

## DETENTION OF THE MAILS.

We were under the impression that when the Minnesota Stage Company took our mail contract, we would have at least some regularity in our postal arrangements between here and St. Paul. But we have been disappointed, greatly disappointed; for we are if anything worse off this winter than when our dog-trains used to carry the mail bags between here and Abercrombie. There is universal complaints on this subject, and we are of opinion that it could be rectified to a great extent by the stage company putting on four horses on their line; this would, at all events, prevent bags being left behind through want of power to bring them through. In connection with this we understand that the mail contract made with Blakely and Carpenter, several months ago, has never been signed by the authorities at Ottawa. Can this be possible? If so, the Dominion Government has left this whole community at the mercy of the Stage Company.

## THE MASONIC BALL.

The Masonic Ball given in the Opera House on the evening of St. John's Day was a decided success. The dancing room was tastefully decorated by the members of the fraternity—indeed too much credit cannot be rendered those who had charge of the entertainment. No confusion—no unpleasantness—no accidents, and no want of attention on the part of the hosts towards their guests; all was gayety and real downright simon pure pleasure. Under the able management of the master of ceremonies, Mr. G. B. Spencer, the dancing was kept up with vigor and hearty enjoyment throughout the evening; while upstairs, the coffee and supper rooms were under the care of a very able "Relief Committee," who did everything in their power for the needy on that happy occasion.

The beauty and fashion of Manitoba were there, and seldom during our lives have we had the pleasure of witnessing a ball better managed—better attended or better enjoyed, than was the one given by the Masons of Manitoba on last St. John's Day.

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PATENT MEDICINES,

GLASS, and

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

SASKATCHEWAN GOLD TAKEN AT  
HIGHEST RATES.

CASH PAID FOR

FURS, BUFFALO ROBES, HIDES, DRIED  
MEAT,

PEMICAN AND TALLOW.

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DEALERS IN

BOOTS,

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CLOTHING,

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CAPS,

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BELTING MADE TO ORDER.

WHITE and COLORED SHIRTS,

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BLANKETS,

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NAILS,

PORK.

NEW BRICK STORE,

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