DISTRICT NEWS

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

The inspector for the Great West Life Assurance Company was in the city yesterday on his way from Calgary to Edmonton. He was inspecting the property here on which loans have been put through by Bradley & Nicherson.

Mr. Craig, superintendent of the agricultural fairs, passed through the city on Saturday.

A deputation from the Board of Trade, composed of Messrs. Bradley, Compton, Benson and Fowler, waited on the council last evening to consult with them regarding the grant for the Wetaskiwin exhibit for the Calgary fair. The matter was left in the hands of the finance committee, who are to report next week. Should the report be favorable there will then be a general meeting of the Board of Trade to consider ways and means. There is a general feeling in the city that the matter should receive attention, and that to take the rank she ought to take amongst the cities of Alberta Wetaskiwin should be well represented and should keep before the public eye.

A meeting of the Society of Equity was held in the Swedish church south east of Wetaskiwin on Saturday, Mar. 28th. Mr. Rosenholt, M.P.P., was present. Many important measures were discussed, conspicuous among which was the advisability of the government installing government elevators on the same plan as they at present operate their creameries.

The government telephone is making rapid progress. The poles are already on the ground from Wetaskiwin to Lewieville and Asker, branches extending to almost all the farm houses. The farmers are delighted with the prospect, and it should materially increase the business done in Wetaskiwin. The service from the surrounding country to the city will be free, but there will be a five cent rate from the city out.

The Presbyterian choir concert planned for this month has been indefinitely postponed.

The contract has been let for a new round house of nineteen stalls. The building will be commenced at once.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church, held at the parsonage on Tuesday afternoon, final arrangements were made for the Easter bazaar. It will be held on Tuesday evening, April 28th, in Mrs. Girling's ice cream parlors. No admission will be charged, but an "egg" tea will be served for 25 cents. There will be a number of booths, at which various useful and ornamental articles (the handiwork of the girls and ladies of the church for many weeks past) will be on sale. Home-made candy will be sold in dainty boxes. The proceeds will go towards the church debt.

Mr. Felland, the electrician, is moving shortly out to a homestead, and his brother, O. C. Felland and his wife will occupy the house.

Mr. Meechem, a traveller for groceries, recently bought the cottage owned by Dr. Mary McGill and occupied by O. C. Felland. The sale was made through Bradley and Nicherson.

The Long Co., managers of the macaroni factory, held a clearing out sale here on Saturday. It was very successful financially.

Mrs. Dining, who has been visiting Mrs. Ed. Williamson for some weeks, left for Toronto on Tuesday. Her husband spent part of the time here also. They had intended locating in the West, but have decided not to do so for the present.

Miss Elsie Reddon returned to her sister's, Mrs. Ed. Williamson's on Monday evening. She has been visiting Mrs. Purdy and Mrs. Rankin, of Strathcona.

Next Tuesday the monthly business meeting of the Hospital Aid Society will be held in the council chambers at 3 p.m.

The lady collectors for the hospital fund have already gathered in over $300 from this side of the track in addition to generous donations of linen, etc.

Mrs. C. C. Bailey entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. R. C. Ward.

Mrs. L. R. Rix entertained on Monday evening for her friend, Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. H. A. Mallett has been quite ill for the past two weeks with grippe.

Mr. Rice, the real estate agent from Calgary, was in the city on Tuesday. He will return home by way of Saskatoon, Regina, etc., making a three weeks' trip.

Mr. Nicherson went to Camrose today for a few days' business trip.

Compton and Montgomery have engaged Miss Denny, formerly of the Barret & Maher millinery, as assistor Miss Quarry.

Mr. Adams, traveller for Geo. D. Wood, Calgary, was in Wetaskiwin with his wife the latter part of last week.

On Tuesday a very successful sale of thoroughbred cattle and horses was carried on in the stock yards. The animals were the property of W. J. McNamara.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Hogg gave a thimble tea in honor of Mrs. R. C. Ward. She entertained delightfully providing music among other things for her guests' enjoyment, Mrs. Montgomery and Miss Dudgeon each sang solos very acceptably.

D. A. Sharpe has decided, instead of opening opposition undertaking rooms, to take the management of the firm Eaglsoie, Nicherson & Kelly.

Wetaskiwin, April 1.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

At the last meeting of the town council a by-law was passed to prohibit the filthy practice of spitting on the sidewalks and in public buildings. The majority of the citizens will be gratified to know that such a by-law has been passed, as heretofore the dirty condition of the sidewalks, particularly those in front of the hotels, was a menace to the public health.

Leeming Piano Company, of Toronto, J. H. Alexander, western representative of the Gourlay, Winter and Leeming, spent Wednesday in the Fort in the interests of his firm.

Mrs. D. Simpson and daughters, of Pine Creek, have recently moved into the Fort.

Rev. Mr. Adshead, the Baptist missionary for this district, addressed the Y.M.C.A. Bible class in the town hall on Sunday afternoon, taking as his subject that of "Love." There was plenty of bright singing, and the class is growing in interest, some 30 being present. Mr. Adshead has made arrangements to preach every Sunday evening in the Fort. A suitable house has been rented for the present on Dennis avenue, where the services will be held until the time is ripe for the building of a church. Mr. Adshead's other appointments are Horse Hills, Bon Accord and New Lunnon, where alternate services will be held. He is a most interesting and forceful speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Symington, of Agricola, who are to leave for their new home in Manville in the course of a couple of weeks, entertained some 30 of the young people of the Fort on Monday evening. Amongst the different games played, perhaps the guessing contest would be considered the merriest. The prizes were carried off by Miss Violet Staples and Roland Dann, and were two handsomely-bound books. The booby prizes (two little Esquimaux) were awarded to Miss Lizzie Montgomery and Harry Gidley. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a valuable teapot to Mrs. Symington by Mr. Peter Gordon on behalf of the young people present. Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilmeroth chaperoned the party. Mr. Symington and his sons go to the Manville district to look after their several homesteads. The family will be greatly missed in this vicinity.

Inspector Ritchie, of Regina (R.N.W.M.P.), who has been in the Fort for a week past, left on Monday for his home. Mrs. J. E. Graham accompanied him as far as the Capital, returning on Tuesday evening.

The Women's Home Mission Society held a parlor meeting today at the home of Mrs. E. Wilmeroth. After the month's business had been transacted a short programme was given, including a piano duet by Misses Staples and Squarebriggs; vocal solo by Miss Winnifred Paul; solo by Rev. A. Forbes and a most interesting talk on mission work in North Dakota by Mrs. (Rev.) Asher, who is a guest in the Fort. After the programme was rendered, the society's president, Mrs. A. Forbes, read a parting address to Mrs. (Dr.) Donald, and Rev. A. Forbes presented her with two volumes of poems, being the complete works of Scott and Milton, as a small memento from the society, which Mrs. Donald has been a member of ever since its organization, and who is so soon to sever her connection here to reside at Lesser Slave Lake. Mrs. Donald was taken quite by surprise, but made a suitable reply. Dainty refreshments were served and a pleasant hour was spent before adjournment.

Preparatory service was held in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening, and on next Sabbath, in the evening, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed, when some new members are to be admitted into the church.

John McLaren, of Ottawa, arrived here on Tuesday evening, and has taken over the management of the Fort Saskatchewan Reporter in place of W. A. Pratten, who has resigned the editorship and intends leaving for the east in the course of a few weeks. Mr. Pratten has made many friends here, who regret that he is leaving the town.

Fort Saskatchewan, April 1.

SEDGEWICK.

Bulletin News Service.

Several land seekers have come in lately to look for homesteads. Most of those coming here go north to the G. T. R. line where there is still some vacant land. Although homesteads are becoming very scarce, homeseekers can buy farms with considerable improvements at very reasonable prices.

The Pigeon Lake Sawmill Co. has disposed of their retail business here to H. L. Gray, who has been manager of the yard since it was opened. Mr. Sheppard, of Millet, is at present in town arranging for the transfer.

The Battle River Co. has increased their lumber shed capacity by raising the roof about six feet. The extra accommodation thus secured is hardly sufficient for the large stock carried by this company.

Owing to the absence from town of the Rev. T. W. Bateman, Mr. Burn supplied the Methodist pulpit on Sunday evening and gave a most helpful address.

Several of the farmers of the district are purchasing incubators this spring and are going into poultry raising on a large scale.

The town authorities, who have been trying for over a year to secure land for a cemetery, have succeeded in getting a piece of land about a mile north of town.

Messrs. Burn and Brown, delegates from the board of trade to Edmonton, arrived home on Saturday night. They were successful in securing aid for grading the approaches to the bridge built last fall.

An effort is now being made to secure a bridge across Battle river south of the town. The country south of the river is well settled and has been tributary to Stettler, which is about fifty miles distant. If this bridge were built this district could come to this town a distance of only thirty miles. It is hoped that the movement will be successful.

A meeting of the ratepayers was held on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the school building question. After considerable discussion it was decided to recommend the erection of a two story building, the building to be so arranged that an addition can be built to it at any time in the future. It is likely that cement blocks will be the material selected.

Mrs. R. Smart and Master Willie Dreany arrived home on Friday night from a month's visit with relatives in Calgary.

Messrs. McGregor of Kincardine, arrived in town on Tuesday on a visit to their brothers, J. and K. McGregor. It is likely they will locate at some point in the province.

The baseball club gave a very enjoyable dance in Burn hall on Friday evening. The attendance was very good, but not as large as was expected. Good music was supplied by the orchestra.

H. R. Jamieson made a business trip to Wetaskiwin on Thursday.

J. B. McLeod, Flagstaff, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. Weatherly, at present.

F. D. Hedrich and A. Bond, Daysland, were visitors in town on Monday.

Walmosley Bros., of Lougheed, were in town on Thursday last.

The latest C. P. R. map shows Wilkie to be the first divisional point on the C. P. R. west of Saskatoon, but does not show the next one. However, it is generally supposed that Sedgewick will be the chosen town.

Messrs. Beairsto and Coombes spent Sunday with friends at Merna.

Sedgewick, April 1.

BATTLEFORD.

Bulletin News Service.

A very successful charity bonspiel for the benefit of the hospital took place during the past week. There were forty rinks entered, each rink paying an entry fee of $4. The ladies of the town took a very prominent part in the proceedings, and proved themselves to be good curlers. The most amusing feature was a rink composed of Chinamen, who played a rink of Russian-Germans, who have just arrived from Russia. R. J. Coulter acted as skip for the Chinese, while E. B. Sparks acted for the Russians, neither rink understood the other, and the shouting of the Chinamen, "Brushee! Brushee!" which we interpreted as "Soop 'er up," was quite deafening. The Russians in their heavy cow-hide boots and sheepskin coats seemed more at home on the ice than the Chinaman, who said when he took hold of his first stone: "No hottee like flat ironey." The game resulted in favor of the Chinamen by 5-4. The hospital received $200 as the proceeds of the bonspiel.

Mr. St. John, representing the Luse Land Co., is in town making arrangements for a large party of settlers his company are locating west of the Tramping Lake. They also have a large tract of land to sell in that district, and are keeping fifteen teams here this summer for locating purposes. They have already arranged to locate four hundred families who have eighty carloads of effects under way for this point.

The Battleford Board of Trade is being incorporated.

Miss Trim, of the post office staff, met with an unfortunate accident. In stepping off a chair she received a bad fall.

The Battleford Milling and Elevator Co. sunk a well at their mill and have secured an ample supply of water. A test has been made with an engine pump, and twelve hours' working failed to lower the water one inch.

A gang of men are busy getting the ferry in order for spring work. J. O. Nolin will again be in charge.

Mr. R. C. Laurie, of the Saskatchewan Herald, is ill with inflammatory rheumatism.

G. Thompson has bought out W. Dunbar's interest in the Windsor Hotel.

The government seed grain has arrived, and local critics declare it to be of an excellent quality.

L. O. Beam, provincial government bridge inspector, is in town in connection with the construction of the steel bridge across the Saskatchewan river.

Battleford, March 31.

LLOYDMINSTER.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. Whitbread underwent a serious operation on Tuesday night and is apparently doing as well as expected although very weak.

J. F. McNamara is in Edmonton today.

Mr. Morris, of Lashburn, is in town to-day.

The farmers are making preparations for early seeding. The acreage will be very large in this district this year.

John Dale, of Kitscotty, was in town yesterday.

The Bloomington Valley district have formed a school district and are hauling out the material to build a new school.

The Ribstone district are calling for tenders to build a new school.

Another detachment of Mr. Hutchinson's immigration party from over seas arrived yesterday by C.N.R. They are all delighted with the prospects in this district.

Mr. Yates, of Red Deer, is in town today.

Mr. Wallace has unloaded a carload of milch cows here today for sale.

E. L. Burdett is putting in an up-to-date millinery department and has engaged a first-class milliner.

The town council has decided that it cannot at present take over the general hospital and the hospital board of directors will meet this evening to take final action in the matter.

The town council have rescinded the livery state and dray liscum.

Lloydminster, April 2.

VERMILION.

The Bulletin News Service.

J. Spackman, C.N.R. Townsite Agent, spent Tuesday in town.

T. B. Gano, of Holmstead, spent several days in town this week.

Jos. Robinson has opened up his Real Estate Office in the building formerly occupied by J. D. Nickle. He will continue to act as homestead locator.

Robert Ganthony, the well known English Entertainer, who is touring through W. F. H. Thompson, W. J. McNab and N. Darling attended a Conservative meeting at Vegreville on Tuesday.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a football team will be held in the Town Hall at 8 p.m. Monday.

Mr. Creed who has ben a resident of Vermilion and occupied an important position on the staff of the "Vermilion Signal" for nearly a year, has decided to return to England.

R. G. Dunsmore is on the sick list with muscular rheumatism.

R. E. McCormick, of Mundare, is renewing old acquaintances in town.

Miss Swanson visited in Mannville on Wednesday.

The car containing the new Eason Brick Plant and consigned to the siding at Claysmore caught fire at Mannville The blaze was extinguished with difficulty by the C.N.R. officials. The machinery was uninjured but the roof of the car was considerably damaged.

Mrs. W. H. McClinton entertained a number of the young people to a progressive Pedro party Tuesday evening. Geo. Marion succeeded in carrying off first prize, and Dr. Burris managed to capture the prize for the greatest number of losses.

The staff of the Western Canada Trading Company was kept busy on Wednesday exhibiting the Black Fox supposed to have been caught by the Indians. The Company did not expect so many would wish to see this valuable fur and one of the members of the firm complained that it had got "Beyond a Joke."

Western Canada, will give an entertainment in the Presbyterian church, Tuesday evening. Mr. Ganthony will be assisted by Miss Dorothy Fairfax, of the Paris Conservatoire of Music, Miss Rose Manners, vocalist, Miss Hazel Stanmore, and Mr. Fred Hewitt. A large crowd is expected as it is seldom that the townspeople have an opportunity to listen to a first-class entertainment.

The Weekly Lenten Tea by the Ladies of the English church was held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Pilkie, Thursday afternoon.

The matched curling game between the rinks skipped by W. Pilkie and R. G. Dunsmore, was the most prominent feature on the rink Thursday afternoon. Both skips upheld their reputation but Dunsmore ably assisted by Dr. Ryan, G. C. Dunsmore and F. Long, won out.

Vermilion, April 2.

NORTH BATTLEFORD.

Mayor Gregory has just returned from a business trip to Saskatoon.

Rev. Dr. Sparling, principal of Wesley College, Winnipeg, will be in town on Sunday next. He will occupy the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Immigrants are pouring into the Battleford District. Last evening a large number reached North Battleford and will locate in the vicinity of the town.

On Thursday, April 9th the next meeting of the North Battleford Literary Society will be held. On this occasion the society will be favored by the presence of Duncan Marshall of the Edmonton Bulletin who will deliver an address on some appropriate subject to be announced later. This is the first appearance of Mr. Marshall in this town, in the capacity of a speaker, and he will, no doubt, be greeted with a full house.

On Saturday, 4th inst, there will be a farmers' mass meeting held in the town hall. The object of the farmers is to organize and bring out a man to represent their interests in Parliament. There is considerable interest being taken and it is expected that the meeting will be a representative one.

North Battleford, April 2.

RED DEER.

C. L. Wilson, of the Imperial bank staff, returned from a holiday trip to British Columbia on Tuesday evening.

A couple of drunks were up before Magistrate Wallace yesterday and fined costs only, as it was their first appearance.

E. A. Molson, manager of the Merchants bank, has purchased the residence of Chester Stewart across the creek on Ross avenue, and expects to move into it about May 1st. Mr. Stewart leaves for Saskatoon very shortly. The rooms now occupied by Mr. Molson over the bank will be furnished by the bank for the use of their staff.

Farm property is beginning to move a little in this district. Peter E. Peterson, of Evarts, having disposed of his quarter section to Mr. Rasmussen. The quarter section owned by Mrs. Gainer, northwest of here, was also sold recently to a Mr. O'Bryant, of the States.

A meeting of the executive of the exhibition association was held yesterday. Beyond the routine business before the committee there was nothing important. The secretary was delegated to Calgary to represent the local association at the convention of the Western Turf association now in session there.

Quite a number of British immigrants have come to town recently. One real estate man rented six houses to them during the past two days.

The weekly meeting of the Young Liberal club this week took the form of a musicale and a lecture by R. B. Welliver, on the Ross rifle. The meeting was well attended and everybody went away with a different idea as to this matter after listening to the information given them by Mr. Welliver.

Red Deer, April 2.

ARE JEWELS IN DUBLIN?

Crown Jewels May Be In Pawnbroker's Office.

Dublin, April 4.—A pawnbroker, discussing the still unexplained mystery of the Irish Crown jewels, said that although he did not believe that the jewels were in Dublin, it was not impossible that they were.

"They may, in fact," he added, "be in my place at the present moment, quite unknown to me. Young gentlemen come in here with a portmanteau or a Gladstone bag, saying that their dress suit is in it and their valuables, and ask only for probably $5. We give $5, not on the vague value of the contents of the bag, but on the value of the bag itself. The owner of the bag takes away the key, pays the interest if he cannot release and so on. Now, considering this custom, how do I know that the Crown jewels are not at present under this roof?"

The pawnbroker explained that to leave a Gladstone bag containing the Castle jewels in a pawn office in Dublin, the pawnbroker knowing nothing about what was in the bag, would excite absolutely no suspicion. The thief, feigning poverty, would be unable to redeem the bag, and would simply manage to pay the interest. Then, in the course of time, when the whole fuss in Parliament and elsewhere had become a matter of history only, he would take the bag out, "levant" to Amsterdam or Berlin, and realize the value of his prize in safety.

A FATAL FIRE IN A NEW YORK TENAMENT

Three Killed and Fifteen Injured—The Lives of a Hundred Endangered—Prompt Action of Police Saved Majority.

New York, April 3.—Three persons were killed, fifteen injured, some seriously, and the lives of nearly a hundred persons were endangered by fire in a five storey tenement at 44 Hester street early today. The dead are: Berel Weinstein, his wife Anna and their one year old son. They were suffocated in their apartments on the fifth floor.

That more lives were not lost, was largely due to the prompt action of three policemen, who, seeing flames in the hall, rushed through the building and aroused sixteen sleeping families. By that time the stairways were a mass of flames, and the only means of exit was by the fire escapes. In their attempt to escape, scores of scantily clad men, women, and children became wedged in solid masses on the fire escapes.

Masses Couldn't Move.

There they stood helpless, unable to extricate themselves from the crush and blocking the way of those who had not yet succeeded in getting out of the building. This was the situation when the firemen arrived and began to run up ladders to take down the panic-stricken fugitives. The work moved slowly forward. In the meantime the flames had been constantly spreading, and the terror among many at the windows and on the fire escapes had passed the point of self-restraint. While the firemen on ladders and others on the ground were calling out to them that there was no danger and that help would soon reach them, they began, one by one, to jump from the windows.

David Miller sprang from a fourth storey window and sustained injuries which will probably cause his death. Others who jumped from windows on the second and third floors have broken limbs and were internally injured.

Weinstein and his wife and baby were lying dead in their home on the top floor of the building after the flames had been extinguished. Apparently they had been overcome by the smoke while trying to reach the stairway. The property loss is small.

Monk's Co-operative Bill.

Ottawa, April 3.—Delegates of the Retail Merchants' Association waited upon Premier Laurier, Hon. Messrs. Brodeur, Fisher and Lemieux this afternoon, and impressed upon them their views in opposition to Monk's Co-operative Bill. Sir Wilfrid said that the only complaint he had to make was that the association came very late with its protest. The government took up the bill in view of the unanimous report of the committee, and it went through the House of Commons without opposition. The government, however, would not force the bill until both sides had been given an opportunity to express their opinions.

Teacher Averts Panic.

Detroit, Mich., April 4—"Children come to the window and watch the firemen." These words uttered calmly by Miss Catherine White, principal of the Bradford Smith school, to the pupils in room C, in all probability averted a panic among the youngsters. The fire was a block away. The high wind blew the smoke toward the school, the fire bells were clanging, and the children acted nervously. Some of the pupils said they were about to run out when assured that everything was all right and that they might look at the fire from the windows. When Miss White saw that she had the children under control she dismissed them for the noon recess and they all ran to the scene of the fire.

A Chinese Assault Case.

Brandon, Man., April 4.—Oh Chow, a Chinaman, was charged before Magistrate James, with aggravated assault on a countryman, Geo. Lee Sing. The latter and others sworn with Chinese rites testified that the prisoner came early Monday morning to Geo.'s bed saying, "Cousin, your life is mine," and hit him over the head with a small axe and then fled. The prisoner was committed for trial.

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DOG TRIP TO NEW YORK.

Long Journey from Nome, Alaska, Completed Yesterday.

New York, April 3.—The Herald says: "When seven Alaska dogs drawing an Alaskan sled on wheels went through City Hall park yesterday, their driver, E. A. Smith, completed probably the longest dog sledge trip on record, and won a wager said to be for $10,000 of nearly three years' standing. Smith is a minister, and formerly government mail driver in Alaska. When he stopped in to visit Mayo McClellan yesterday, he had completed, he said a trip entirely by land from Nome, finishing it in a month less than two years and a half.

"Smith's regularity in making his mail trips through the wilds and snows of Alaska with dogs as a motive power, resulted finally in a wager being made that he could make a trip with his outfit to New York from Nome in two and a half years. Smith has won by one dayshort of a month. He received from themayoran autograph letter certifying his arrival in New York."

Steele Jack's Battle for Life.

New York, April 3—Hundreds of persons from the street and shop windows today watched Joseph Bailey, a steeple jack, extricate himself from a dangerous predicament at the top of a 200 foot chimney in Jersey City. Bailey was sitting in a boatswain's chair, and he fell out of it. As he did so he grasped a rope which was dangling from the chimney top, and the wind blew the chair out of his reach. Several persons witnessed the mishap, and their cries of alarm attracted the attention of a crowd to Bailey as he struggled hand over hand up the swaying rope to the top, where he had barely strength enough to crawl over the edge. He then descended inside the chimney, but declared he would return to finish the task of placing a collar around the chimney near the top.

Killed Actress, Then Shot Himself.

St. Paul, April 4—Wm. Traynor, thirty years old, a vaudeville actor, and Mrs. Wm. Pryor, an actress, thirty-five years old, were found shot to death in their apartment at the Clarendon hotel. The night clerk heard two shots and rushing upstairs found Mrs. Pryor lying dead, shot through the temple. Traynor had a wound in the back of the head. He died soon afterward. A letter full of promises that had been sent by Traynor to Mrs. Pryor before she left her husband was found in the room. It is believed by the police that the actress was reminding Traynor that he had not lived to these promises and was threatening to leave him. This quarrel, and business reverses, the police believe, caused Traynor to shot Mrs. Pryor and himself. Traynor and Mrs. Pryor appeared on the stage as Traynor and Traynor. They had an engagement at Minneapolis three weeks hence, but no work was in sight for the intervening time. Only $3 was found in Traynor's pocket.

Toronto Girl Disappears.

Toronto, April 1.—A mystery surrounds the disappearance of Hazel Godfrey, aged 19, from her father's store, 176 Dundas street, on March 14th. She had been left in charge. When her father returned she was gone, and is since unheard of.

APPEAR TO LIKE CRUISE.

Younger Men of U. S. Fleet Keen to See The World.

Magdalena Bay, via San Diego, Cal., April 1.—The news of the continuation of the cruise to Australia and through the Suez Canal to New York, thus completing the circumnavigation of the globe, was received aboard the ships with mixed expression of opinion. To many of the men who are on their initial cruise, it was hailed with delight, also scores of younger unmarried officers regard the opportunity to see something of the world with keenest appreciation.

Many of the older officers, however, who have been in all ports to be visited and whose families are left behind for many months to come, felt differently. Many were heard to express the hope that they might receive such duty upon arrival at San Francisco. Not a single note of doubt from flag officer to officer ordinary or seamen, was heard here regarding the certain success of such an undertaking. All expressed confidence in the ability of the fleet to do whatever task is assigned. In the interviews with commanding officers, there was nothing but the most sanguine certitude of success. The two months' interim between arrival and departure at San Francisco, was gratifying to many. It will afford them an opportunity to be visited by their relatives before their departure on the long cruise.

C.P.R. Reduces Winnipeg Staff.

Winnipeg, Man., April 2.—Between one hundred and fifty and one hundred and seventy-five men have been laid off in the C.P.R. yards. Of this number one hundred were only taken on two months ago. There is also a rumor that the company has notified blacksmiths, boilermakers and moulders of a three per cent. per hour reduction on May 1st. Grant Hall, chief of the mechanical departments, said the reduction in coach shops is the routine procedure on the completion of spring work. Regarding the reduction of wages of iron workers he had heard nothing of it and was sure he would be notified were it correct.

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REMINISCENCES OF DAYS OF REBELL

Major Swinford, of Winnipeg, a eminent Old-Timer of the Wes calls the Days of the Wolsele pedition and Riel Rebellion.

The exigencies of his respo position as general agent for the thern Pacific Railway brought t city this week one of the well-k old-timers of the west, who has i past forty years rounded out a n career in the development of the

Major Swinford, of Winnipeg, addressed the Canadian Club her Monday, passed through the again today on his return to W peg. His address, to which he self referred as simply dry facts transportation, gave a thorough sume of the development of mod travelling here from the days of trains, dog trains and flotilla of boats down through the days the prairie stillness was broken the creaking of the Red River clear down to the present day o urious sleeping cars and Mogul motives. To the Major's hearer was a thoroughly interesting ad Swinford any marshalling of the though it can be realized that to M facts of this development would a bare recital.

This is necessarily so, for in his person Major Swinford has through the various periods of we growth, and he knows what colo fascination there was in the actua of each period. He was brought the west by the patriotic impulse desire for adventure that prom the young Canadians of Wolseley's peditions. For seventeen years that rising he was managing dir of the transportation company w steamers formed the strongest link tween Winnipeg and the string of t ing posts that dotted the west. ing the rebellion of 1885, he was of the commissariat departm Since then, in the fulfilment of present duties, Major Swinford crossed and recrossed the conti many times.

His life has been one of undou interest and variety—all that the had to offer, and this was consi able. Perhaps this is why there still about the Major's erect, s form the atmosphere of those active years. There is, moreo about his reminiscences a pleas expansion of countenance, a sug tion of deep inward enjoyment makes his sketchy glimpses of past somewhat tantalizing. Wit pipe, an open fire and a group of old-time companions spinning ya the Major would have some sple stories to tell. But these conditi were unavoidably absent in an o nary interview in the reception-r of a hotel.

Of Saxon Descent.

In early youth the Major ca with his parents from the Isle Thanet, the south-east corner of E land. For centuries the Sw family have had their seat, the here the house occupying the ancient m orial holdings attached to Mins Abbey. The Canadian branch of Swinford family settled in Welli ton County, Ontario, and it was h that the young man's intensely lo traditions were stirred by news the rising of the half-breeds and oth settled along the Red River. He w then a lieutenant and adjutant in county militia, and he immediat volunteered to make one of the ba Wolseley was to lead to the west.

He enlisted as a private and promoted within 48 hours and giv command of a battalion. Question as to the number and quality of men in this expedition, the Ma said with a smile:

"There were 2,000 of us, and—I not think I am prejudiced in this there has never been a body of m under arms in Canada who were b ter physically equipped. Numbers fine chilled men volunteered, but on one out of four was accepted. was a good thing they were so w equipped physically, for they had undergo real hardships and work laborious that no one who has n been through it can have any conce tion of it. It took us four months go from Toronto to Winnipeg, and t hard end of the road, of course w from Fort William to Winnipeg.

"This is the old "Grande portage of the fur traders and voyageurs, a although it is not more than 450 mil in a direct route, it became twice th distance proceeding as we did. Som followed the Dawson road—and I a sure you it was not at all in the cond tion it had been represented to b We had to cut and lay miles of co duroy road before we could get ou transports across. Others went b the Kaministiquia route, and it wa no child's play either. We followe in places the river courses, and i seems to me our route twisted like a gimlet. The portages were ver heavy, for we had not a single anima with the expedition, and we had t portage all our munition, our cannon and the rest. Our food consisted o hard tack, barrelled pork and tea. W had some beans for a short time a the beginning of the trip, but they be came damaged, and what was lef was thrown away. We were a de cidedly healthy lot, or we couldn have come out of that trip so well. recall at one time that for ten days had not dry clothing on me, night o day.

Settled in Country.

"We did not even have the pleasur of fighting at the end of the trip, fo the rebels decamped as soon as they heard that Wolseley and his men were approaching. They even le their breakfast on the table in Fo Garry.

"As the rising was at an end w disbanded, with three choices give us. We could be brought back t Eastern Canada; we might enlist in a more permanent body of soldiery be ing formed for the west, or we could settle in the country. Most of u elected to carve out our own fortune in the west."

"Can you recall some of the men of the expedition who settled at For Garry then?"