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THE NOR-WESTER.

CALGARY, THURSDAY, Feb. 26, 1885.

We understand that glanders is very prevalent in and about Prince Albert. Surely some attention should be given to the matter to prevent the spreading of the disease.

We understand that a Buddhist temple has been opened in Paris, and the officiating clergyman is a Priest from Ceylon. "Vestily" we are marching west and the heathen is coming east. Guess we can patch on a pig tail whatever.

The shipment of meat from here this winter to the East is the commencement of an important industry that will increase in a few years to large proportions, add to it the live stock for the European market and some idea may be formed of its possible magnitude, by the nearness of our cattle ranges.

The Suez Canal question has arrived at such a state that the British Government contemplate overtures to the Canadian Government to jointly use the Canadian Pacific Railway as a means of transportation to her tropical possessions. Such an advent would do more good than all the policies of our Government to make us prosperous—and silence some of those who squeal about the C. P. R.

By last mail we are in receipt of the annual report of the Department of the Interior. In another column we publish an extract in reference to this district by the Deputy Minister, Mr. A. M. Burgess. It will be remembered that he met with a severe and painful accident whilst here which caused his detention amongst us, during which time he spared no pains to gain information and visited the surrounding country, and thus became familiar with the actual state of affairs, therefore his report will be read with interest by all.

We are in receipt by last mail of a copy of the *Northwest Vindicator*, published by the Sun Printing and Publishing Company, Brandon. It is a journal that meets the requirements of this country as its title indicate, being replete with information that will interest all readers, dealing on topics akin to settlers and their requirements, and giving a great insight to the different movements on foot to popularise a country, that cannot be too widely known. By careful compilation they lay before us facts, and show up false disparagements that have in some instances gained credence, and liberal proof that by enterprise and energy we may show to the world at large its abundant resources and inducements to capitalists, and thus take a leading position.

A few comments on the proposed bridging of the Elbow river may not be out of place, viewing the peculiar complex state of affairs. There are only two questions on the matter and they are substantially these, shall the structure be located outside the corporation limits, or on the other hand necessarily inside. Opinion differs as to the advisability of giving expected donations (we speak of those from citizens) for a bridge that will accommodate only the people to the south of us, and the corporation be thus led into extra expense for bridging the river near its mouth for the residents of sec. 14, which they will demand, no doubt, as they are in the town limits. To arrange it to satisfy all seems difficult of accomplishing, and we do not envy the position of the site committee,

but fully aware that they will seriously consider the best interests of the community at large. Therefore we hope their selection will meet with approval not dissention.

The account in another column of the disasters in Egypt and the death of General Gordon will be read with universal regret. It will be a long time before the public can efface from their memory a man who has so prominently occupied the general attention of Europe by his gallant philanthropy. What a brilliant reception would have been his, had he been spared to return, but treachery lurked where this great man of confidence little expected leaving us to mourn over a life that stands almost isolated for its purity and goodness. With a tinge of bitterness we feel the great catastrophe might have been averted but for that blind policy that distinguishes the Imperial Government, who undertake with too small a force, a task that may end in almost entire annihilation. The outlook is gloomy on both sides. The British public are aroused and we may expect to hear of the overthrow of the present Home Administration at any moment.

Will it ever dawn upon the intellect of the promoters of immigration (to fill up the Northwest) that they are misleading, and consequently business men flock into certain parts; under the impression they will be establishing themselves profitably, because it is considered favorable to agriculture. But in order to do this they must be supported by the settlers, and settlers we want first. Every inducement in the shape of a better climate, as good land as the eastern provinces, better watered, and facilities for plenty of wood, should surely warrant us in saying "Come west." These are the men we want; men who turn over the soil, and build the country up. But to be overstocked with business men who sooner or later have to retire through over competition is disheartening. Here we stand anxious to extend our hands to welcome the tiller, but no! The wise men of the east who govern, cock their eye, and cogitate on aggrandisement.

A question of vital importance to our residents in the future drainage of Calgary, as we presume that at some future date some system of sewage drainage will have to be adopted here, the most servicable and lasting being that of a sewer on one of the principal streets to some point of outlet—possibly the junction of the Elbow and Bow rivers. Now if we look at the distance it stands to reason the cost would be enormous, so much so that it will be some years before this community could stand the expenditure, therefore the usual cess pools as now used will exist in our midst. Taking into consideration the peculiar formation of the soil here with its underlying strata of gravel, so near the surface and full of more or less subterranean water courses, will, in time, absorb the poisonous matter filtering through, impregnate the water in any adjacent wells and prove a source of dire danger to the people, probably resulting in an epidemic. In Winnipeg where they have a great depth of solid clay there is more time taken for matter to soak through. But here the difference is so great that we deprecate any such form of depositing secretments. Cost is everything. In suggesting the general adoption of earth closets, we do so not only from a hygienic standpoint, but that they cost no more than the present detestable nuisances. Then why not compel people to build them. Surely our Council may see a way of doing something material in the matter, that will in after years earn for them the gratitude of the country. To think that in a short time the pure and beautiful Bow river will be poisoned and denuded of its finny tribe is distasteful. Then instead of being able to point with pride to our exceptional advan-

tages of sport and recreation (that thousands east of us will be only too glad to see) we will have to endure opprobrium.

NOR-WESTERS.

Edmonton.

Bulls.
Mail arrived on Thursday afternoon, 48 hours behind its usual time. It was 24 hours later than usual leaving Calgary, having been delayed by the train, which, in turn, had been delayed by the snow. The road was very heavy and the weather stormy, especially on the plain from Lone Pine to Calgary. At the Busby ridge, twenty-two miles this side of Calgary, it passed a family named Wishart, of Poplar Point, on their way to settle at Red Deer. They had wagons, horses, cows and sheep, and there were several women and children in the party. The snow was deep and a heavy wind was blowing. It was fifteen miles to the first house and thirty miles to timber, and altogether the party were not in a very encouraging situation, nor such as would give them a favorable impression of their new home.

The new road to cross the Battle river on a bridge lately constructed, leaves the old trail about two miles beyond Coyote's place, at the leaving of Battle river, and turning to the left, going south, it follows a ridge parallel to the river bank, all the way to the bridge. Small posts are erected not far apart to mark where the new road leaves the old one. After crossing the bridge the trail follows a ridge and is marked by posts all the way to the first bend on Wolf creek above the bridge on that creek, where it re-enters the old road.

Moose jaw.

New.
The pay car arrived at last, and on Wednesday the railway men were made happy again. Bank of Montreal bills are just now again in circulation in town, but we are sorry to say that very few of them found their way to our sanctum.

The recent accident on the C. P. R. at Qu'Appelle station has led to the arrest of Lithgow, the engineer, and Cummings, the fireman, charged with being intoxicated whilst in the employ of the C. P. R. company, contrary to a lawful regulation of the company. They appeared before Supt. Deane, of the N. W. M. P., at Regina. After the examination of a number of witnesses, they were both committed for trial.

Prince Albert.

Edmonton is not likely to suffer for lack of candidates for a seat in the N.W.C. Besides Dr. Wilson, M. McCauley and D. Malony are in the field canvassing; while the names of E. Carey, G. A. Blake, J. Lamerson, H. T. McPhillips, L. Garneau, and J. Coleman are also mentioned.

Montana.

Sun River Sun.
Col. Bob Ingersoll contemplates a grand spectacular reproduction of his stirring oration on the "Mistakes of Moses." In this connection (as the brakeman said when he coupled the caboose to a freight car loaded with watermelons) in this connection it is worth remembering that the greatest mistake of Moses was his failure to get a man like Col. Ingersoll to pilot his celebrated but somewhat unfortunate expedition. The second greatest mistake of Moses, it may be added, was his neglect to leave his card, mentioning where he could be found when the light went out.

At home stations the private soldiers' washing is usually done by the married soldiers' wives who are expected to sew on missing buttons and do repairs, for which a small sum is deducted from the private's pay.

Pat McGinnis had a good deal of trouble with his laundress; Sunday after Sunday had his shirt come back with the neck button off or else hanging by a thread. He had spoken to her on the subject, and she had promised to see to it, but still the button was not on properly.

He got out of patience on Sunday when the missing button had made him late for parade, and exclaimed—
'Bad cess to the woman; I'll see if I can't give her a hint this time anyhow.'
He then took the lid of a tin blacking box about three inches in diameter, drilled two holes in it with a fork, and sewed it on the neck of the shirt that was next to be washed. When his washing came back he found that she had taken the hint; she had made a button hole to fit it.

In a pretty country cottage near Pompret live Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pike and their son Warren, who was born deaf and blind. He is of powerful frame and moves with the quick graceful movement of a panther. The only food he swallows is milk, which he drinks from ten to fifteen times a day. He springs out of a sound sleep in the night and starts out of doors. Before quitting the house he never fails to go to the window and touch his tongue to a certain spot in a pane, by which means he is able to tell what the weather is. During the day he lies on the floor, always in one place, which has been worn into a hollow of the shape of his body. He can tell instantly whenever his parents quit the house, and which one it is. He is able to tell exactly when it is noon, and sunrise and sunset. His only amusement is to walk to the old fashioned kitchen door and rattle the thumb pieces.—*Hartford (Conn.) Times*

The Detroit Free Press explains that "burlesque" means to take off. Then, if you are told to take a "bath" its burlesque. Pretty good take off for a joke, this!

NOTICE
To Millers and others within the Northwest Territories, and in Manitoba west of the 1st Principal Meridian only.

SEALED TENDERS, accompanied by one hundred pound samples, and endorsed "Tender for Flour," will be received at the Indian Agencies in the Northwest Territories up to noon of Thursday the 30th day of April, 1885.

AGENT. AGENCY.
H. Martineau, Manitoba House,
L. W. Herchner, Birle,
A. MacDonald, Indian Head,
J. A. Macrae, Carlton,
J. M. Rae, Battiford,
T. T. Quinn, Fort Pitt,
W. Anderson, Edmonton,
M. Begg, Blackfoot Crossing,
W. Pocklington, Fort MacLeod.

Forms of tender giving full particulars relative to the quality, quantity and points of delivery of flour required, may be had on application to any of the above named agents, or from the Indian Commissioner for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, Regina; and no tender will be entertained which is not made out on one of the forms in the hands of the Agents or of the Indian Commissioner for distribution to intending tenders. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque, approved by the Indian Agent for the district, for at least five per cent. of the amount thereof, which will be forfeited if the tender declines to enter into a contract when called on to do so or if he fails to fulfil his contract to the satisfaction of the Department. If the tender prefers to do so he may deposit with the Agent, in lieu of an accepted cheque, the notes of any chartered bank in Canada to an equal amount. Cheques or cash accompanying tenders not accepted will be returned, but a cheque deposited by a successful tender will be retained until the satisfactory completion of his contract. Each tender is required to show in his tender the full value of all the flour which he is prepared to deliver under his contract or his tender will not be entertained.

Each tender must, in addition to the signature of the tenderer, be signed by two sureties acceptable to the Department, for the proper performance of the contract.

Tenders will be entertained for a portion of the whole quantity of flour required at any given point.

Tenders residing near one Agency but desiring to tender for delivery within another Agency further distant, may deposit the tender and samples for the most distant at the nearest of the Agencies specified above, or with the Indian Commissioner at Regina.

Samples of flour will be returned if desired, to unsuccessful tenderers on their application, and the sample submitted by a successful tenderer may be counted by him as a delivery on account of his contract.

In all cases where transportation may be only partial by rail, contractors must make proper arrangements for their flour to be forwarded at once from railway stations to its destination in the Government Warehouse at the point of delivery.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

L. VANKOUGHNET,
Dy. Supt. General of Indian Affairs.
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, 31st January, 1885.

TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS marked "Tenders for Oats," and addressed to the Honorable the President of the Privy Council, Ottawa, will be received up to noon on Thursday, the 26th of February next, for furnishing Oats for the N. W. Mounted Police, to be delivered as follows—

AT THE POLICE BARRACKS.
At Regina, not later than the 1st June, 100,000
At Calgary, do do 100,000
At Maple Creek, do do 100,000
At Medicine Hat, do do 100,000

At the C. P. R. Station, Medicine Hat, not later than 1st June, 100,000 lbs.
Oats to be delivered in burlap sacks, to be furnished by the contractor, without extra charge and to be retained by the Police.

Samples of oats, which must be of good quality, to accompany tenders.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted Canadian Bank Cheque for an amount equal to ten per cent. of the total value of the oats tendered for, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract, when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the service contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

Payment for any oat contracted for will be made on 30th July next.

No payment will be made to newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority.

FRED WHITE,
Comptroller,
N. W. M. Police.
Ottawa, 10th January, 1885.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALL persons, including Lessees of grazing lands, are hereby required to take notice that the cutting of timber on the public lands without authority from the Minister of the Interior, or the Local Crown Timber Agent of Dominion Lands for the District, is forbidden by law, and all timber so cut without authority is liable to seizure and to be dealt with as the Minister of the Interior may direct.

Each settler on a homestead quarter section not having timber thereon, in application to the Local Agent of Dominion Lands, purchase a wood lot not exceeding twenty acres in extent, at five dollars per acre.

Any person other than a homestead settler desiring permission to cut timber, must make application therefor to the Minister of the Interior, who will deal with such application according to law.

Persons who have already cut timber without authority, must pay the dues thereon to the Crown Timber Agent at his office, on or before the 1st of May, 1885; otherwise the said timber will be considered under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act.

(Signed),
A. M. BURGESS,
Deputy of the
Minister of the Interior

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LEESON & SCOTT,

PROPRIETORS,
Mountain View Hotel, Calgary

Silver City and Columbian

River Mail Route

THIS Mail Route was established previous to the C. P. R. being complete further west than Calgary, and has been the only Mail Line west of Calgary.

All express packages left at the office of Messrs C. C. King & Co., Calgary, or sent from any other point by Dominion Express, care of Geo. Winton, will be delivered promptly at moderate charge of their not being sent.

All exhibits for Antwerp should be ready for shipment not later than the first week in March next.

These exhibitions, it is believed, will offer a favorable opportunity for making known the natural capabilities, and manufacturing and industrial progress of the Dominion.

Circulars and forms containing more particular information may be obtained by letter (post free) addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

By order,
JOHN LOWE,
Sec. Dept. of Agriculture,
Department of Agriculture,

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Antwerp in 1885—London in 1886.

It is the intention to have a Canadian representation at the International Exhibition at Antwerp, commencing in May, 1885 and also at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London in 1886.

The Government will defray the cost of freight in conveying Canadian exhibits to Antwerp and from Antwerp to London, and also of returning them to Canada in the event of their not being sold.

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