

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He describes the scenery all along the Kicking Horse as magnificent, but thinks the Selkirk far surpasses in beauty and grandeur anything he has ever seen this side of the Pacific River valley. There is quite a town established in the valley where the Kicking Horse Lake flows into the river, called "Golden City." It is in the near future destined to become an important centre. Mr. Egan reports the crops along the line as very promising. In addressing prominent citizens of British Columbia Mr. Van Horne announced his decision regarding the Pacific terminus of the road by saying that he thought it proper to state that it was the company's intention to carry the road to Coal Harbor, or some point in that vicinity. As soon as the Dominion Government reached the tide water at Port Moody they stopped, because they had fulfilled the terms of their agreement. The C. P. R. Co. had applied to the Provincial Government for a grant of land in the vicinity of

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and if the grant were made they would raise money on these lands and extend the line. In reply to a question he said that in the event of the road being extended to Coal Harbor, they had no intention of abandoning Port Moody, as both lines would be required. Indeed, it might be necessary to use the whole inlet for railway purposes, and possibly the Port Moody line might in time be carried down the shore of the inlet to Coal Harbor. He had not been sent out, however, to settle those matters finally, but to examine the subject. As soon as the road was finished the company intended to put on lines of steamers between China, Japan and elsewhere. They expected to do an immense business, because they could carry at much less cost than any other transcontinental road. The trade of this country, he said, would be enormous, and it was probable the company would require the whole of Burrard Inlet.

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