the junction of the navigable Red and Assiniboine rivers, connected, too, as it is, through Lake Winnipeg, with the Saskatchewan river, navigable for 800 miles—and being also a centre of our Pacific Railway system, it must ultimately become one of the large cities of our Western America, and the day may come when Montreal and Toronto will have to look to their laurels! Everybody, more particularly strangers, seems to talk, think and dream about lands, and when a successful man like Kenneth Mackenzie, whom the readers of the MERCURY well know, is got hold off, he is nearly bored to death with enquiries on the subject. I shall reserve till my next and last letter my remarks on the soil, best districts for settlement, and the kind of settlers who ought to emigrate, but in the meantime may say a word as to the means of communication. At present you can, during the spring and early summer, go west by steamer to Portage La Prairie, and beyond. There is also a stage to that village twice a week. When dry, the roads are good; when wet, execrable. You can sail up the Red river to Emerson, or down past Selkirk to Lake Winnipeg. During the summer, the Hudson Bay Co.'s steamers on the Saskatchewan (with the exception of a tramway of three miles at its mouth) connect with this lake, and passage can be obtained for hundreds of miles. This route is little used as yet, however, as settlement has not sufficiently advanced. Heretofore, the difficulty of getting about, and finding suitable lodging-houses, has been considerable, but

THE PACIFIC RAILWAY

will in all probability be opened for sixty or eighty miles west by next spring, which must tend greatly to the convenience of settlers and the improvement of the country.

Daily Mercury.

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The Pacific Railway and the Syndicate.

The grand flourish of trumpets which announced the formation of the Syndicate for the construction of the Pacific Railway has gradually dwindled down to the smallest piping by the organs. It seems to us that the much vaunted Syndicate is getting small by degrees and beautifully less, and the impression is gradually gaining strength that as far as foreign capital is concerned failure will be the result. The exuberant speech indulged in by Sir John Macdonald at Montreal, on his arrival, has not been borne out in the subsequent developments, and we have good evidence now that it is regarded with distrust in Britain. The London *Daily News*, commenting on that speech, in which Sir John stated that satisfactory arrangements had been made concerning the railway, says:—"This statement, as we said at the time, was premature. It was interesting, and indeed necessary, for the public to know that the capitalists referred to do dwindle down to an eminent house in London and a private firm in Paris, that the negotiation proceeded only just far enough for the Canadian Premier to return and say that he had accomplished something, but that the arrangements referred to are too loose to bind the parties in the manner Sir John Macdonald described. It is even believed that the mere contract could be broken with impunity." What does this mean? Has Sir John been practising his old game of deception, and making the country believe that he had formed a strong Syndicate, while in reality it was narrowed down to something like the old compact of 1878, with one or two fresh names thrown in just to give the scheme an air of respectability. What if it would turn out after all that the Syndicate had Sir Hugh Allan for its head, with some such loose fish thrown in as "my dear Abbott" and other smaller fry, just to float the thing. The whole concern begins to have a very fishy look, and the ominous silence of the Government organs with regard to its details confirms the suspicion that matters do not look half so well as represented.

Goldwin Smith's Political Morality.

The Elora *Express* of this week has some timely and well deserved strictures on Goldwin Smith's political morality, taking as its text some remarks of his in the October number of the *Bystander*. It rightly characterizes him as the "Self elected Simon Pure of the Press—the man whose sole mission in coming to Canada was, as solemnly asseverated, indirectly if not directly by himself, to elevate the tone of everything and everybody—the nominated guardian of sound political morals and correct political deportment—the Beau Brummel of right expression, style and public manners," and then goes on to say:

"He has so far forgot his past promises and pretentions as to indulge in such an outrageous declaration as that with which he opens the October number of his well-written little monthly. Without circumlocution, he tells us: 'It is always something to have your strongest man at the head of affairs, *whatever his political sentiments may be.* Like a powerful horse, if he gets you into a scrape, he pulls you through.' Exactly what is meant by 'Your strongest man' we learn from the context. Just now it is, according to Goldwin Smith, Sir John A. Macdonald. He got us into a scrape, with the Pacific Railway, and therefore is the best fitted to get us out of it. He blundered, of course, when he saddled us with the obligation, and therefore let him ride us to death in trying to escape from it. As "a powerful horse" he plunged with us into a mud puddle, and therefore is to be given his head still further, and allowed to smash, kick and destroy in the uncertain hope that he may pull us through. Always take your strongest man. Let character, political opinions, objects, go for nothing. Have 'strength,' whatever that means, and care nothing for principles. Sacrifice everything else, so long as you secure a ready tongue, a brassy face, an elastic conscience, and a slight of hand. Let us have the strong man to the front, no matter what the consequences. Jack picked my pocket, because he was the stronger man. Jack purposes to pick another man's pocket, share with me the spoils, and so partially recoup my loss. Hurrah for Jack! Such are the latter-day notions of the old-time *Bystander*, who regarded the Pacific Scandal as a national disgrace, and in scathing and manly denunciation helped to defeat its author. Why he has changed we know not, and care not to know. How he has come to so prostitute his pen, as to write such words as we have quoted, we seek not to enquire. We note the fact and lament it, and feel 'how the mighty are fallen.'"

THE trouble in the Central Prison eventuate must in considerable changes among the officials in that institution. It is an open secret that Captain Prince, whatever he may have been, is now totally unfit for the position, and that fact will have to be faced some of these days, whether it be a pleasant operation or the reverse.

THE Montreal *Gazette* volunteers the information that Sir Charles Tupper does not intend to leave the Dominion Ministry. Very probably, but he may not have the choice, for if Sir John thinks that it would be better for his purposes that Sir Charles was out of the way, he would soon find an excuse for getting rid of him.

AN illustration of the working of the "N. P." is given in the fact that coal oil is selling wholesale by the barrel at Ogdensburg for 12c. a gallon and retailed for 20c. In Prescott, right across the river, coal oil is 45 cents a gallon. The monopolists of Canada, created by the Government, are evidently reaping a rich harvest at the expense of the people, who should protest against the imposition now being practised.

GARFIELD received the despatches regarding Indiana and Ohio with the utmost calmness, simply "saying these elections I do not regard as personal to myself, but as indicating the purpose of the American people to mature the fruits of the war, to assure the American manufacturers that they will be protected in lines of American industry, and to guarantee to every man of whatever race or color equal rights with the richest and best."

THE section of the Thunder Bay Branch, C. P. R., lying between Winnipeg and Rat Portage it is expected, was completed to-day, so that trains will at once be running into the latter place. The contractors for Section A expect to have their 118 miles completed by the middle of next summer. This will allow of supplies being taken into Section B from both sides, and the work on that section will therefore be more speedily completed also.

HALIFAX *Chronicle*: Sir John Macdonald and those who regarded him as a statesman believe in trimming their sails to catch every breeze, their only guiding star being office. Mr. Blake, Mr. Mackenzie and their followers believe that the duty of statesmen is to stand up for the principles in which they believe, to refuse to become responsible for that which they do not believe in, and to sacrifice place, pay and power, rather than sacrifice principle. It was this doctrine that led Mr. Mackenzie to resist the protectionist movement which culminated in his defeat in 1878. His policy was a strict adherance to principle, and he went out of office rather than abandon it.

THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION.—Messrs. J. P. Wiser, M.D., Ed. Birne, of Lanark, and A. H. Dymond, members of the Ontario Agricultural Commission, on Friday inspected John Clarke's and Sheriff Powell's horses at Ottawa, and left by the afternoon train for the Rysdyk Farm, Prescott, where a visit of inspection will be made. From Prescott Mr. Dymond proceeds to Belleville, Cobourg and Bowmanville, remaining over at each place to collect information. A general meeting of the Commission will afterwards be held in Toronto, when arrangements will be made for preparing the report, the evidence forming an appendix to which is already passing through the printer's hands. It is anticipated that the printed volume will be ready for presentation to the Local Legislature at its next session.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.—A terrible explosion occurred on Friday at the Garden City Distillery Co.'s Works, Chicago, killing 7 persons and severely injuring 4 others. An experiment was being tried of a new steaming process. Corn was put whole into a mammoth kettle sixteen feet high and steamed, then a strong pressure by steam was applied to force it through pipes into a mash tub. The pipes became choked up, stopping the passage of the swollen corn and instantly increasing the pressure on the kettle. A terrific explosion followed, blowing the roof of the building clear off, killing outright or burying beneath fallen timbers, scalding corn, and *debris* ten men and one woman, who happened to be in that part of the distillery.

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The bright hopes lately raised by the announcement that French capital was at once to be largely devoted to developing the manufacture of beet-root sugar in Quebec Province have met with a damper owing to the misrepresentations of the supposed agent of the Syndicate that was to raise the money.

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Georgetown curling club has organized for the winter.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has now nearly forty missionaries in the North West.

The *Free Press* office, Acton, was burglarized on the 9th inst., but nothing was stolen.

The Ottawa Hotel in Montreal is to be closed on the 1st of November. The hotel is about to be turned into offices.

A collection is to be taken up in all the Catholic churches of the archdiocese of New York on behalf of the Pope.

Albert Woolly, of South Dorchester, was convicted at St. Thomas on Friday, and sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary, on a charge of horse stealing.

Governor Foster, of Ohio, says the members of the Campbellite Church in Indiana number 10,000, and voted the Republican ticket to the last man. Garfield belongs to this sect.

News has been received in Montreal that the steamship *Scotland*, which left that port for London on the 22nd ult, lost 138 head of cattle during a severe storm on the passage.

Mr. T. W. Handford's lecturing tour throughout the States and Canada has fallen through, Mr. Pitou, the agent, having decided that to take him in hand would be a risky venture.

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IMPORTED SHAWLS,
$1.50, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00, $6.00, $7.00, $8.00, $9.00, $10.00, $11.00, $12.

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