THE PRAIRIE

(Items Gleaned from Our Exchanges)

MOOSOMIN came in for the cold snap on Saturday. Since then the weather has remained steadily cold although clear and bright. The mercury has been down as low as 44 below zero.

THE annual meeting of the Moosomin Agricultural Society was held on Saturday last, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, E. Gater; Vice-Presidents, R. J. Phin and Jas. Inglis. O. Neff was elected Sec.-Treas. for the third time.

A CORRESPONDENT says that a grist mill will be opened at Balgonie in a few days. At Balgonie, which is a few miles east of Regina, the C. A. Co.'s eastern farm is situated.

COUNT de Roffiignac, of Whitewood, says that the climate and soil of Assiniboia are even better than those of France for the culture of sugar beets.

LETHBRIDGE'S first mayor and councillors are as follows:—Mayor, Mr. Magrath; Councillors, Messers. Cavanah, Bentley, Colpman, Turner, Currey and Henderson.

MR. GEORGE MCCUAIG, one of Medicine Hat's pioneers, and probably the most popular man in the town, was banquetted last week at the Hat, prior to his departure for the coast. We wish him every possible success.

TIE making for the C. & E. railway is progressing rapidly. The whole of the ties required for the line from Red Deer to Edmonton will be distributed along the right of way before spring.

MEDICINE HAT Chinamen are bringing down the wrath of the town on their extraordinary heads. They have a playful habit of strewing the hot ashes from their stoves about the town. Already one or two fires have been started by this means.

No LESS than 400 votes were polled at the late municipal elections at Lethbridge, which by no means represents the full voting power of the town. Had Mr. Magrath not been elected by acclamation another hundred votes would have been polled.

MR. A. LUCAS, of Calgary, has been appointed Returning Officer for the electoral district of Alberta for the coming election.

MR. B. P. RICHARDSON, M. L. A., of Grenfell, has been appointed chief census commissioner for the whole of the Northwest.

THE Macleod Gazette says: Through some misunderstanding, the police on Sunday last were turned out for church parade without fur coats and wearing boots and spurs. The morning was very cold, and the result was that several of the men, as well as the officer in command, were severely nipped by frost on their way to the barracks.

DEER, says an exchange, are migratory in their habits, being abundant one year where there were none another, and the law that governs their movements seems not to be known. This season they have been numerous within hunting distance of Battleford, and many were killed. An Indian at Jackfish Lake shot seven at one hunt.

** THE FARM >--

THE immigration during the coming season is expected to be very large, not only from Eastern Canada but from Europe, says an exchange. The number of enquiries being made of the Railway and Steamship Company are so numerous that Mr. Robt. Kerr, General passenger Agent C. P. R., Winnipeg, has issued special instructions to all Station and Ticket Agents regarding prepaid passages. Those parties therefore who have friends coming out this season would do well to call on their nearest Agent who will be in a position to book passages through at less cost than if the money were sent over to the Old Country.

WE NOTICE that Senator Perley is endeavoring to bring about a Territorial Exhibition, to be held next autumn in Regina. Mr. W. C. Hamilton, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Agricultural Society of Regina district, has been in communication with the Senator and has obtained from him many practical suggestions regarding details.

This is a matter in which all the agricultural societies in the Northwest should combine. The scheme, if carried out, will be a capital advertisement for the country, and will afford an opportunity of showing what our country can grow, which for excellence and variety cannot be beaten.

FOUR hundred bushels of barley made up of samples grown at the different Experimental Farms are to be shipped to England by order of the Minister of Agriculture, to be submitted to practical tests, whereby its value for malting may be ascertained. It is all of the two-rowed variety known as the Prize Prolific.