

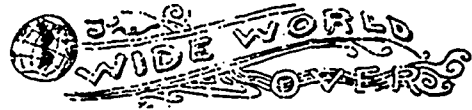
THE BANK OF MONTREAL.

THIS week we give a sketch of the strongest evidence of the bona fides of the Northwest Territories which can possibly exist, viz., the handsome building recently erected by the Bank of Montreal, in Calgary. The plans were drawn up by Messrs Taylor & Gordon, architects, of Montreal, while Messrs. Child & Wilson, of Calgary, were the superintending architects. The work was carried out as follows:—Stone work, Mr. A. P. Lesseur; carpentering, Mr. T. Underwood, and plumbing, Messrs. N. D. Macdonald & Co. The building is fitted with all the most modern improvements and conveniences, and is supplied with electric light, electric bells and speaking tubes, and is heated throughout with hot water. The building is composed of grey sand stone, procured from Mr. Butlin's quarry, Calgary, and the stone having been selected with great care, the bank presents a most handsome appearance. The lumber used was obtained from the Columbia River Lumber Co., at Beaver. The wood work inside the bank, including the cornices, is entirely of British Columbia cedar, which gives a much better and more finished appearance than the ordinary plaster cornices.

On the first floor are the banking office and manager's room. The former is nearly square and is handsomely fitted up with brass railings and wire,

supplied by Chanteloup of Montreal. There are two big vaults, as usually found in banks, and the latest improved safe, with a double time-lock attached. The upper stories are used as the manager's residence, and are handsomely fitted up. The bank took possession of their new premises about December 1st, 1889, and at the present time the following compose the staff:—Manager, A. D. Braithwaite; Accountant, W. H. Hogg; Teller, T. H. R. James; Ledger-keeper, G. L. O. Thompson; junior, C. D. Winter. The capital of the bank is \$12,000,000, and the reserve fund \$6,000,000, besides which there is to the credit of the profit and loss account, a sum of over \$800,000.

As the visitor looks at the bank, which is greatly set off by a pretty stone coping (which is not shown in the sketch), situated on one of the most valuable corners in the town, he cannot but help recognize the fact, that so conservative a company as the Bank of Montreal investing a large sum of money, is a highly complimentary proof of their belief in the town and the Northwest Territories, and is a speaking record of the great confidence they possess in our country.



The Dominion elections will take place on March 5th; nominations the 26th inst.

There is every prospect of the Behring Sea dispute being settled on its merits and from the standpoint of strict legality.

The Chilian people are standing by the government, and the rebels are beaten both on land and at sea.

A schoolmistress in Minnesota punished a pupil, a girl. The girl's parents retaliated by assaulting the teacher so severely that she died. Wholesale arrest of family in consequence.

Irish affairs have taken another turn and it appears that the Liberal party will now stand by Parnell and his followers.

A widow in Kansas became insane through starvation, and having killed her three children, put an end to her own life.

Sir Charles Dilke is likely to run for Northampton, one of the seats in which city has been rendered vacant through the death of Bradlaugh.

A fight has taken place in Oporto between Republicans and the troops. A number of soldiers were