

pected in a few days when the erection of the building will be pushed ahead.

MR. CLINKSKILL, of Battleford, has received a letter from President Van Horne, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in which it is stated that railway construction will be begun towards Battleford next summer, and that whether it is brought as far as Battleford or not it will certainly be extended to the crossing of the North Saskatchewan, near Henrietta, where it will connect with steamboats for Battleford and points westward.

A MINER at Lethbridge named Nicaise Ignace, was recently robbed of \$7.50. The money had been placed between two mattresses, and one day Mrs. Ignace took out some money in the presence of several people. The next morning the money was not to be found. The money has since been found in an outhouse, where it was cached.

FARM Instructor McKinnon of Piapot's reserve arrived in Regina last week accompanied by six Indian farmers with loads of wheat of their own growing, of which they disposed at a good figure and invested the proceeds in flour. This shows that Indian Commissioner Reed's policy which aims at making the aborigines self-sustaining is a wise one. Under judicious and efficient management the Red-man is making rapid strides towards citizenship and civilization.

CATTLEMEN in Southern Alberta are jubilant over the prospects for the coming season. The stock have never come through winter in better condition and the loss has never been lighter. The remarkably fine weather of the past winter was highly favorable for the cattle grazing on the open plains, and the snow fall of the past month, while not heavy enough to cause any inconvenience, will produce sufficient moisture to give the grass a good start in the spring and insure a reasonable good growth of natural fodder. Should the country be favored with an abundant rainfall in the early summer—as there is every reason to hope, it will be a great stimulus to the cattle industry of southern Alberta.

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THE CHEF.

EPICURES flock to his tables and partake of the delicacies which he so well knows how to concoct. To see him roast an ox is a caution, to smell the ox is two cautions. Nevertheless, my friend, I can scarce pass thy portals when the merry dollars jingle in the northeast pocket of my inexpressibles (N. B.—Which is very seldom), without experiencing that resistless longing, such as the gambler feels at the cry of "Round she goes," or the toper when he hears a cork drawn. Peace be to his hashes.

—SPY.



I REGRET to see that the Firemen and the Amateur Athletic Club are again likely to clash in the matter of sports. Last year some misunderstanding arose, but the matter was arranged, and the sports took place on the Queen's Birthday and were such a tremendous success that it was decided to make the event annual, and on the same day. I believe Mr. Rogers was on the committee, so he should know this.