

THE NOR-WESTER.

CALGARY, THURSDAY, May 7, 1903.

Two companies of the 9th battalion (Quebec) left for McLeod last Friday morning.

The pay train passed through here last Friday afternoon on its way to the mountains.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Loughheed, who met with an accident while out driving, were not seriously injured.

We have had very hot weather the greater part of last week. Saturday evening a warm shower of rain fell, which will no doubt prove very beneficial to the seeding.

There was a rumor around town last week to the effect that a number of Major Steele's scouts which left here to scout between Edmonton and Fort Pitt had lost their way.

Mr. E. McCORMICK, architect, has received instructions from the government to superintend the rebuilding of the school at High River, which for some time back has been in a dilapidated condition.

Mr. JACQUES has made quite an improvement in the appearance of his store by having a new front put in. The excellent stock that Mr. Jacques always has on hand will now be exhibited to better advantage.

Our last issue completed the first volume of THE NOR-WESTER. The publishers desire to thank the residents of Calgary and district for the liberal support and patronage tendered to them during the past year.

The Indians had a friendly pow-wow on Tuesday evening opposite I. G. Baker's store. They were about fifty in number, including squaws and papooses. We may expect some sensational headings in the eastern papers very shortly.

COL. OUMET returned to Calgary last Thursday, and left for the north to join his regiment. This will probably put a stop to the wild rumors that the western papers have been putting forth as to the reason of Col. Oumet's return to Montreal.

A GENTLEMAN passing along Atlantic avenue one day last week observed a thief making away with a set of harness. He immediately informed the mayor, but as the chief-of-police could not be found at that moment the thief was not detained.

In our last issue we hastily noticed the publication of a very interesting pamphlet of 96 pages, compiled and edited by Messrs. Burns & Elliott, of this town, containing a descriptive history of the provisional district of Alberta and the town of Calgary and its surroundings, together with personal and business sketches of its inhabitants and other valuable and interesting information. The pamphlet is very neatly got up, and the mechanical execution reflects credit upon the skill of the publisher. This little book should be in the hands of every resident of Alberta and will be valuable as a vehicle of information to friends in other countries. It is for sale at all the bookstores at the low price of twenty-five cents.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

A meeting of the School Board took place on Wednesday evening, April 29th. Present—Messrs. Jarrett, Loughheed, and Peterson.

Mr. Jarrett in the chair. COMMUNICATIONS. One from James McIntosh, applying for position of teacher.

One from A. C. Forger, Clerk of N. W. Council, in reply to a communication of the Secretary of the School Board.

The communications were filed and the Secretary instructed to inform Mr. McIntosh of previous engagement of teacher.

Moved by Mr. Loughheed, seconded by Mr. Peterson, that the Secretary be instructed to advertise for assistant lady teacher, duties to commence about May 15th. Salary not to exceed \$300 per annum. Applicants to state qualification. Applications to be received till 14th May next.

Moved by Mr. Loughheed, seconded by Mr. Peterson, that whereas the trustees were elected to vote to strike a rate and make a demand on Town Council for their proportion of money for school purposes before Town Council will complete collector's roll; therefore be it resolved, That we proceed to assess the whole School District. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Loughheed, seconded by Mr. Peterson, that an assessor for School District, who shall act as agent of Treasurer for the collection of rates, be appointed, at a salary of \$250 per annum. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Loughheed, that the application of J. G. Fitzgerald as assessor, who shall act as agent of treasurer in collecting school rates, be received and Mr. Fitzgerald appointed to that position. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Loughheed, seconded by Mr. Peterson, that the teacher be instructed to keep a list of resident and non-resident scholars, and report same to this Board, with view of charging fees as provided in section 87 of Ordinance, which reads—No fee shall be charged by any School District on account of the attendance of any children whose parents or guardians are ratepayers of such District at the school thereof; but a rate not exceeding five cents per day payable in advance may be charged on any children resident outside the limits of such District, whose parents or guardians are not ratepayers of such District. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to procure an assessor's roll. The meeting then adjourned.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

There were 204 failures the past week in the United States.

The grand jury have indicted Cunningham and Burton for treason-felony.

The British troops have repulsed an attempt of 200 rebels to destroy the new railway at Berber.

Gen. Grant was able to take a drive in the park last week. He was accompanied by several members of his family.

Abderrahman Khan, Ameer of Afghanistan, has been gazetted a knight grand commander of the order of the Star of India.

Col. Horn, editor of the Meridian Mercury, has forwarded an application to the president for the pardon of Jeff Davis.

The Canadian Pacific Railway traffic receipts for the week ending April 21 were \$172,000; for the corresponding week of last year, \$64,000; increase, \$98,000.

Wm. O'Brien, M.P. for Mallow, is going to London to organize a demonstration against the Prince of Wales upon the occasion of the visit of the Prince there.

Lizzie and Amanda Hamilton and Kate Simpson, of Northrop, O., died Monday night after eating canned fruit. Several other members of the Hamilton family are ill.

Francis Copland and Frank Watson, Little Rock, stockmen, had a dispute at a horse race in Indian Territory, and began shooting at each other with Winchester rifles. Both were killed.

The morning papers by common consent refrain from stringing criticism upon Russian duplicity as revealed by Lapsden's report for fear of hampering the government in pending negotiations.

It is reported that the President and Bayard have decided to make promptly about one hundred and fifty changes in the diplomatic service. The President says nothing about what he intends to do.

Ex-Congressman Whitthorne and Ex-Gov. Porter, now assistant secretary of state, has been engaged in a bitter personal controversy. Whitthorne went a challenge to Porter, but the latter refused to take any notice of it.

On Wednesday officers of the Colombian government selected a hundred of the worst rebels imprisoned at Colon, and placing them on a steamer, carried them into the bay, where the entire hundred were thrown overboard and drowned.

The British steamer Norseman, which left Liverpool on April 29 for Boston, has returned to port. She experienced stormy weather, during which the third officer was drowned and the captain had his ribs injured. She also lost her main and mizzen mast and had her decks swept.

The managers of rinks and dealers in roller skating materials in New York have organized "The National Roller Skating Congress of America," and passed resolutions setting forth the healthfulness and innocence of the amusement of roller skating. They have made preliminary arrangements for a national contest here on May 27th and 28th.

In speaking of roller skating in one of his sermons Henry Ward Beecher lately made use of the following words:—The amusement was invented in 1819 by Plimpton, a Frenchman, and he has been called the father of the rink. He kept a tight grip on the patent of his skate until 1833, when his patent ran out, and now there are factories all over the country and seven weekly newspapers devoted to this one sport, and every night in the rinks, north, south, east and west, hundreds of thousands of people are on wheels, good or bad. Should we favor this kind of amusement? I answer: Yes, under restrictions; and no, if it be the guarded. In other words, it is the best thing or the worst, as you make it. Some of these skating rinks have already been the means of invigoration to the invalids and to the feeble, and innocent pleasure to thousands of young, middle-aged and old.

At a special meeting in Toronto to consider the question of publishing papers on the Sabbath, the following motion was put and carried:—That, regarding the Christian Sabbath as a divine institution, the proper observance of which has a vital connection with the interests of true religion and the social well-being of the community, we regret to see advantage has been taken of the natural anxiety for speedy intelligence in regard to the troubles in the Northwest to commence the publication and sale of the Sunday newspapers in the city. Such a measure is not only illegal, but offensive in many ways to the Sabbath quiet and rest, by which Toronto has been distinguished, and has no compensating advantages entitled to the consideration of a Christian people. We therefore, on the clear ground of duty, resolve to seek the suppression of an evil introduced, we are persuaded, in opposition to the overruling sentiment of the community, and in defiance of protest and warning from many sources.

The decision of the United States Supreme court in the Claws case greatly pleased non-Mormons, while Mormons are correspondingly depressed. A. M. Cannon, brother of George Q. Cannon, and the only leading Mormon now visible to the public, says:—I am sorry on account of the country. I know the Edmund's law is unconstitutional, but when it passed I told my children I would live within the law, and had my rooms fitted up to do so. With me it was no sacrifice to stop co-habiting with my wives, as they are all past child bearing and we believe in marrying for the purpose of procreating and making an earthly tabernacle for myriad of spirits waiting to fill them, but I would be torn to pieces before I would give up one jot of my religion. If I was called upon to marry a young woman to-morrow I would do so. I would not pledge myself to live within the Edmund's law for any power of this world. Polygamy is our religion, and we will never give it up. The Mormon people will never give up polygamy. They will abide the consequences even of imprisonment and death, and I believe some of it will end in death.

HIS HONOR AND BIJAH.

The Woman that Carried a Razor and Wanted Revenge.

Detroit Free Press. She rapped at the door of the station-house as Bijah was sweeping out and making ready for court, and he kindly called out: "Come in, ma'am—come right in and make yourself to hum."

She entered. She was a woman with a cold, stony glare in her eyes, and her nose had the sauciest sort of a turn up at the end. "I want my husband!" she said, biting her word off with a clean edge.

"Yes, ma'am, just so. Is your hubby dear a little red-headed man with a milky spot in his left eye?" "Sir!"

"Or he may be in number 6; tall, lathy chap with a melancholy cast of countenance. If he's the chap, I can't say that I admire your taste."

"Sir! I came to see my husband, and I want none of your talk! His name is Clemens."

"Zactly, ma'am, but I must have an order, you know."

"I didn't get one."

"Then, you can't go in."

"But I will!"

"Alas! but you won't."

"I'm going into that corridor, and if you dare to stop me I'll make it cost you dear."

When he had carried her to the door and carefully deposited her on the last sad remains of a snow bank she had swooned away, but he had scarcely got inside the door when she came to and called him forty-one names in seven seconds. She then drew a razor from her pocket and set down on the doorstep to wait for vengeance.

"Jes like 'em!" said Bijah, as he cautiously peered out. "When a woman orter feel grateful she feels indignant. When she orter feel pleased she draws a razor on ye 'Cuz she trust 'em; don't trust 'em; never marry 'em."

NOT THE MAN.

The first prisoner out answered to the name of Clemens, and as he came before the desk the woman rose up in the audience. "Is this your husband?" asked the court.

She came forward, looked the man over for a long minute, and then replied: "Humph! I wouldn't let such a looking man as him whistle to my dog."

"Your honor, I demand protection," exclaimed the prisoner. "My wife! Why, I'd rather go to State prison for twenty years than to live with such an old burdock for a week!"

She returned to her chair, and the prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge of drunkenness, and paid a fine of \$3.

ANOTHER FAILURE.

"Jacob Jiffle!" called His Honor. "Yaw; dot vhas me," replied Jacob as he toed the mark.

"Jacob, you had a row on the street last night."

"Vhelli, I like to told you how it vhas."

At this point the woman with the razor came forward and gave Jacob a looking over.

"Is that your husband?" asked the court? "If he was I'd walk on him!" she growled. "Shudge, if dot woman vhas my wife I shump in der rifer in almost von day!" called Jacob.

She returned to her chair and the prisoner was told to finish his explanation.

"Vhelli," he said, "I vhas going home when six pig loafers shuns out on me and take me for a clam."

"Yes."

"Vhelli, I had to defend myself and so I look that crowd to queer as makes my head swim. I doan't like to lick nobody, but if had to dot makes a deference."

"Humph!"

"Shudge, does 'humph' mean that I can go home?"

"No, sir; it means that you must pay a fine of \$5 or go up for thirty days."

"I vgotly! Shudge; dot vhas the worst sickness I cafer haf in my life. Maybe you vhas funny and like to shake mit me!"

"Will you pay or go up?"

"Vhelli, dot beats me!"

"Bijah, remove him to the corridor."

"No, no; I vays right the five right ff. Here it vhas. If it vhas right for six pig loafers to shump on at me I say no more about it. Gool-pye, Shudge—you vhas! Funny at all."

THREE TIMES AND OUT. "William Bartlett, is this you?" asked his honor of the third and last prisoner. "Sp-ee-ee," growled the man.

The woman with the razor came forward for the third time.

"Is this your husband?" queried the court. "Not by a jug fall! He's some loafer who ought to be in State prison."

"And you are an old tigress who ought to be switched with thistles!" he growled. "Don't talk to me!"

"And you go on!"

"Silence! commanded the court. "Woman, you go home. Your husband isn't here, and it's a good thing for him that he isn't."

"I'll go when I get ready."

"Bija, I!"

"You can't always go around kicking in doors. This seems like a good time to stop."

"Well, they are very smooth spoken at the workhouse. I'd send you up for thirty days, and if anybody calls you a liar I'll see about it."

The prisoner said somebody would suffer when he got out, and at five days more were added to thirty. Bijah led him away a thoroughly disgusted tough, and the court adjourned with the razor woman waiting at the door to take revenge on a boy who had winked at her through the glass.

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