

TRIO OF EARLY WESTERN JOURNALS

By R. J. Macpherson, of Winnipeg, in the Canadian Magazine.

Western journalism has now developed into such considerable proportions that the time of its early struggles is fast being forgotten.

A very few it still remains a memory full of incidents which through the perspective of time look sufficiently amusing, but which, while they were passing, were most with the most intense sincerity.

The eighth volume of the Herald is of special historic value. It gives the editor's first hand account of the events of the second Red rebellion, especially as they happened in the neighborhood of Battleford, which was the scene of the most serious of the prairie disturbances.

The genesis of the Edmonton Bulletin is of unusual interest. The construction of the telegraph line along the Mackenzie survey had not quite reached Edmonton when, in 1878, the government was defeated and eventually the contractors ceased work.

The founders of the Nor' Wester, William Buckingham (of the Globe) and William Caldwell (of the Toronto Leader), brought their outfit of paper type and press by ox-team from St. Paul, and after an arduous journey over the Crow Wing trail, arrived at Fort Garry on November 1st.

The partnership of the two editors lasted only a year. Buckingham returning east, but Caldwell remained with the Nor' Wester until 1885, when he went to Toronto.

In this year Caldwell again returned west, and because of the interest of the sequel, we may be pardoned for dwelling upon the details of his first revolt, and the issue of the pages of the first issue were printed in favour of course, the McDonnell regime.

The first issue appeared on December 5th, 1880, and the size of its pages was six and half inches by five. It ran for eighteen consecutive weeks during the winter and was then discontinued as its editors found more profitable employment.

Of the three journals which we have principally referred to, the Herald is still published and, though increased in size, it is still published in its original form, and since its founders possess only the embers of its former fire, the third, the Bulletin, is now a new journal, and since its inception has become the capital of Alberta.

FOR STRONG ORGANIZATION. C.P.R. Employees Will Combine to Fight Company on Reductions.

Vancouver, B.C., April 9.—At a mass meeting of the employees of the C.P.R. mechanical department last night, it was decided that in view of the recent developments in the industrial field a joint committee representative of every department of railway work should be formed.

Leaving Winnipeg, which during the next three decades was both the birthplace and graveyard of several notable journalistic ventures, we proceed along the line of the survey made by the Mackenzie government for the Canadian Pacific railway to Battleford, which, in 1874, had been proclaimed capital of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Laurie was one of the most interesting newspaper men whom Western Canada, at least, has ever known. His keen, optimistic, practical but extremely practical, he wielded a pen of great power, and impressed his personality upon all who knew him.

The Herald—Vol. 1, No. 1, dated 23th August, 1878—was a bi-weekly, four-inch paper, ten columns wide, and costing two dollars a year.

Ottawa, April 9.—Yesterday was the 40th anniversary of the assassination of the Hon. D'Arcy McGee in Ottawa, for which Patrick Whalen was eventually hanged. Many incidents of the event were recalled around the capital.

ROSS RIFLE SUPERIOR TO THE LEE-ENFIELD

R. B. Welliver Delivers Instructive Address to Red Deer Young Liberal Club—Demonstrates That Dominion Government Has Made Good Bargain for Rifles.

Red Deer Advocate: On Wednesday evening last the Young Liberal Club held one of the most successful meetings of the season.

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GUARDING AGAINST THE UNDESIRABLES

Raid Inspection System to be Inaugurated to Prevent Influx of Orientals From United States Points to Canada

Vancouver, April 7.—With the object of preventing the undesirable influx of Orientals, European and persons morally and physically unfit, from the United States into Canada, a rigid inspection system will immediately be inaugurated at fourteen different points between Vancouver and the Great Lakes.

When this new order is in operation there will be a line of sentinels in the form of government officials and medical officers guarding the boundary line from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Telegraphic instructions have been received from Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the interior, by Mr. J. B. Harkin, his private secretary, and Mr. Harkin, inspector, leaves today on tomorrow on a hurried journey to arrange preliminary arrangements for the inspection.

Mr. Munro will be away only a few days, but he will be in charge of the arrangements for medical inspection, while Mr. Harkin will have in charge the detailed organization of the scheme.

When interviewed this morning Dr. Munro stated that the order in council of January 8, which has suffered in the courts, but has been finally rehabilitated as a temporary measure, is now possible. When the fishing season opens the influx of Japanese who have crossed the border at the various points, will be strictly controlled, and unless they can prove that they have come direct from the land of their birth, they will find themselves facing the alternative of remaining in Uncle Sam's domain or endeavoring to secretly cross the border with the subsequent penalty if caught.

"Of course," said Dr. Munro, "we do not expect to see a perfect system without a great amount of preliminary work, and therefore we cannot guarantee to keep the order in council in effect until the end of the year."

At all times beggars and those morally and physically unfit will be turned back. The bill that is being prepared by Hon. P. Oliver, will be even more rigid than the present order in council.

THE MANCHURIAN RAILWAY. Difficulty May be Settled—China and Japan May Agree.

Peking, April 9.—Negotiations began here today between Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister, and Tang Shi Yi, Chinese minister, regarding various matters at issue between the two countries, but notably the controversy regarding the extension of the Hsinmintun-Fukung railway.

St. John Aspires To Be On Line. St. John, N.B., April 7.—At a meeting of the St. John board of trade today afternoon, it was decided to support the bill to have the provincial elections to widows and orphans voting.

Walking Around World. Ottawa, April 9.—A little man named Mosse, arrived here today after walking around the world.

Ottawa Has a Blizzard. Ottawa, April 9.—The spring-like weather of the past few days has changed, and Ottawa is in the grip of a blizzard.

THE MAN WHO SHOT UP MONTREAL POLICE

Search of Papers Indicates He Had Been in Trouble Before—Shot Burt. When a Member of Irish Constabulary.

Montreal, April 9.—An examination by the police of the papers of Joseph Smith, the man who yesterday killed Constable Shea and wounded Chief Detective Carpenter and Constable Dillon and who was himself wounded by the police, show that his right name is Joseph Dillon and that he is a native of Ireland.

He served for seven years in the Royal Irish Constabulary and afterwards in the Cheshire (England) constabulary. While on the latter force he shot a burglar who was resisting arrest and was subsequently promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Joseph Dillon crossed the Atlantic, and coming to New York on October 17th, 1889, was declared a citizen of the United States. In New York he was apparently employed as a book agent.

JOHNSON WOULD ACCEPT. The Nomination for the Presidency by the Democrats.

Chicago, April 9.—Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, who is on his way to the hotel of Shilo, Tenn., where a monument is to be dedicated to the Minnesota soldiers, has been nominated for the presidency by the Democrats.

Cartridges Labeled Cement. New York, April 9.—Joseph M. Giordano, an agent in this country of the Firman revolutionary party, who recently sought to get control of the New York City Police Department, has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment for having taken part in the printing in New York of \$700,000 worth of counterfeit money.

Notorious Cattle Thief Caught. Lethbridge, April 7.—Seigneur Jean, of the Mounted Police, arrested Fred Wheatley at Connor's ranch today. Wheatley is the notorious Oregon horse thief who escaped from an officer last fall, when being taken for trial. Though handcuffed he jumped through a car window. He admits the identity.

DISTRICT NEWS. RED DEER. Bulletin News Service. A large crowd gathered in the Odd Fellows' hall on Saturday night to hear the address on Socialism given by C. M. O'Brien, Dominion organizer for the Socialist party.

Banker Defends His Bank. Toronto, April 9.—Burglars early today made a successful attempt to break into a branch of the Sterling bank at Thornhill. Manager Roy Henry opened fire on the man who was attempting to gain entrance by the front door and the latter returned the fire. Continuing the assault Henry stepped across the hall when some one in the darkness struck him a stunning blow on the head which rendered him unconscious.

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IMMIGRATION WORK AS CARRIED

W. D. Scott, superintendent of immigration, gave the Toronto Globe an interview a few days ago, outlining the purpose and the method of carrying on immigration work.

"There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of the public as to the immigration policy of the Dominion," said the superintendent. "The policy of the open door is not the policy of the open door. There is a limit to the number of immigrants who can be absorbed by the Dominion, and the limit is not the number of immigrants who can be absorbed by the Dominion, but the number of immigrants who can be absorbed by the Dominion."

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