

**Meteorological.**  
Through the courtesy of S. W. Shaw, Esq. of Fish Creek, we are enabled to furnish our readers with a comparative statement of the weather during the months of November and December, 1883 and 1884, and January 1884, and parts of January, 1885, which will be found interesting.

**TEMPERATURE (MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM.)**  
Recorded at Fish Creek, 8 miles south of Calgary.  
Observed at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Mo.	1883	1884	Mo.	1883	1884	Mo.	1884	1885
1	23	21	1	25	27	1	25	27
2	20	18	2	22	24	2	22	24
3	18	16	3	20	22	3	20	22
4	15	13	4	17	19	4	17	19
5	12	10	5	14	16	5	14	16
6	9	7	6	11	13	6	11	13
7	6	4	7	8	10	7	8	10
8	3	1	8	5	7	8	5	7
9	0	-2	9	2	4	9	2	4
10	-3	-5	10	-1	1	10	-1	1
11	-6	-8	11	-4	-2	11	-4	-2
12	-9	-11	12	-7	-5	12	-7	-5
13	-12	-14	13	-10	-8	13	-10	-8
14	-15	-17	14	-13	-11	14	-13	-11
15	-18	-20	15	-16	-14	15	-16	-14
16	-21	-23	16	-19	-17	16	-19	-17
17	-24	-26	17	-22	-20	17	-22	-20
18	-27	-29	18	-25	-23	18	-25	-23
19	-30	-32	19	-28	-26	19	-28	-26
20	-33	-35	20	-31	-29	20	-31	-29
21	-36	-38	21	-34	-32	21	-34	-32
22	-39	-41	22	-37	-35	22	-37	-35
23	-42	-44	23	-40	-38	23	-40	-38
24	-45	-47	24	-43	-41	24	-43	-41
25	-48	-50	25	-46	-44	25	-46	-44
26	-51	-53	26	-49	-47	26	-49	-47
27	-54	-56	27	-52	-50	27	-52	-50
28	-57	-59	28	-55	-53	28	-55	-53
29	-60	-62	29	-58	-56	29	-58	-56
30	-63	-65	30	-61	-59	30	-61	-59
31	-66	-68	31	-64	-62	31	-64	-62

**THE NOR'-WESTER.**

CALGARY, TUESDAY, JAN. 20, 1885.

ADIEU, adieu, zero!

MILD weather again.

ANOTHER carnival is expected to come off next week.

THE train from the east was twelve hours late last week.

A SPECIAL report of the Masonic Ball will appear in our next.

COME, gentle chinook; ethereal mountain deweth, come!

COURT opens on Thursday. There will be a large docket.

FRASER'S second carnival will take place at his rink on Thursday, the 29th inst.

MR. AND MRS. FRASER of the Skating Rink have our thanks for special courtesies.

CHIEF OF POLICE, John Ingram, was sworn in last week, and now let the transgressor beware.

THE Mount Forest, Ont., Index has been received. It is a bright six page paper full of newsy local.

WE have been credibly informed that the Bank of Winnipeg intend to open a branch here as soon as it is running open.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the public service by Rev. J. Dyke next Sabbath evening in the Methodist church.

MR. BANGS, late of Brandon, Man., has opened out a wholesale and retail flour and feed store on Stephen avenue, near the Theatre. He also intends to deal largely in poultry.

A MAN who has been working for Mr. Kirkwood in the mountain got one of his great toes badly frozen. Dr. Henderson will perform the operation of cutting it off tomorrow.

DEPUTY SHERIFF FITZGERALD and J. A. Louheed went on a trip yesterday to Medicine Hat. Chief of Police Ingram is acting deputy sheriff during the absence of Mr. Fitzgerald.

H. D. MACPHERSON, of England, has purchased a large quantity of hides from Messrs. Sparrow and Samples. The beginning of a great business in hides has commenced.

O. H. MADDERSON, Esq., of Invernesshire Scotland, arrived here by last train. Mr. Macpherson is to have a look around with a view of going into ranching. We wish him every success.

MR. JOHN PATTERSON called us in yesterday and explained to us what can last and what cannot. The sole basis upon which Mr. Patterson does business is small profits and quick returns.

THE old School Trustees remain, and Mr. Douglass has been re-appointed for the next quarter, and the petition for the new school district has been finished and will probably be voted on at the end of next month.

OUR special thanks are due to S. W. Shaw, Esq., Fish Creek, for the comparative table of the temperature given elsewhere. Mr. Shaw is a careful and accurate meteorologist, and we would respectfully direct the attention of the Honorable the Minister of the Interior to the figures given.

THE officers of the St. Andrew's Society will meet together with the Masons on Thursday the 29th, at 8 o'clock, in the Masonic Hall. A full attendance is requested as business of importance will come up before the meeting.

THERE was nearly a serious fire at the Royal Friday last. Mike Harper, the

efficient major domo of the hotel, discovered that the wood work in the passage up-stairs had taken fire from a too friendly stove-pipe. Mike applied the cure and he deserves especial credit.

JOE LERANDA and his brother arrived on Saturday night from Pigeon Lake, 200 miles north of here, with 5,000 lbs of fish, which he has disposed of to Messrs. Parish & Co. Joe deserves great credit for his pluck in going so far north in this cold weather.

THE Masonic Ball at Calgary Theatre Hall this evening promises to be the grandest affair this winter. The committee have been untiring in their work. We took a peep in at the hall to-day and found them busily engaged in decorating the hall-room. We shall give a full account of the ball in our next.

THE rumor that the capital is to be removed from Regina to this place has again been revived. Perhaps the cold weather is the cause of the rumor being again circulated. We do not believe the rumor and we would just like to lay hands upon the clump that originated it.

OUR Medicine Hat correspondent's letter dated December 24th, was only received to-day. It went on an involuntary trip to Edmonton. We very much regret this, and hope our correspondent will understand that its non-appearance was due to the post-office people here and not to ourselves. We hope the like will not occur again.

G. E. JACQUES tapped at the window the other day, and as we were on the watch we entered. He showed us some new chains and watches which he says are the finest in the market. He also threatened us with the spectacle of a car load of speer, but we declined, preferring our readers to go and see for themselves, to which they are respectfully invited.

DAVID Hilger, in the Montana Wool Grower, says:—"The management of sheep during the winter months should be conducted with the greatest care, and a sheep well summered is a sheep half wintered. An eastern capitalist asked a Montana Catt & King 'Do you have any difficulty in wintering cattle in Montana?' 'Oh, no! not at all; but we sometimes have a—! in springing them!'"

THE second skating carnival of the season will take place at the rink on Thursday 29th January. Don't forget it.

LAST Sabbath evening the Methodist church was filled with an attentive audience to hear the concluding sermon from the pastor Rev. J. Dyke on the life, character, and work of the prophet Jonah. The three sermons on this topic have been full of interest and profit to the hearers. At the close of the service the quarterly Love Feast was celebrated by the members of the church and the pastor announced as special subject for next Sabbath evening, "The Resurrection."

MIDWINTER is not the time to be successful in rustling for money, though by no means the most. (The Northwest is a slow country in winter as a good many old timers know. It is when the spring time comes, when the warm sunshines returns to impart warmth to old mother earth that the average rustler loosens his grip upon his bursting wallet and scatters pecun, contentment, and shekels around in order that they may take root and blossom out even as the rose.

C. E. HARRIS, Esq., manager of the Halifax Rancho Company, has sold Messrs Sparrow & Co. and Messrs Samples & Co. a large number of steers and oxen. The herd was driven from the Halifax Rancho Company's ranche, and it was exposed during the recent severe weather. The men in charge are deserving of every credit for the successful manner in which they brought the land into town. When we consider that they had to camp for days and nights out, with the thermometer 10° below zero, some idea of the hardships endured in the tangle business may be imagined.

MR. G. I. BROWN, agent of the Kanaskis Coal Company, has our thanks for half a ton of Kanaskis coal. We have tested the coal sent us in the office and in the kitchen and we have proved that it is of excellent quality. It does not burn rapidly like the Medicine Hat coal but slowly. It is cretaceous, not anthracite; much harder and brighter than the Medicine Hat article. The mine from which this coal is taken is situated about 60 miles west of this town; one mile and a half from the railway track. Mr. Brown received a further supply of this excellent coal a day or two ago and more is on the way.

C. P. R. Lands.

OUR apologies are due to Mr. W. D. Scott agent of the C. P. R. lands for omitting to mention his arrival in our columns last week. Mr. Scott is a pleasant, affable gentleman, and he was not many hours in town before he pulled the la ch string of our sanction and left a fat add, which will be found elsewhere. He has had considerable experience in the sale and management of the company's lands. He has charge of the Brandon property at the time of the boom in 1881, and ranks high as an accountant, having been accountant in the land department at Winnipeg for sometime. Mr. Scott says he is authorized to throw open the C. P. R. lands in this district. They comprise the old numbered sections in every township, (except 11 and 23, which are for schools) within the 24 mile belt. Mr. Scott informs us that townships 22, 23, and 24,

range 1, west of the fifth meridian, are reserved for the present. He has made arrangements to open out in the Northwest Land Co. office. We look upon Mr. Scott's arrival here as a matter of great importance, and we hope that he will do a rushing business.

**Dramatic.**

THE Calgary Dramatic Association intend giving a performance at Calgary Theatre Hall at an early day. Our respected friend Mr. Duze is at the bottom of the proposed entertainment and we have no doubt that the entertainment will be a credit to the company. It is proposed to bring out the play of 'Lute, the Laborer,' followed by the farce of 'Slasher and Crasher,' one of Morton's best. Mrs. Dunne will take part in the performance, and we hope that our citizens will extend a bumper house. The advertisement will appear at an early date.

**Horse Thieves.**

L. W. PECK, in the Montana Wool Grower, says, "The work of clearing the country of horse thieves—who had become very numerous and troublesome—along the Missouri, from the Judith to Poplar River, which resulted in the hanging of about twenty men, commenced at this point. As soon as one was ushered into the presence of seventeen thoroughly aroused men, all armed with Winchester rifles, a few questions were asked, by which the prisoner was conclusively shown to be guilty, whereupon the man acting as chairman of the assembly remarked: 'You hear what he says, what shall we do?' 'I move that we take the son of a— out and hang him,' comes in a clear and determined tone.

"I second the motion, by God!" follows like lightning from another.

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**NEWS DIAL.**

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The Supreme Court today gave judgment on the Liquor License Act of 1883 and the amending act of 1884. After raising the question submitted by the Government, Chief-Justice Ritchie said:—"We have considered all the matters referred to, and my learned brother Strong, my learned brother Fournier, my learned brother Gwynne, and myself are of opinion that the acts in question are ultra vires of the Parliament of the Dominion, except in so far as they regulated vested licenses and wholesale licenses. My learned brother Henry is of opinion that the acts are ultra vires as a whole. We shall report to the Government accordingly."

THE Pembina branch arbitration is finished.

THE rumor is current that Senator Miller, Speaker of the Senate, will be called to the Cabinet.

THE Mail's St. John's, N.B., special says: "When the Tenedos arrived in Roberts all was quiet. No attempt was made to haul down the Orange flag, the legality seemed doubtful. Last night, however, the Orangemen resolved to take them down themselves, and did so amid cheering and singing the national anthem, which the Tenedos acknowledged by dipping her flag. The Government in sending the force acted by the request of the magistrates, but the people resent the action, saying they were only maintaining their rights and intended no violence. The warship and police will be recalled. The reports published have been distorted and grossly exaggerated."

THE Globe's Ottawa correspondent says:—"Mr. Chapleau states that Riel has been, to all appearances, very quiet during the summer, but it is well known that he is secretly advising the half-breeds to make a demand upon the Government for compensation for the whole Northwest. Riel's argument is that the whole country belonged to the half-breeds and Indians before the Canadian Government took possession, and that to extinguish the half-breed claim a sum equal to twenty-five cents for every acre of land sold by the Government should be paid them. Perhaps we had all better move out."

QUEBEC, Jan. 12.—A large number of leading Conservatives, including the Provincial Ministers, left this morning for Montreal to attend the banquet given to Sir John. A large number also left yesterday.

A hot wave has struck this city. Rain has been falling all day, and it is as warm as summer.

Messrs. Pearce, Walsh and Smith, North-west land commissioners, have arrived to meet Sir David McPherson to effect a settlement of claims now in dispute.

NEGOTIATIONS for the construction of the proposed line from Ottawa to Brockville are being rapidly pushed. Plans along the line are lighted with the prospect of railway connection.

WORKMEN who have arrived at Ottawa from the Lake Superior section of the Canadian Pacific Railway, state that all the work of the Construction Company is finished. There is yet a considerable length of road to be built, which has been let to sub-contractors.

DURING the past year 2,455 patents were granted in Canada. The amount of fees received was \$63,530 against \$73,023 in the previous year. The falling off in receipts is due to the reduction in the number of United States patents registered during the

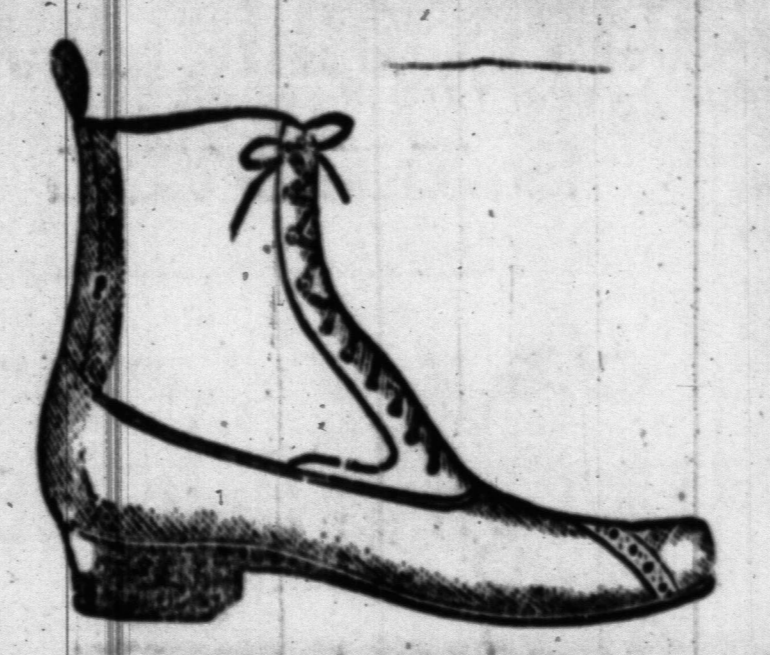
past year on account of the recent Presidential contest.

MR. Vankoughnet, Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs, says there is no truth in the sensational report telegraphed to the American papers of Louis Riel's inciting the Indians to rebellion in the Northwest.

**Married.**

WHITFORD-COLLING.—At the Methodist Parsonage, by the Rev. J. Dyke, Jan. 12, Mr. Harry Charles Whitford of Calgary, to Miss Catherine Collins, of Ebow River, near Calgary.

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The Government will defray the cost of freight conveying Canadian exhibits to Antwerp and from Antwerp to London, and also of returning them to Canada in the event of their not being sold.

All exhibits for Antwerp should be ready for shipment not later than the first week in March next.

These exhibitions, it is believed, will afford a favorable opportunity for making known the natural capabilities, and manufacturing and industrial progress of the Dominion.

Circulars and forms containing more particular information may be obtained by letter (post free) addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

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