

THE NOR-WESTER.

WARNER & SON, Proprietors.

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1884.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

We have not received a copy of Mr. Oliver's new School Ordinance which has been submitted to the present session of the North-west Council and therefore we are not able to criticise it. We know nothing of its provisions, but we are led to understand that it has been prepared with a great deal of care and that it is intended to meet the wants of the various districts comprising the North-west territory. The education of our youth is a subject in which we take an especial interest aside from our duty as a public journalist and we hail with satisfaction any school legislation which will be enacted this session provided it is of a character that is adapted to the wants of a sparsely settled country like this. In the act to amend and consolidate the several acts relating to the North-west Territories we find the following under section 10: "When and as soon as any system of taxation shall be adopted in any district or portion of the North-west Territories, the Lieutenant-Governor by and with the consent of the Council or Assembly as the case may be shall pass all necessary ordinances in respect to education but it shall therein be always provided that a majority of the rate payers of any district or portion of sub-division thereof, by whatever name the same may be known, may establish such schools therein as they may think fit, and make the necessary assignment and collection of rates therefor, and further, that the minority of the rate payers thereon whether Protestant and Roman Catholic separate schools shall be liable only to assessments of such rates as they may impose upon themselves in respect thereof."

We cannot for a certainty say how public school matters are in other places but speaking for this we regret to say that our public school is away behind. The youth of Calgary are cooped up in a small shack which might be mistaken for a wood shed but for the fact that it is isolated having no real or apparent connection with any other building and looking decidedly unlike a school house. Our people are zealous church goers. Already there are four churches with attentive congregations, but our school facilities are away below par. This state of affairs is not as it should be. True without municipal organization it has not been possible for our citizens to do more perhaps, than they have done, yet we should like to see them alive to the importance of educational facilities. It is not necessary for us to dwell upon the great necessity there is for the establishment of liberal educational facilities amongst us. It has been clearly shown by educators that education should begin at the first dawn of a child's intelligence. Ignorance is the fruitful source of crime and the barrier to true liberty. Man's temporal welfare is just as important as his spiritual and he is admonished to watch narrowly over the one as well as the other. A great deal is done here for the church, but nothing for the schools and we are compelled to say this is not right. There is a union between the internal and the external we admit, and they should go hand in hand. The stranger visits our churches and he is satisfied, but we do not ask him to visit our school because we have only one and we are ashamed of that; not of the teacher or the pupils, it is true, but of the poverty of our educational facilities. Our clergymen have not shown any especial inclination towards our schools. They have been busy with their churches and their duties in that respect, and no doubt are quite excusable. It belongs to the true friends of education in our midst to take firm hold now and see if something cannot be done to place Calgary in a position educationally equal to if not ahead of Edmonton and McLeod. The new ordinance will doubtless place our people in a position to take hold of school matters and place them in a condition of which we may boast instead of feeling ashamed as we do now of the village shack which is courteously called a school-house.

"Briefly summarised," says the Deputy Minister in his report, "the practical result of last season's surveys as distinguished from their technical and scientific results prove beyond dispute that large tracts of land represented upon the educational maps with which the present generation is familiar was useless desert, are found to be of good quality and well fitted for the varied branches of agriculture. This refers to but a limited portion

of the territories. As to the remainder there has not for many years been any doubt, either as to its fertility or its adaptability for agriculture and a closer examination of its resources confirms and even strengthens what was previously reported."

There is no doubt of it, but what has annoyed the average land grabber of the east is that he could not get a township, where ever he took a fancy to it. The bona fide farmer has found no difficulty in suiting himself but the fortune hunter has been disappointed, hence he has found some relief in mischievous agitation.

The Manitoba Free Press has come to the conclusion that Mr. Burgess, Deputy Minister of the Interior has returned east with a "meagre stock of evidence" relating to the country's condition compared with what he might have gathered. This conclusion is arrived at because Mr. Burgess did not visit Fort McLeod district and Southern Manitoba. The Free Press is bound to grumble. If the Deputy Minister had visited the districts referred to, the Free Press would still insist that the information derived was meagre because Mr. Burgess did not take in Dakota and Texas, The Free Press should have the decency to wait until Mr. Burgess' report appears. It will then know for a certainty whether the information is meagre or not.

"It is pretty evident that prohibition in the north-west is a huge failure. Those who read the different newspapers published in Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan cannot arrive at any other conclusion. It is also pretty evident that the permit system is a huge fraud, a constitutive class affair which gives a certain privilege and right to one man not given or enjoyed by another. To adopt a prohibition policy and at the same time give permits a burlesque worthy of Gilbert and Sullivan. That prohibition should be a failure is but natural. Right or wrong, men will have liquor, and if they cannot procure it in a lawful, open, legitimate manner they will procure it in an illegitimate manner. This is exactly what is being done in the north-west to-day. Surely those who go liquor and those who wish its prohibition might compromise on the matter. Let a few breweries be licensed and let the comparatively harmless beer be sold to those who want it. If this were done the fearful stuff sold as whiskey in the north-west would be a drug in the market."

Whitings Siftings. The Siftings is wrong in its conclusions. The permit system is not a huge failure. The temperance men are endeavoring to make it out such because they are opposed to permits on general principles, and the whiskey men are opposed to anything except licenses. The permit system is therefore between two fires. It is an easy matter for an editor to arrive at an incorrect conclusion when he is merely judging from what is said by those who do not want permits under any circumstances. The Siftings is, however, correct when it says let a few breweries be licensed. This we think, is a fair compromise.

NOR-WESTERS EDMONTON.

Misses E. Hall, Brenton, Spensman and Halpin left Monday to join Deady's survey party. The ferry blockade was raised on Monday morning, for five days the river was so high as to render it impossible to run the soon as will safety. Chief Factor Hardisty, Wm. Pearce, land commissioner, Rev. J. McDougall and David McDougall, arrived from Calgary Tuesday last. Shortly before the party left two Poles were killed at Devil's creek, being knocked off the pile driver or car and run over. A Stoney Indian brought into Morley a splendid specimen of mica.

D. McLeod arrived from Calgary yesterday evening, bringing as passengers Rev. Mr. Howard, Methodist minister for this district, and Mrs. Howard. Mr. McLeod reports the river in a very bad condition. The saw mill at Red Deer is in the bottom of the river owing to caving in of bank. Lumber all carried away.

Alex. McDougal and John Hambley, accompanied by Blue Quill and another Indian, returned from an exploratory trip Monday last. They were induced to make the trip upon the representations of the Indians, who said they would show them where there was lots of mica. The party were absent twenty days and struck out south till they came near Battle River, thence they went in an easterly direction, passing Egg Lake chain of lakes, Beaver Lake, Vermilion river, till within half a day's travel from Ft. Pitt, from which point they turned homeward. They saw lots of lustrous mica, some stones and particles of mica. The supposed mica turned out to be sticky black mud of no use or value. Game was in abundance as was also rain, the country in the vicinity of Pitt being almost covered by water.

J. Knowles of Rosemont Farm, has full peas well formed, which were sown on the 24th of May; radishes sown on the same day and fit for use on the 14th of June, six weeks from time of sowing. Onions sown at same time, stalks fifteen inches high and bulble fit for use on the table. Planted potatoes in the field on 10th of April and has potatoes now about the size of a common stone ink bottle; spring wheat out in head and looking well. Mr. Knowles' found one of his team horses lying dead, entangled in some bushes near his house on Saturday, the horse had been ailing for three or four months past, but when last seen was all right.

P. V. Greenham, land agent for this district, arrived by steamer, North-west. The office will be opened as soon as instructions are received from Ottawa. Mrs. Greenham accompanied him as far as Battleford where, owing to the prevalence of cholera, her baby's health she was obliged to stop. The Indians reported to have passed Victoria with a band of stolen horses passed the crossing on the way in, but made no play, they were both horses. No reports have been received of horses being stolen near Calgary which would answer the description of these, although horse stealing is very prevalent along the railway line.

PRINCE ALBERT.

Mr. T. H. Demers, from Montana, arrived here this week, with about thirty Montana horses, which he will sell cheap for

Archdeacon McEly will leave for Winnipeg on the 23rd inst. on a visit to his family and also for the purpose of meeting the Bishop of Saskatchewan, who is expected to arrive there about the 19th of August from England, after which he will proceed to Cumberland, to take charge of that district. The Government rifles, accoutrements and saddles in charge of Captains Young, More, Hughes and McKay have been collected and stored in the Police Barracks, where they have been inspected by Lt. C. I. Houghton. The rifles 200 in number along with the other articles, are to be forwarded to Battleford by the first steamer.

Louis Rial addressed a large meeting of settlers at Balocan's one day last week. He spoke of their grievances, which he seemed to thoroughly understand, and said that they must work together if they wished the Government at Ottawa to accede to their just demands. He also held a meeting at Lindsay school house this morning at 10 o'clock.

FORT McLEOD.

Mr. W. T. Finlay, lumber merchant of Medicine Hat, raised last month 60,000 feet of lumber down the Saskatchewan to the Temperance Colony at Saskatoon, and is now having rafted 80,000 feet more for the same place.

After working all day yesterday on the ferry and part of this morning, the idea of getting it to work so that the coach could be crossed in safety was abandoned. A wagon was secured from the other side of the river, the horses swam across, and the mail was ferried in a skiff. The river raised last night and is coming today, with sawlogs running pretty thick. A boat was put on the slough this morning.

There have not been any such rains as we are having this month in this country since '78. The slough had gone down so low that people were crossing on foot dry shoals, and the ferry on the river had been tied up for the season. Both have risen again to a much higher point than they reached during the spring freshets. The coach could not get across yesterday morning, and was obliged to wait until the river was stretched and the ferry boat got into the working order. The chances are that we will not see our mail until to-morrow. No one is to blame for this unless it be the clerk of the weather, as such a sudden rise in the river was entirely unexpected.

Mr. Walsh, Dominion Land Commissioner, thus describes Macleod, Fort McLeod is the most unique place he ever visited in the north-west. The site is on an island in the Old Man's river, which passes through the town. The population numbers some three hundred souls. The buildings almost exclusively consist of one-story log houses, irregularly built. There several large mercantile houses in the town carrying large stocks and doing a good trade. The people are reputed wealthy, and that money is abundant in the place.

BATTLEFORD.

A settler came through from Prince Albert last week bringing with him two tons of loads of lumber. Further importations, in that line are now out of order as our own saw mills will shortly be in operation.

A hail storm visited this place on Monday afternoon and spent almost its entire force on the town. The area covered was about a mile square, so that very little of the growing crop was touched, and none injured. Window-glasses, however, suffered badly, especially at the north end of the town where most of the glass facing the south-west were broken. The barracks suffered to the extent of 90 panes, and of the large panes in At Macdonald's store only two remain unbroken.

Bow River Mills CALGARY, PADMORE, SILVER CITY

Lumber! LATH SHINGLES. DOORS, WINDOW SASH, Tar & Brown Paper Builders' Hardware, Brick, Lime, Stone, Coal & Cord Wood

JAS. WALKER, OFFICE, Stephen Ave. east, Calgary

PIONEER STORE Flour, Feed and Seed, WHOLESALE & RETAIL

S. PARRISH & CO., Stephen Trench, Flour, Oatmeal, Cornmeal, Cracked Wheat, O Flax Seed, Oats, Barley, Chop, Bran,

SEED WHEAT. Special inducements given to bakers and hotel keepers. POTATOES A SPECIALTY. Branch Store in Silver City where all the above can be had. Do not forget the Standard. ROYAL MAIL STAGE LINE.

From Calgary to Fort Saskatchewan (via Red Deer & Edmonton)

LEESON & SCOTT, PROPRIETORS, Mountain View Hotel, Calgary

\$10,000 BANKRUPT STOCK. The undersigned having purchased the above amount of Bankrupt Stock, consisting of

Dry Goods, Clothing Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Hardware, Crockery, etc., and are now opening it out at

CALGARY HOLT CITY AND COLUMBIA RIVER. And will be cleared out at prices never before heard of in this vicinity, the stock having been bought at very low figure

A fine lot of Canned Goods, Tea, Sugars, and other Staple Groceries.

A. FERLAD & CO. BALLS! RUBBER BALLS, LACROSSE BALLS, LAWN TENNIS BALLS, Children's Painted Balls etc

CIGARS! Cigarettes and tobaccos. WALL PAPERS AND BORDERS. Latest patterns and best assortment in this city.

Jas. C. Linton, Nearly opposite Post office.

SEASON 1884. "SLELDND GREY HORSE, "YOUNG" "PERCHERON NORMAN," Suitable for getting good colts for this country. Stalls at S. H. May's farm, Elbow River. Terms \$25 season; \$5 00 each service Apply to KING CO, Calgary

Chicago, Milwaukee And St. Paul RAILWAY IS THE SHORT LINE FROM ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS Via La Crosse and Milwaukee to Chicago

And all points in the Eastern States and Canada. It is the only line under one management between St. Paul and Chicago, and is the finest equipped Railway in the North-west. It is the only line running Pullman Sleeping Cars and Palace Smoking Cars, via the famous "River Bank Route." Along the Shores of Lake Pepin and the beautiful Mississippi River, to Milwaukee and Chicago. Its trains consist of those of the Northern Lines in the Grand Union Depot at St. Paul. Chicago and Canada. The finest Dining Cars in the World are now being run by this Company between St. Paul and Chicago.

For through tickets, time-tables, and full information apply to any coupon ticket agent in the North-west. S. S. MERRILL, Gen'l Manager. A. V. H. CARPENTER, Gen'l Pass Agt. J. T. CLARK, Gen'l Supt. Geo. H. HOFFMAN, Asst. Gen'l Pass. Agt. Milwaukee, Wis.

T. H. SCHNEIDER CALGARY, FLOUR & FEED STORE. Has just received a fine assortment of China, Crockery & Glassware, Wholesale & Retail, Agent for the Celebrated Toronto Mower and Rake

Ranchers and Farmers note the above.

I. G. BAKER, C. CONRAD, W. C. CONRAD. ST. LOUIS, MO., FORT FORT BENTON, MT., FORT BENTON, MT.

I. G. BAKER & CO. Wholesale and retail Dealers in GENERAL MERCHANDISE! CALGARY, ALB.

carry one of the largest stocks in the North-west consisting of Dry-Goods, Boots & Shoes, Hats & Caps, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Woolen Tweeds, Harness & Saddlery and Hardware.

SUITS MADE TO ORDER. According to the Latest and most Fashionable Styles. SPECIAL LINES, - AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, CANNED GOODS AND BARBED WIRE, STOVES AND FURNACES.

We have the largest stock of Blankets in the N.W., and we offer special inducement to all buyers. Stores and Offices, Calgary East, near the Railway Bridge

BANNERMAN & CO., Booksellers, Stationers and Fancy Goods Dealers. Post Office, Calgary. School Books, Blank Books, Family Bibles, Dictionaries, Drawing Papers, racing Cloth, etc., etc.

A Fine Stock of Fishing Tackle To Arrive in Few Days

Saddles and Pack Saddles MEXICAN BITS, SPURS, ETC. COTTINGHAMS OPPOSITE POST OFFICE, CALGARY COMPLETE STOCK OF American Saddlery Ranchmen's Outfitting Valises, etc.

THE NOR-WESTER.

A Twenty-Four Column Folio. PUBLISHED EVERY TUESDAY AFTER NOON, AT CALGARY, ALBERTA.

A LIVE ORGAN OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT. containing Well Written Editorials, Spicy Locals, Latest Minin News, and the News of the World Generally.

TERMS--\$300 PER ANNUM,

The No'-Wester Job Department. Is fitted up with the latest and choicest assortment of Job Type and Material. Cards, Circulars, Bill Heads, Note Heads, Posters, Dodgers, Programmes.

All kinds of Job Work executed in every style, the latest and most fashionable type and all work neatly and promptly executed.

WARNER & SON, PRINTERS & PUBLISHERS.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including various notices and advertisements.