

WHERE STURDY MEN ARE MADE.

WINNIPEG SUFFERS FROM SNOW STORMS AND COLD WEATHER.

A Heavy Harvest Expected as the Result—The Severe Weather Interferes with a S. O. E. Entertainment.

[From our Winnipeg Correspondent.] Phew! The mercury curled up and down below sight in the bulb, wind blowing great guns from the Nor-west, snow falling in avalanches and packing in drifts, hard as tamped sand, and disposing itself in knee deep windrows across the streets in every direction. Such is the record for several nights and days preceding the last of January. That the street car service was demoralised would be scarcely necessary to state, save that in this case, this grand climax filled to the brim the bitter cup of disappointment, many of your readers in this city, for the evening of the thirty-first had been set apart, and long looked forward to, as that on which the consummation of the Juvenile Lodge Committees efforts in getting up a benefit for the youngsters would have been brought to a successful issue. In the vain hope that the wind would sink with the sun, no effort was made to announce a postponement. Heedless of the fury of the elements, with true British pluck the trio of social and domestic heroes who had charge of affairs were at their posts on time, prepared to receive the audience which never came, and welcome the promised performers, of whom none but two put in an appearance.

THRILLING REMINISCENCES. But there is no disaster so great, out of which some good, or some comfort, cannot be drawn; at all events when we cannot attain any else we may generally learn something, and so it turned out with your correspondent in this case. During the two hours wait in the dimly lighted ante-room, a gallant member of lodge Neptune, No. 144, a Crimean veteran (Note, "K" is used in this case instead of "G," as it sounds just as well, and is less suggestive of the true name which should be applied to all concerned in bringing this war about) related episodes of the Lions glorious but most disastrous struggle with the Bear, and of our own Northwest Rebellion, in which the narrator was a participant also. He told characteristic anecdotes of his own adventures by flood and field. In the presence of this gallant son of Mars, for the first time, to the best of his knowledge and belief, your correspondent found himself face to face with a man who in his own proper person claimed that he had not only seen, but helped to bury dead Indians, the result of the engagement at Batoche, but even this informant would not straightly assert that a moribund Half Breed had crossed his line of vision. Thank the powers! All those gallant and earnestly lamented fellow-citizens who lost their lives or limbs, all that costly material and ammunition, and all that grub, were not wasted entirely, there is at length authentic evidence by the lips of an eye witness that the last Northwest Rebellion resulted in making some good Indians. LIVELY TIMES FOR FIREMEN. One would imagine that a warm house and what is called a good fire should be the sine qua non during the prevalence of the state of affairs previously described, but unfortunately during these fierce conflicts of the elements, our some time useful servant and ally, has succeeded in obtaining the mastery, his choleric temper being aroused, his desire to join in the row outside has become ungovernable, and in some cases he has escaped and aided in the devastation. But thanks to our gallant "boys in blue," no fire so far has attained any very serious headway, or been attended with very disastrous results either in regard to life or property, and it may be said with both truth and pride, that Winnipeg stands second to no city in the Northwest in the efficiency of its apparatus for successfully fighting fire, and for the skill, courage and persistent determination under the most trying circumstances, displayed by every member of the fire brigade, who for a month past have not had a day without a call, and on two occasions have had two fires to contend with at one time, while men, horses, and apparatus, were alike encrusted in ice. The habitans and Old Timers are rejoicing on every hand on account of the abundant snowfall, as they claim it has ever been a presage of a heavy crop of wheat in the coming season; "so mote it be."

ORGANIZATION WANTED. Another winter month has gone and so far as known by those exoteric to

S. G. L. Mysteries there has yet been nothing done in relation to appointing an Organiser. The Foresters keep such an officer at all times in the field resident, when at home, in this city. While the Knights of Malta are devouring every thing in sight, those of our Order who should be pushing its extension into every available corner in this country seem steeped in apathy, or so interested in his own affairs that they cannot devote a few hours a week to the furtherance of the cause they profess to have at heart.

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