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## Notes and Comments.

THE Earl of Derby died last month.

Two car loads of high bred stock arrived at Winnipeg on April 21th from the east.

Rev. Leonard Gastz, of Red Deer, N.W.T., passed through Winnipeg on April 20th bound for Chicago, where he is to assist in arranging the Territorial exhibits.

A. M. NANTON, of Oiler, Hammond & Nanton, Winnipeg, returned from an extensive trip in eastern Canada and the Old Country on Thursday the 29th ultimo.

NAVIGATION opened on the Columbia river about the 29th. Steamers are now running regularly between Robson, Nelson, Kaslo and other Kootenay lake points.

THE retail store of Messrs. Jas. Robertson & Co., at Winnipeg, was damaged by fire early on the morning of April 20th, to the extent of several thousand dollars.

INVITATIONS have been issued to the editors of America to attend the World's Public Press Congress which is to be convened at Chicago during the week commencing May 22nd, 1893.

A RECENT issue of *The Christiania Post*, of Christiania, Sweden, contained a reprint of the report which the Wisconsin farmers' delegates made on the agricultural capabilities of Manitoba and the Territories.

THE mayor and council of Rapid City have been placed in a rather awkward and ludicrous position owing to the stealing by some miscreant of the town's books. It is hard to see what motive could actuate any one to do this, as the books could be of no value to the thief.

THE meetings of the Teacher's Institute held at Portage la Prairie on April 20, 21 and 22, were a success both as regards attendance and interest. Papers on various subjects relating to school work and training were read and a great deal of useful and interesting information brought out.

THE April circulars of the Emigrants' Information Office, 31 Broadway, S.W., London, England, and the new editions of the penny and other handbooks, with maps, show the present prospects of emigration. There are branches of the Emigrants' Information Office at Bradford (Yorks.), Cardiff, Hereford, Reading, Wolverhampton, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Glasgow, Liverpool and Devizes.

THE monster cheese made at Perth, Ont., for exhibition at the World's Fair weighs eleven tons, and is composed of the curd of 2,000 cows. It measures nine feet across and six feet in depth. It has been fitted into a heavy boiler plate band to prevent it from cracking or bursting. The C. P. R. have had to build a special car to carry it on, as none of their ordinary cars were suitable. After the fair is over the cheese is to be shipped to England, where it will be exhibited through the different districts, as an advertisement of the business of Mr. T. J. Lipton, a retail produce merchant, who has purchased it for that purpose.

THE French Government has suggested to England and the United States some improvements in shipping signals, which will probably be submitted to an international conference. It is proposed that the number of flags should be increased from eighteen to twenty, thus allowing the number of combinations to be increased from 78,642 to 123,503; and, secondly, that most of the flags taken separately should represent a particular word. The fact that the increase of speed reduces the time during which vessels going in opposite directions can exchange signals renders simplification necessary.

AN English exchange says:—"Mr. William Trant, at one time a well-known Radical journalist and politician in London, some years ago decided to give up the pen for the plough, and quitted Fleet Street for the Canadian Northwest. He sends to the *Westminster Budget* a photograph of his home on the prairie. 'Mr. Trant,' adds the *Budget*, 'has not only had a fair measure of success as a farmer, but has been honored by being appointed a magistrate for the district in which he lives, and he takes a prominent part in all local affairs.'"

THE Nova Scotia Legislature has been discussing the agricultural interests of the province and some interesting facts have been brought out bearing on the subject. It is found that that industry is not in a very satisfactory condition and some of the members are blaming the Government for not giving more attention to it. It is charged that there is not in the ministry a single representative of the farming interests; that while in other provinces the Government have fostered and encouraged the establishment of cheese and butter factories, and have established dairy schools and agricultural colleges the Nova Scotia Legislature

has done practically nothing in any of these directions; and that agricultural pursuits are being abandoned or neglected by the people in consequence. Attorney-General Longley advised the farmers to combine, and form if necessary, a third party if they wanted to secure recognition.

A TEAM of Victorian horse artillery has sailed from Melbourne, and a team of New South Wales cavalry from Sidney, in order to take part in the military tournament at Islington, and to be present at the Bisley meeting. We wonder what the Canadian military authorities would say to the suggestion that a contingent of the Northwest mounted police in their gorgeous uniforms should follow this Australian example. The Northwest mounted police would form a picturesque group both at the tournament and at the Surrey meeting, and if their mounts were well chosen their visit might be made the occasion of a useful advertisement of the Alberta district as a source of supply for British army horses.—*Canadian Gazette*.

WINNIPEG is having trouble over its school heating and ventilation system. Some years ago what is known as the Shead-Dowd system was adopted and put into several of the schools at considerable expense. Some of the citizens now charge that it is injurious to the health of the teachers and pupils and demand that it be thrown out. An investigating committee were at the time of writing taking evidence both pro and con with a view of determining the facts. So far the evidence is overwhelmingly in favor of the charges and it is likely that they will be entirely disproved.

THE 11th annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Northwest Land Company, Ltd., was held in London, England, on Thursday, March 30th. The chairman in his remarks drew attention to the change which is being made in the Company, by the formation of a new company with a Canadian charter to take over the affairs of the old. The business of the past year was shown by the financial statement to have been very satisfactory although the profits owing to the scarcity of money in the prairie provinces and other unfavorable circumstances, amounted to very little. A dividend of one shilling per share was declared. Sir George Warrender, Bart., Mr. Thomas Skinner and Mr. Gaspard Farrar were re-elected directors of the Company.