

DOTS AND DASHES.

Winnipeg is known as "The Prairie City;" Portage la Prairie as "The City of the Plains;" Brandon as "The Wheat City;" Regina as "The Queen City;" Moose Jaw as "The Jaw;" Medicine Hat as "The Hat" and Calgary as "The City of Cheerful Liars."

A barrister tormented a witness so much with questions, that the old man declared that he was so exhausted that he must have a drink of water before he could say another word. Upon this the judge remarked, "I think, sir, you must have done with the witness now, for you have pumped him dry."

It will probably surprise most people to learn that the finest railway station in the world is in India, in Bombay, which cost \$1,500,000 and took ten years to build. The finest in Europe, will be, when completed, the new central station at Frankfort-on-the-Main. A very costly station is also to be erected by the South British company at its Edinburgh terminus.

The Montreal *Star* is to be heartily congratulated on having secured the services of the talented caricaturist, J. W. Bengough, as a contributor to its columns, and Montreal and the whole Dominion is indebted to the *Star* for its enterprise in having made it worth Mr. Bengough's while to remain in Canada. His departure would have been universally regretted, and the *Star* will have no cause to regret the step it has taken.

"My young friend," said the kind old man with the tracts, "will you oblige me by reading this some day when you have the leisure?" The young man looked at the little pamphlet. It was entitled: "Shun the Place of Everlasting Burning!" "Why, uncle," he said, "I should think that would be a healthy place. They boil the water, don't they?" "Yes, my dear young friend," rejoined the kind old man, "and they also burn the garbage. You'd better keep away!"

William Crook, of Winnipeg, informs the *Free Press*, of that city, that he is the inventor and patentee of perfect motion, the principle of which is revolving reciprocative axial action between two revolving oblique

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pressures, one of these pressures in a wheel with a progressive axle being caused by its revolving pressure on the earth, and the other by the bearings of auxiliary wheels in an oblique position on the axle of the truck wheels; these auxiliary wheels being rapidly fixed to the vehicle and receiving its weight; the same being under the control of the driver by the action of screws which place and hold the auxiliary wheels in any desired position, thus causing motion to the axle of the truck wheels by the applied rolling gravity pressure of the vehicle and its load. The inventor has also made other discoveries of interest to the mechanical and scientific world.

A good story is told by Barney Williams about himself which I am told has never appeared in print. Barney, the well-known Irish comedian, was traveling in Ireland with some friends, and one day took a trip in a jaunting car along the shores of Killarney. Their driver was a taciturn fellow, sulky and not given to talk or the kind of badinage for which his

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brothers are noted. Everything was done to loosen the driver's tongue and make him talkative and cheerful, but they could not get a pleasant response out of him. They told funny stories and offered him a poteen, but he never even smiled, and wouldn't take a drink, and they gave up in despair. Finally he turned around to Barney, and said, "Be you Barney Williams?"

"Certainly," said Barney, "that's my name."

"An' you're an Oirishman?"

"Indeed, I am," said Barney.

"An' you're the comedian we've heard tell so much about?"

"I guess I must be the man."

"Well, you're in a domned foine business anyhow. Whoy don't ye be imitatin' the Dutch, an' not be makin' fun av your own people?"

And those were the last and only words spoken by the outraged Jehu.