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THE NOR-WESTER.

CALGARY, TUESDAY, DEC. 30, 1884.

EXIT-1884.

In a few hours the year A.D. 1884 will have passed into the silent majority. It is customary for the newspapers to chronicle the obituary of the departing year and summarize the leading events which have made the year remarkable. Our experience is that all years may be considered remarkable for something new is always occurring, notwithstanding the old saw—that there is nothing new under the sun. The limited space at our disposal prevents our recording the leading events of the world which occurred during the year which will be closed forever in a few hours. We may, however, mention a few of the events which have an intimate relation with the welfare of this town in particular and the district generally. The completion of the C. P. Railway to the summit of the Rocky Mountains and its extension to the Columbia River, it will be admitted is an event of the chief importance. Then comes the erection of Calgary district into an electoral division. The visit of prominent Cabinet Ministers and distinguished members of Parliament to this district are events which have been of great benefit to the district as all will admit. Then comes the visit of the British Association, which visit by the way is bearing the most beneficial fruit. Then comes the erection of the town into a municipality—the first step towards local self-government. The revival of THE NOR-WESTER newspaper, a journal which in the early days of Manitoba rendered good service in the Canadianization of the Red River country, and its present mission is to fight the battles of the people in a constitutional and conservative manner, and to urge incessant warfare against mischievous agitations out of which no good has ever yet come. These are some of the leading events which belong to the record of 1884. If we carefully consider the many changes which have been wrought in the course of a year it will naturally suggest itself, what changes may we expect for the district and this immediate part of it during the coming year of 1885? Increased legislation in favor of the North-West will no doubt be enacted at the next session of Parliament; and the condition of our pioneer population in many respects greatly improved—matters which will beyond all doubt form historical data to make up the events of 1885. The parting year will be gone in a few hours, and will leave as its motto *memento mori*.

THE MOOSOMIN MEETING.

The *Courier* comes to hand with a full report of the public meeting recently held in that town for the purpose of discussing the question of Representation and other matters in connection with government in the North-West. Mr. T. W. Jackson, member of the N. W. C. for Qu'Appelle, appears to have been the "Dr. Fleming" of this gathering, if we may judge from the *Courier's* report, as nearly three columns of the report set forth what this blooming agitator said. He appears to have premised with the announcement that the meeting was not a species of political agitation of the nature of the Farmer's Union in Manitoba. (If we mistake not the Farmer's Union passed a very strong non-political resolution at its inception meeting in Brandon about a year ago, and the

chairman Ex-Alderman Lockhart particularly declared before taking the chair that if anything political were to turn up at the meeting he would instantly leave the chair. Not only did Ex-Alderman Lockhart not keep his promise, but he deliberately broke it on the very first opportunity that presented itself. So much for the promise of an agitator, and Mr. Jackson can make his promises in that respect to the horse marines.) This ambitious North-West legislator is reported as having said that the territories are entitled to the privileges—that is the word he used—of Responsible and Representative Government—which as a general assertion conveys a very fine sentiment though it does not appear that the Federal Government have done anything towards preventing the people of the North-West from having representative and responsible institutions just as soon as population demands them. Mr. Jackson produced figures, the report says, to prove that in the provisional district of Assiniboia there were at least 65,000 people exclusive of Indians, and on that basis he claimed five members for Assiniboia. Mr. Jackson, we presume, is some authority on the particular district to which he belongs, and we think he should confine himself to that district as there are other provisional districts in the North-West which have not a population of sixty-five thousand or even quarter of it, hence they are not on the same footing as that district, and they do not need an agitation. The *Courier's* report proceeds, "He, Mr. Jackson, went on to speak of our territorial government and paid a high tribute to the nominated members of the North-West Council. *Herald*, MacLeod *Gazette* please copy, and Messrs. Oswald, Leech, Bleeker & Co., read mark, and inwardly digest. Mr. Jackson, however, wants a change; he is evidently an iconoclast, he is going about the land wanting a change, forgetting that a change may not be an improvement. There is a perfume of the doom about Mr. Jackson that does not scent of Araby the Blest, because he deals too much in generalities, and he fails to show that the North-West territories as a whole have outgrown the present system. All he appears to have proved is that certain sub districts have, but he cannot overlook the fact that much of this limited progress regulates itself. Mr. Smith, acting editor of the *Leader*, appears at the meeting to have devoted himself entirely to the question of the Hudson's Bay route which of course is as non-political a matter as is Capt. Pim's Nicaragua Canal.

The resolutions passed we give elsewhere. It will be seen that they are not quite so filibustering in their nature as those recently passed by our own Albertian patriots.

Mr. Jackson says there are one hundred and twenty-five thousand people in the North-West territories, and that sixty-five thousand of them are in Assiniboia. If this is the case the District of Saskatchewan must have forty-five thousand. Alberta has certainly less than ten thousand, and we think the population of Athabasca is less than five hundred. Now it is well known that Saskatchewan has not even half of forty-five thousand, so that Mr. Qu'Appelle Jackson must be counting the same noses over pretty often. He is at liberty to use and explain his authorities, and he should do so in the interest of truth and simple addition.

The *Toronto News* is a lively sheet but it reckons without its host. A few young men in Toronto in parlor costumes get up and howl for Canadian nationality, and denounce the "foreigner." It is, however, this foreigner that is not only lending money to develop the great enterprises of the Dominion but who is really peopling the North-West. When will the *News* learn that Toronto is not the Dominion and that the true patriot is he who makes two blades of grass

grow where only one grew before? Sentiment is a very good ammunition for home guards, but it will never develop the resources of the North-West.

Will the *Moosomin Courier* please rise and explain by what process the population of Assiniboia has been computed at 65,000. Grave doubts exist as to the correctness of these figures. Some good authorities believe the population of that provisional district is nearer thirty-five thousand than the figures first quoted. If the figures have been purposely exaggerated it is a foolish mistake, because an official census would have to be made before any steps could be taken towards organizing the district.

Mr. Bleeker sets the population of the North-West Territories down at 50,000. Mr. Qu'Appelle Jackson goes him two-and-a-half higher. When two eminent authorities differ so widely it is evident that the shortest distance between two points is being measured by the two sides of a square.

The *McLeod Gazette* bored a hole, crawled through it, and then pulled the hole after it. The trick is not original, but that fact was not a sufficient reason to prevent that delectable journal from resorting to a vulgar subterfuge.

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W. J. HERCHMER,
N. W. M. P. Inspector,
Calgary Dec. 28th, '84

NOTICE.

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Alberta District Court, Calgary Division

Will be held at Calgary on Thursday the Twenty-second day of January, A.D. 1885

T. DOWLING, Clerk of Court.

NOTICE.

All persons are hereby notified that 49 head of stock cattle and two bulls, some black and some white, and some circle brand on left hip, and 13 calves branded 111 on left hip, now in stock in the Bow River district are the property of the Mount Royal Range Company, and all persons are forbidden to deal with said cattle unless through the said Mount Royal Range Co.

Oct. 25th, 1884. A. CHEWSEY,
N. W. T. Ranger.

NOTICE.

DURING my absence from town Mr. W. H. Steele will attend to any business that may arise in connection with the office. Mr. Steele will be in town on Wednesday and Saturday, from 12 p.m. till 5 p.m., and is authorized to receive payments and to conduct the necessary business in connection with the Town Site.

W. T. RAMSAY,
Calgary, 22nd November, 1884.

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The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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THE COUNCIL MEETING
The Council met last evening last.
Present—The Mayor, Aldermen
and Hogg.
The Clerk read the minutes of the
meeting which were
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