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ROASTING ABOUT NOTHING.

One of the maxims we have always endeavored to observe is to give credit where credit is due. This is right everywhere and it is universally conceded among men to be a "golden rule". Now if it is only just to give due credit to those who deserve it, it is essentially wrong to bestow praise upon those who do not deserve it. When any one has accomplished any meritorious deed—performed something that is beneficial to his fellow citizens it is only then that he should be credited with what he has accomplished. It is manifestly unfair and absurd to credit a person with something that he has never done or praise him in advance. We have been induced to make these remarks because just now Mr. Murdoch is ringing the changes on what he has done for the town. An anonymous correspondent to whom reference is made elsewhere has the sublime impudence to come forward in the columns of a local contemporary and tell the public that Mr. Murdoch has got the town incorporated and that he has done the most of anyone in town to accomplish this object. Has he? What object has he accomplished? A negative one to be sure, but Mr. Murdoch has been endeavoring pretty hard to accomplish an affirmative one and he has failed. We leave the other members of the committee out, for since Mr. Murdoch has arrogated to himself all the credit for having accomplished something when that "something turns out to be" nothing he is equally entitled to the blame if blame it is. Mr. Murdoch has wasted months in what? In the simple work of getting a charter of incorporation of the town. He has passed around the plate and the hat, collected the necessary amount to pay for the charter and forwarded that to Regina together with a petition which was returned because it was incorrect; he has forwarded another one and then has sat down to wait until the gun went off, but the gun refuses to go off whether the charge has become wet or rusty or whether the priming is defective it matters little, the fact remains that incorporation is not a fixed fact. Months have been occupied by Mr. Murdoch in his efforts at incubation but the chicken refuses to come to light. The "Civic Committee" has held meeting after meeting in season and out of season and the "beards" have wagged with wisdom" but there has not even been a conception. Not a considerable number of our property owners are annoyed in the least. Indeed nearly every one, but a few persons like Mr. Murdoch thinks that it is just as well and better, barring the fire protection question which can be accomplished without incorporation. We do not say that Mr. Murdoch is to blame. It is probable that his east side friends are responsible for the hitch. Friends have sent incorporation into Limbo for a while, but Mr. Murdoch ought to see that the boasting of his friends is rapid in the extreme. Never was there a more apt illustration of the mountain being delivered of the mouse than is Mr. Murdoch and his charter which is yet to be.

The New Westminster Mainland Guardian in a recent issue contains an ably written article on the C. P. R. The Guardian says: "To continue the list of those who will oppose the Canadian Pacific Railway to the east would compel us to occupy space which we cannot afford, so that we must be content with stating that its opponents are legion and many difficulties will require to be met and overcome before the line extends from ocean to ocean. But in spite of all that can be thrown in its way, it is bound to succeed and simply because it is sure to be a most profitable investment even if it cost three times as much as the estimated sum which is set down as the ultimate outlay." No doubt of it, but the Northwest prophet of evil is numerous and he is never done predicting failure and disaster. The traditional enemy is still active and he loses no opportunity of proving to his own satisfaction that the road will be completed to the middle of the Selkirk and abandoned. The wish of course, is a fond parent of the thought. Mr. Geddes's address is now fairly before the electors of Calgary District and we ask them to consider it carefully. If they do so they will find that it emits no uncertain sound. They are the views of an actual settler who has considerable at stake in the district and who, un-

like his opponent has everything to lose and nothing to gain by dealing unfairly with the electorate. We can assure the electors that the clique that has brought out Mr. Oswald knows very well that he is not a straggler and that certain active members of the clique have freely boasted they do not expect to elect their candidate but they hope to make Mr. Geddes win hard. Mr. Oswald hopes to benefit from the circumstance of his being a candidate even if he is defeated. His defects are (1) He has nothing at stake. (2) He is being put up by a clique who expect to manipulate him should he by any possibility be elected. (3) He has no interest in the settler and (4) He is in no way a representative man. It is therefore the duty of the electorate to elect Mr. Geddes. Mr. Begg's nomination of course was bogus and is of no account. It was designed by Mr. Bleeker as a diversion but it is only an imaginary one.

An anonymous correspondent who signs "Civis" has a long winded communication in the last issue of the local brat slasher on the mayoralty and the editor of this journal is challenged by that voluble person to state if he can what Mr. McLean's influence is. We do not see the necessity for us to take much notice of an anonymous correspondent. However, we can assure him that if he will come out over his own name we will enlighten him and the limited circumference of which he appears to be the luminous centre. We have read his letter from start to finish and this is the first time that we have come to know that Mr. Murdoch patiently collected small sums from 25 cents upwards to pay for the charter. No doubt Mr. Murdoch worked hard for the incorporation, but there does not appear to have been anything to work against though there are to be found quite a number of property owners here who think that at best incorporation is premature and they are not too thankful to Mr. Murdoch for the sinister zeal displayed. Men who work for the public should be paid but they should not be paid more than their services are worth. Civis is evidently one of those individuals who is led by prejudice or ignorance I do not know which, to misrepresent and take a great deal for granted. His defence of his friend is laudable, but he should in his criticism adhere to the truth and not misrepresent in order to make out his case. He is however, welcome as far as we are concerned to say what he likes. He has undoubtedly given his imagination a good deal of looseness which will account for the recklessness of his statements in many particulars. We can assure him however, that we have been long enough in harness to know exactly what we are about and we have met his case before. We understand that certain property owners on the east side have entered a protest against section numbered fourteen being included in the incorporated limits of the town. In consequence of this it is understood that the Lt-Governor has decided to delay the incorporation of the town until this question is disposed of. By all means let the east siders step down and out. They must not be forced against their will, nor do we think there is any desire to do so. By and by they will see that they have acted unwisely.

We have managed to raise the "indignant fur" of the GAZETTE and the local "Know Nothing" organ. These journals have hitherto enjoyed an exclusive monopoly and they are now mad because the NORWESSER has ventured on their reserve. This will account for the milk in the cocoanut and the hair on the outside.

The Manitoba people are determined to resort to direct taxation in order to make up for their public deficit. Perhaps if there had been less extravagance in the past this extreme measure would not be necessary. The people of the discontented province have certainly brought a good deal of trouble upon themselves.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

One of our conservative friends thinks that he has a point against us because we are supporting Mr. Geddes and Mr. Geddes is a "leaser on leaser holders". It is absurd to suppose that Mr. Geddes's views and ours can be identical on every question. We know Mr. Geddes to be a sound Conservative as there is in the district. He is a man of good plain common sense and if he is opposed to leaser holders having a monopoly he comes honestly by his opinions. Mr. Geddes is a leaser—a farmer and stock raiser—but not a leaser holder and he views the lease question from the standpoint of the settler. He is not to blame for this. The Norwesser is a public journal and its views the question from a different standpoint. The leaser holder has rights as well as the settler and it would be manifestly unfair to help him around with such restrictions that would virtually destroy the

great industry which it is the interest of the people of this district to preserve. Mr. Geddes is not a regular settler nor has he any sympathy with the class of men who would have a large amount of capital invested in good faith jeopardised merely to gratify an idea. We see nothing to prevent a leaser holder and settler being equally encouraged. However, as we have repeatedly said in this local election the lease question is not really a local issue, though it is being made one, but it is eloquently stated. Mr. Geddes's opponent, Mr. Oswald, takes good care to stand unambiguously on the question. He says in every speech that he makes, to a settler he is anti lease and when he talks to a leaser holder he is anti settler. The fact that there are only one or two leaser holders in this electoral district shows that the question is not really one of this stage and that it is not fairly one of the issues before the electors.

The Manitoba Fair Pass of the 16th inst. has an article on "The Ranch and Leasing system". It quotes from our friend the McLeod Gazette and of course it is wrong in every particular and it is how little our contemporary knows about it we clip the following extract: "If the Government had been willing to take advice on this subject they would never have established a system which has resulted in the loss of the Government's side of the line a different system working in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, a system under which, while the rights of the people are equal and protected every man has an equal voice and the greatest possible encouragement is extended to the stock raising industry. The most careful and extensive inquiry into the American system has been made and it has resulted in finding that the system is most satisfactory. Of course the F. P. is not particular as to facts."

With more than the necessary deference Mr. Murdoch and his efforts in behalf of incorporation we cannot help remarking that in this local election the lease question is not really a local issue, though it is being made one, but it is eloquently stated. There is no incorporation yet, and it is not known when there will be. "Civis" in the last Herald outside Mr. Murdoch's trumpet pretty loudly for the incorporation. Where is the incorporation? Is not Civis reckoning without his host. Nothing from nothing and nothing remains. It will be time for Civis and Mr. Murdoch to sit down when he gets out of the wood about time Mr. Murdoch, that you draw the attention of the authorities to Major Dowling's conduct in this and kindred matters. You have certainly been long enough here now to see that the government of this province is also the most completely without the right of assassination and it is about time that his administration of justice was exposed to the calcium light of our friends in the eastern provinces our conservative friends especially.

FROM THE PEOPLE.

UNNECESSARY ESPIONAGE. To the Editor of the Norwester:— Sir: The Russian Casack enters the dwelling of the citizens and in the name of the law searches the rights which every citizen will defend unto the death. The Mounted Police under Major Dowling's authority in this district have made do most disagreeable and unnecessary things. For instance, at the private ball at the residence of three policemen armed with the teeth intruded upon the privacy of the company and remained there the whole time. I happen to know that this was not ordered by the Minister of Justice and I do not think it about time Mr. E. L. that you draw the attention of the authorities to Major Dowling's conduct in this and kindred matters. You have certainly been long enough here now to see that the government of this province is also the most completely without the right of assassination and it is about time that his administration of justice was exposed to the calcium light of our friends in the eastern provinces our conservative friends especially. Yours truly, A CONSERVATIVE.

Calgary June 1884.

OUR SISTER PROVINCE.

Squatters Matters. A meeting of squatters upon the railway belt, being an adjourned meeting from one held on the previous Saturday, was held at the St. Templar Hall, Fort McLeod, on Saturday last. In the absence of the Chairman and Secretary of the previous meeting, Dr. Heaslop was, on this occasion elected Chairman and Lt-Col. Hamilton Secretary. Col. Hamilton after some explanatory remarks read the draft of a memorial to the Dominion Government in the interests of the squatters, which he had prepared in pursuance of a resolution passed at the meeting. The memorial was addressed at length by Messrs. Noon, Buchanan, Fraser, Lydon, White, Orr and others, all of whom, evincing a clear headed view of the matter under discussion, and an earnest disposition to contend stoutly, but in an orderly manner for their rights. Eventually it was moved by S. P. Fraser seconded by Jas Orr, and carried that the memorial just read by the Secretary be forwarded forthwith to the Governor General and that Col. Hamilton be duly recommended for his trouble in preparing and transmitting the same. After a desultory discussion the meeting adjourned until the following Saturday at 8 o'clock P. M., of which the Secretary was directed to give notice through the local papers.

Galtath at Home. The home is the place where the man in gray. There he is king, or royal consort anyhow. If he isn't governor he is lieutenant. He is always sure of some place in the ministerial cabinet. On the other hand, which if pretty fall of greatness all the time may not be particularly impressed with his greatness. It may even ignore him at times, and occasionally sit down on him. But at home he is a king and he is appreciated and appreciated in a responsive audience if he happens to be the Governor. His stipend by these passes for profound wisdom; his jokes are always laughed at. No ministerial jugs some occasional prouping it is true because the mans jokes are so fearful and wonderful, made that they cannot be properly understood without the aid of a glossary, but the ministerial jugs some occasional prouping it is true because the mans jokes are so fearful and wonderful, made that they cannot be properly understood without the aid of a glossary, but the ministerial jugs some occasional prouping it is true because the mans jokes are so fearful and wonderful, made that they cannot be properly understood without the aid of a glossary.

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