

Editorial Notes.

THE death of the Reverend Dr. Lane, deprived Manitoba of one of her most distinguished citizens. By the great eloquence and power of his preaching and the greater eloquence of his manner of living he did much for the Kingdom during the years he lived among us.

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THE Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition to be held next July, promises to be an unqualified success. All the necessary arrangements are being rapidly made by the board of directors through its various managing committees. A number of improvements and enlargements will be made in the grounds and buildings as soon as the weather will permit, which will give increased accommodation to the exhibitors. Prize lists are being prepared and a permanent secretary has been appointed.

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THE announcement, on the morning of Monday, April 4th, of the death, on the previous morning, of Mr. J. W. Bartlett, chief clerk of the Department of Agriculture, called forth a general expression of surprise and regret throughout Manitoba. It was not expected until a short time before he passed away, that Mr. Bartlett's illness would prove fatal, and no very great alarm was felt for him by his friends. This event had a peculiar significance to those engaged on the various press staffs of this city, as the deceased had so recently been a leading light among them. He came to this country for the purpose of taking over the editorial and business management of the western branch of *The Farmers' Advocate*, and he ably filled the position until his resignation last fall.

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A LETTER received by L. A. Hamilton, C. P. R. Land Commissioner, Winnipeg, from a farmer at Williamsburg, Kansas, contained the following rather suggestive clause:—

"The chintz bugs, grasshoppers, droughts, mortgages, and thirty years of Republican rule have reduced us to Egyptian slavery. We have, therefore, resolved, by the grace of God, to leave for a better country if we die on the way."

The writer was asking for information about Western Canada, with a view to emigrating. He further stated that he was trying to get a party of his neighbors to come with him. Such letters as this give the lie to the pessimistic assertions of those supposed friends of Canada, who

Crow's Nest Pass could not help but be a paying one even if operated as secondary to the present one via the Kicking Horse.

There is at present some difficulty between the C. P. R. and other railroad companies of western Canada desirous of extending their systems through the mountains, as to which have the best right to use the Crow's Nest Pass. The British Columbia Southern is one of the other claimants and the Alberta Railway and Coal Company another. The last public deputation that the late Sir John A. Macdonald received were interviewing him on this very subject. He stated to the delegates that the C. P. R. through seniority had the best claim to the right of way, but that the Government had power and might be prevailed upon to use it, to grant other companies running powers over any line which that company might construct through the Pass.

It is to be hoped the project will be carried out in the early future and that not only the C. P. R. but the A. R. & C. Co. and the Westminster Southern will be running their trains through the pass when the line is in operation.

ANOTHER WAY TO SECURE SETTLERS.

The Russo-German refugees, who composed the party recently located near Yorkton, by agent McNaught, start life in their new homes under rather unusual conditions. They were very anxious to come to this country and perfectly willing to work, but were without the money necessary to purchase their transportation. An agreement was made between them and the owners of the land on which they are located, whereby their passage was paid to the land and their living expenses will be paid until such time as their crops shall return them enough to pay off their whole indebtedness. They will then be at liberty to take up land for themselves in any part of the country they choose and their places will be filled with fresh immigrants.

This is simply another form of the scheme suggested to the farmers of Manitoba and the Territories by the Dominion Government, whereby they could not only assist these people, of whom there are large numbers, in the old country waiting for aid, to get to Canada, but also secure for themselves a plentiful supply of help or the coming season.

are continually trying to prove that the States is a God's country to the farmer in comparison with what this is under the conditions which prevail here at present.

Real Estate Notes.

Two lots which recently changed hands in Glenfell, Manitoba, brought \$200 apiece.

The contract for clearing the townsite of Pilot Bay, B. C., has been awarded.

The Queen's Hotel property in Winnipeg has been sold to Wm. McKenzie, of Toronto. The price was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

The Wulfsohn, Bowicko Co., Ltd., have decided to open a general banking and real estate office at Vernon, British Columbia. A temporary building will be erected on Barnard Ave., and a brick block as soon as business warrants.

The sales of the C. P. R. Land Department during the month of April were far in excess of those of any previous month since the department was opened. Some 9,500 acres were disposed of in one single day, and the ordinary days sales would amount to from three to five and six thousand acres. Most of the land disposed of went into the hands of bona fide settlers.

Alberta.

Lethbridge had a three thousand dollar fire on March 28th.

The Calgary & Edmonton Railway company will erect immigration sheds at Edmonton.

The assessment of the Edmonton public school district is over \$600,000 this year, as against \$368,600 last year.

W. L. Nichol, of Walsh station, has sold to the Northwest Trading Company 1,000 fat sheep, to be slaughtered for the British Columbia markets.

It is announced that the Burlington railroad, which is now projected as far as Great Falls, Montana, will be extended through Alberta to the Pacific coast via Crow's Nest Pass. The intention is to act in conjunction with the Canadian Pacific railway, in building the Pass section. Fort MacLeod will be on the line new road.

Bonus and exemption by-laws were voted on by the ratepayers of Calgary on April 14th. The result was as follows. "Flour mill, to exempt from taxes for ten years with \$3,000 bonus, carried by a 203 majority; hospital, \$10,000 grant 199 majority; tannery, to exempt for ten years. 196 majority; soap factory, to exempt for same period, 198 majority. The brewery which is to be established, will be built outside of the town limits so that no bonus or exemption was asked by the company.

The prospectus of the May issue of the *Cosmopolitan*, which by the way is Mr. Howell's first number, is accompanied by a letter of the American News Co., stating that the news stand sales of the *Cosmopolitan* have increased nearly one thousand per cent. during the past three years—the second half of the *Cosmopolitan's* existence.