

firm—the frosted wheat in the hope of passing as the other, but the skilful eye of the Major detected the difference and he graded it a quarter of a dollar less than the other in spite of the remonstrances of the owners, who, no doubt, thought it a better article even with the dark specks it than what, according to previous report and complaint, the Indians had been getting.

The traveller is surprised to find in operation a local line of railway begun a year ago by the Regina and Long Lake Railway Co. This line is in running order for a distance of 25 miles to Long Lake, a magnificent sheet of water, 60 miles in length and from one to three in breadth. The objective points of the line are Battleford and Prince Albert, and I have no doubt the promoters are ambitious enough to look forward to Dunvegan and the Smoky River in the near future.

There is a considerable expenditure of the public revenue of the Dominion at Regina. The Mounted Police Expenditure last year was not less than \$70,000, and the other expenditures, which include the Indian Department and local government outlay of not less than \$50,000. Winnipeg in its day derived great benefit from laying out of money by the Dominion Government, which in palmy days footed up to the hundreds of thousands, and its merchants still appreciate the Ottawa disbursements which are yet considerable.

The merchants and business men of Regina have established a Board of Trade, which is Argus-eyed in advancing the interests of the towns. They are engaged in building new trails north across the country to Saskatoon and south to Wood Mountain. They are receiving some assistance from the North-West Council for this, but the greater portion of the expense they themselves are bearing. Certainly they will receive the benefit of this enterprise, though I know of some north-west towns that do not possess as much enterprise as the Reginese are showing in this direction.

"What do you think is our future?" was a question put to me by the lady proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, a woman of pluck and enterprise. Much of it, I reply, is in the hands of the people themselves. Cultivation, tree planting and local industries must be vigorously prosecuted as has been done around Lincoln, Nebraska, and around Leavenworth and Kansas City, which from about the closest comparison I can make. The problem of north-west cultivation and settlement, is one to which the people of the Western States and territories long ago addressed themselves in earnest and with results that have astonished the traveller who has been made acquainted with the facts.

Regina cannot hope always to be the capital of the North-West territory. Already there is a cry all over for district, if not provincial, organization, and it is not unlikely that the session of the North-West Council which begins on Wednesday next, will be the last one of that council to be held. There is a clamor for a Legislative Assembly, which I would not be surprised to see conceded for the whole territory apiece with territorial representation. Although it is in the Dominion yet—this country is THE WEST. The people have something of the western style about them, and they want to keep ahead of the times. Still, when in Regina you are within the confines of civilization and, at least, one hundred miles east of that imaginary line, west of which until the civilization of Columbia is reached, your only friend is your dollar, as the traveller will readily find if he tries the experiment.

NECHAE.

Regina, As., Oct., 7th, 1886.

—There was shipped from Charlottetown by the steamship "Clifton" for the colonial exhibition, a supplementary exhibit, consisting of red wheat, white wheat, two-rowed barley, white oats, black oats, field peas, white beans, buckwheat, fodder corn, mangold wurtzels, parsnips, carrots, table beets, Swede turnips, red onions, yellow onions, tomatoes, mammoth squash, potatoes. Also, pears and various kinds of apples, such as Gravensteins, Emperor Alexanders, Northern Spy, Strawberry, Swaar Baldwins, Wright's Seedling, Quarendon, Ribston Pippins, Peewakie, Blue Permaines, Ben Davies, P. E. Island, English Pippins, Golden Russets, Bishop Pippins, American Beauty, Red Quarendon, Crab Apples, in Hyslop, Transcendent, Siberian, Golden.

## FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.—St. Thomas, Oct. 17th.—The premises of Isaac Styles, jun., were completely destroyed by fire. Loss about \$1,200, not insured.—Port Arthur, 15th.—Connees saw mill burned. The loss will be heavy.—Glencoe, 16th.—Wm. Donnelley's house consumed, insured in Royal \$300.—Gravenhurst, 11th.—Rev. Wm. Reeve's dwelling house loss \$1,300.—Kingston, 11th.—Geo. Comper's confectionery store damaged, stock insured in Lon. & Lanc., \$500, building insured for \$1,500 in Fire Ins. Co.—Belleville, 11th.—The Intelligencer office damaged, \$500 insured.—Grimsby, 13th.—J. A. Duval's saw mill, loss \$2,500, no insurance.—London, 13th.—Thos. Davis' barn burned, loss \$1,000, ins. \$700 in L. & L. & G.—St. Thomas, 12th.—Waldrove Council House destroyed, loss \$500.—Ottawa, 12th.—St. George's Ward School consumed, insured \$6,000 in N. B. & M.—St. Thomas, 19th.—Chas. Freeman's dwelling house, loss \$500, partly insured.—Woodstock, 10th.—The C. P. R. station destroyed.—Fergus, 15th.—James Wilson's flour mills consumed insurance small.

OTHER PROVINCES.—Montreal, Oct. 9th.—The Victoria Boat Club's house destroyed, loss \$2,600, building insured for \$800 in Imperial.—Yarmouth, N.S.—The barn belonging to S. N. Cann, jr., consumed, insured in Citizens for \$200.—Antigonish, 15th.—Two barns belonging to J. D. Copeland and C. McDonald consumed. Copeland loses \$200, and McDonald \$800, no insurance.—Montreal, 18th.—Geo. Brown's residence damaged, \$500.

—The Detroit Free Press tells of a Cincinnati man who failed in business twenty years ago and paid but 10 per cent. Week before last he paid all creditors the other 90 per cent., and shortly after was sent to an insane asylum. This last painful fact is not recited to show that those who pay old scores in full, are liable to end their days as lunatics.

—An Illinois farmer sent his honey crop to a Chicago commission man, followed the invoice in and bought some of it of the fellow for 14 cents a pound, for which he ascertained the whole lot was sold. But when the Chicago man made returns it was at only 12 cents. It is for reasons like this that earthquakes avoid Chicago—San Francisco Alta.

—Visitor (at the Indian school).—"So all these children are Indians?" Teacher.—"Yes. Many of them are sons and daughters of great chiefs." Visitor.—"What are they now doing?" Teacher.—"This is the arithmetic hour and they are doing sums." Visitor.—"Ah, yes; I have often heard of Indian summers."

—Within the past ten months about sixty-five carloads of hogs have been shipped from Portage la Prairie to points in the east. A large number of these have been bought up around that town and the vicinity.

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—The Winnipeg Sun gives it as the opinion of prominent wholesale grocers and produce merchants that it will very soon be necessary for to import butter from the east, and egg-dealers are already looking outside for their supplies.

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