

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Cardinal Guibert, Archbishop of Paris, is dying.

Geo. Swan Nettag, Lord Mayor of London, died last week.

The Scott Act was carried in the County of Chiootimi by 550 majority.

Napoleon Bonaparte, according to the newest light was really christened Nablone.

About the 25th inst., is the time fixed for the breaking up of the ice on the Red River.

The river coal miners' strike ended in favor of the strikers. Six thousand miners have resumed work at an advance.

The Emperor of China has issued a decree informing the people that the French humbly sued for peace, and that he generously granted their prayer.

Several farmers from the Quebec district have left for Nipissing to take up farms. Several old country French people have also left for the same destination.

A circular has been received from General Manager Hinson, of the Grand Trunk, announcing a reduction in wages on all the road's employees here of from 5 to 10 per cent.

It is estimated that thirty thousand Yorkshire miners are set on strike against the ten per cent. reduction, which threatens to extend to Derbyshire and Staffordshire, and will affect half a million people, who depend on coal making for their living.

La Rassega says events may compel Italy to take an active part in the war in the east, as it would be Italy's duty to act in concert with England and Austria-Hungary, and she must have an army of 200,000 men ready for service. The Italia Military, commenting on the above, declares that Italy can furnish 400,000 if necessary.

Three hundred and fifty emigrants, chiefly English and Irish, are en route to Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. They came on the Crossian, and arrived at Montreal April 9th. They said they had no fears in regard to the Riel disturbance. They had heard of the trouble before leaving home, and were anxious to get out there to assist in fighting it down.

Hugging parties for the benefit of churches are a recent invention, and they are becoming very popular in some sections. The prices are as follows: Girls under fifteen, 35 cents for a hug of two minutes; from fifteen to twenty years of age, from 35 cents to 75; another man's wife \$1; widows, according to looks, 10 cents to \$2; old maids, 5 cents apiece or two for a nickel, and no limit as to time.

The corps of army nurses to proceed to the Northwest from Toronto will be ready in a day or two. Their material will consist of canvas for hammocks, blankets, both rubber and flannel, sheets, rubber pillows, and a small medical case with a few instruments and place for a large quantity of bandages, etc., for field work. The doctors will be provided by the medical department, and will possibly be drawn from Winnipeg if any extra are required.

A woman of India, who is supposed to reflect the sentiments of her people, declare that they long for the Russians to come to India, for that not one should leave it alive. She was told that the Russians were very soldiers, and that a thousand of them would beat two thousand natives. 'If they could, said the old woman freely, 'then they would not beat ten thousand, and every man would leave his home, his wife and his children, and would go out to fight them.'

It is stated at Berlin and Vienna that negotiations between England and Turkey for an understanding on the Egyptian question have fallen through. England believing the Afghan crisis to be over, has withdrawn the concessions formerly offered with a view of securing an anti-Russian alliance with Turkey. It is reported that the Sultan is incensed at England's action to obtain his signature to the Egyptian convention, and has recalled Fethi Pasha for submitting to such treatment without protest.

The war preparations in India were the result of information that Russia intended to send a large force to Herat in the spring, but the elder of Sir Peter Lumsden has banked that project. England's pacific telegrams to Russia are disapproved here. It is the decided opinion that the Afghan question will not be settled without war, and the sooner it comes the better. Every day's delay is of advantage to Russia. The Indian troops now in the field openly express discontent at the prospect of a peaceful settlement. They do not want to return home without war.

REBELLION ITEMS:

The Government are recruiting for the Northwest Mounted Police.

The London Morning Post asserts that the rebellion in Canada was fermented by Russian agents with a view to embarrassing the Dominion authorities and preventing their troops in helping England.

A complete battery of muzzle-loading snipers, with ammunition has been shipped to Canada for use in suppressing the rebellion in the Northwest.

The Toronto News, in a special from Washington, says that the United States authorities have begun to take notice of the Riel rebellion in the Northwest. Secretary of State Bayard and General Sheridan have held several conferences on the subject and have about come to the conclusion that something must be done by the United States to protect the Northwestern territories from a possible invasion by Riel. It is feared in some quarters that if the rebel leader is driven from his present position by the Canadian troops he will retreat southward across the railway and down Milk

river into Montana. Riel's followers are not desirable citizens, and they are not wanted on this side of the line. Gen. Sheridan is of the opinion that Riel will be more likely to retreat in a north-westerly direction when he is dislodged, and there is no danger of a visit from him to the United States. However, others who know something of the situation are positive that in case of a rout the United States boundary line would certainly become his objective point, and as it is desirable to keep him out of this country, some precaution must be taken at once. It is not certain whether, under the constitution and our treaties with Great Britain, he can be debarred from entering American territory. Secretary Bayard will look into the law, and another conference will be held to-morrow to decide upon the course of the United States. It is the opinion of officers of the army that the result will be an order directing the general commanding the department of Dakota to place a force along the northwestern frontier to keep back invaders.

The Port Arthur Herald says: The offer sent to the Minister of Militia to form a company of volunteers in Port Arthur, on the whole met with a rather cool response. At present there appears no necessity for such a force, but its formation would do no harm. For that matter an artillery or infantry company might be formed in every town in Canada, if for no other purpose than giving the young men an opportunity to become posted in drilling and military tactics. Their services might never be required, but should an emergency arise that they were, they would be ready for duty at an hour's notice. At all lake-port towns and towns on the United States border, an infantry or artillery corps is necessary. But what is required still more in places such as Port Arthur is a small gun-boat. In the event of a Fenian raid, Port Arthur being directly across the lake from several American posts, it would be easy for them to effect a landing and cause considerable mischief before we would be in a position to defend the place, but the presence of a small gun-boat would compel them to remain out of range of its fire.

THE NOR-WESTER.

CALGARY, THURSDAY, April 23, 1885.

BAPTIST MARGEAN, a trader from Gehien City was in town last week. He reports mining affairs quiet there.

The skirmish drill of the Winnipeg Light Infantry, promises to be a very effective way of fighting with the Indians and half-breeds.

The scouts presented a very striking appearance last Monday with their red scarfs and large rimmed hats. With the exception of a very few they are all well acquainted with the country north of us, and will no doubt do good service both as scouts and mounted infantry.

JUDGE ROULEAN, whose narrow escape with his wife and family from Battleford we have already mentioned in our columns, arrived in Calgary by last week's train. The Judge was glad to say he and none the worse of his race for life. His family have gone east to Ottawa. The Judge, however, remains in the Northwest to attend to his duties.

On Monday, the 20th, the scouts, being 120 in number, marched out of town on their way to Edmonton and the north country. They were well mounted, and well armed and full of enthusiasm. It is not too much to say that no better material for cavalry men could be found. Judging from the tears of the girls as the boys marched away, many of the latter were thinking of the girl they were leaving behind them. The question now is which girl cried the most. We could give a guess, but we won't.

Four companies of the 65th battalion left here for Edmonton. They were escorted out of town by the file and drum band of the Winnipeg Light Infantry. We have great satisfaction in expressing the opinion of all Calgary people that a more orderly well-behaved lot of men than the 65th and Winnipeg battalions, who have been stationed here for the last two weeks, could not be found. Judging from their soldierly appearance they will no doubt be found to be as good soldiers as they are respectable citizens. They take the kindest wishes of our townspeople with them.

We have been asked by letter our opinion of the meeting held at John Glenn's, and of the resolutions passed. As to the meeting, if it had been composed of such men as John Glenn, we should have esteemed it as a representative one, but when we are told that the prime movers were lawyers from Calgary we wonder that there had not been that discretion displayed which their profession is supposed to teach them. That Glenn and many other settlers should be chafed and more than chafed by the delays in the settlement of their just claims is a most natural feeling, and we do not wonder at their indignation or at the expression of it, but we think they were ill advised in allowing themselves to be induced to put their protests in the shape they have, particularly at this crisis when there are many willing to say that their action is treasonable. With many of the claims we are in complete sympathy and trust they will receive every consideration from the government. As to the document as a whole we must say that in our opinion it is ill advised, and has a tendency to defeat the objects and disappoint the desires of the bona fide settlers who yearn at the meeting.

OUR SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEET

And Decide to Commence School Immediately.

The first meeting of the newly elected school trustees of the Calgary school district was held last Thursday evening, the 16th April.

Present: Messrs. Jarret, Longheed and Peterson. Mr. Jarret in the chair.

On motion, Mr. Peterson was appointed secretary.

After some discussion it was resolved to commence school at once, and on motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Longheed, Messrs. Jarret and Longheed were appointed a committee to procure a suitable school-room and apartments.

Moved by Mr. Longheed, seconded by Mr. Peterson that the secretary be instructed to notify papers that they can have access to the minutes for publication. Carried.

A communication from H. D. Douglas and account of his expenses as Returning Officer at the election of trustees was read requesting the approval of the trustees to the claim before sending same to Lieut. Governor, the amount being \$26.50.

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Longheed, that the Chairman certify to the account and it be returned to Mr. Douglas as requested. Carried.

APPLICATION.

An application from Mr. Spencer Douglas was put in for the position of teacher.

This being the only application put in, it was moved by Mr. Longheed, seconded by Mr. Peterson that the application of Mr. Douglas be accepted and that he be engaged as teacher up till the end of the December term at \$60 per month, his labors to begin on 20th April. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Longheed, seconded by Mr. Peterson that a recess in forenoon and afternoon be allowed the children, as provided by section 82 of the ordinances. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Longheed, seconded by Mr. Peterson that the Board have regular sittings every alternate Monday, the first regular meeting to be on Monday, 20th April. Carried.

The secretary was instructed to procure a suitable book, stationery, stamps, etc. The meeting then adjourned.

THE BLACKFEET.

The Town was filled with rumors of a d'squiting nature yesterday about the conduct of the Blackfeet at Crowfoot Crossing, and a message sent by General Strange to Crowfoot the Great Blackfoot Chief was largely commented on and the facts magnified and distorted. All the General did say to the Interpreter was "that Crowfoot must prevent his Braves from killing cattle or they would be punished." No one knows better than Crowfoot that both Indians and white men will be treated justly so that there need be no fears of a collision between the Indians around us and our people, at the same time the whites must exercise a proper discretion and care in dealing with our allies.

Nothing could be more deplorable than exciting the enmity of the Indians by any rash acts. While we could of course drive them out of the country, yet for every reason it is our duty to conciliate and be friends with all our Indian neighbors, who, thanks largely to the Rev. Mr. McDougall and Father Lacombe, are our trusty friends.

A Special.

At 3 p.m. last Wednesday, a special C.P.R. train arrived with a detachment of the hospital corps to be attached to the troops now here. They are under the orders of Surgeon-Major Douglas, U.C. The members of the corps being: Messrs. T. McKenzie, A. J. McDougall, J. Caven, D. Cayen, W. B. Hill, Alva Macpherson, J. A. Lawson and A. Arrowmith. They are provided with every comfort for the sick and wounded. There are representatives of the Medicine Schools in the Dominion amongst them. We welcome them to the Northwest, but hope they won't find anything to do.

The Hudson Bay Railway.

Hon. Mr. Norquay gave notice of motion that on Tuesday next he would move that in the opinion of the House aid should be given by the province to encourage the construction of the Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay railway and steamship navigation company on the following conditions: 1. The road is to be an all rail route to its connection with the main line of the C. P. R. within the province. 2. The standard of construction to be at least equal to the present standard of the C.P.R. 3. Bona fide construction to be commenced within one year, and connection made with C.P.R. as aforesaid and the whole road in operation, within five years from the adoption of these resolutions. 4. No amendment to be made to the charter prejudicially affecting the interests of the province. 5. Any amendment desired contrary to the wording or spirit of these stipulations

shall first receive the approval of the Lieut. Governor-in-Council.

6. Subject to the foregoing conditions the Government of Manitoba will place in the hands of the Minister of Finance for Canada or with such banking institution as may be mutually agreed upon the debentures of the province to the extent of one million dollars bearing four per cent. interest, and running 25 years from the date thereof to be handed over to the company on the completion of the road as hereinbefore stipulated.

7. No interest on the debentures issued shall be allowed or payable during the progress of construction, or before the debate of the delivery of such debentures as the company as aforesaid, and the coupons for such interest as shall have matured at such date shall be detached, cancelled and returned to the Government of Manitoba by the Minister of Finance, or the manager of the banking institution above referred to.

8. The Minister of Finance or such manager shall deliver the bonds to the company on the report that the road has been constructed, in operation, and the other conditions herein mentioned complied with of a majority of the commissioners or arbitrators to be selected as follows: One to be appointed by the Lieut. Governor-in-Council on behalf of Manitoba, one by the railway company, and the third by the Court of Queen's Bench in and for the province of Manitoba.

The Local Government's proposed scheme for the assistance of the Hudson's Bay Railway will, we feel confident, receive the hearty approval of the people of Manitoba. The importance of opening that route at the earliest possible date is admitted by all. So vast are the benefits certain to be conferred by it on this country, that we can afford to spare no effort, to have nothing in done, likely in any way to advance it. When we learn that the Province has it within its power to render such assistance as will secure the early construction of the road, we have not a doubt that it will be found willing to make even a greater sacrifice than it is demanded of her.—Manitoba Free Press

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

[FROM THE FREE PRESS.] The Government have taken every day except Monday for government business. Mr. Blake complained that it was impossible to get through with private legislation, and of the delay in bringing down Government measures.

Hon. Mr. Caron complained of the criticisms of the French Press on his conduct as Minister of Militia.

The House committee on supplies had a long discussion on civil service examinations and expenses.

The banking and commerce committee reduced the capital of the Winnipeg Bank and have extended the time for commencing one year later.

We Wanted the Worth of His Money.

Merchant Traveller— Moses Rabbenstrin had gone to Europe on business, and of course held a return ticket. When in London he was taken dangerously ill, and for a while it looked as if Moses was going to meet his nansake. 'I don't want to die here,' he moaned. 'I want to go back home.' 'Do you want to die there?' asked the heartless nurse. 'No, I don't want to die there, but I don't want to die here, either. I want to go home, to my wife and children.' 'What difference does it make?' This country is good enough, I think. You had better be preparing to meet your Maker.' 'Dot it all right, miss front. I don't think I am afraid, but I would feel so much better if I was at home.' 'Are you ready to die?' 'No, not I want to die, but I want to see my wife and children. I don't want to die here, but I don't want to die there, either. I want to go home, to my wife and children. I don't want to die here, but I don't want to die there, either. I want to go home, to my wife and children.'

In the Ladies' Dressing-room.

Boston Globe— He was a western senator, not used to fashionable ways, and was a guest at a Washington ball. Entering a brilliantly illuminated suite, he suddenly stopped, backed toward the door, and in hoarse tones exclaimed: 'My stars, I've made a mistake.' 'My dear Senator Bank,' said the hostess hurrying toward him, 'what is the matter? you look ill.' 'Oh, nothing, nothing, only I am such a dolt; I came very near entering this apartment by mistake. Please pardon me and show me the ball room.' 'Why, senator, this is the ball-room. What did you think it was?' 'The ladies' dressing-room,' murmured the senator, mopping the perspiration from his brow.

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