

THE NOR'-WESTER.

CALGARY, TUESDAY, DEC. 23, 1884.

SANTA CLAUS.

MERRY 'XMAS.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

COLD SNAP.

MANITOBA DIP.

CLEAR CORIOLIN.

COAL famine.

XMAS trading lively.

THIRTY-EIGHT below.

THURSDAY next is Christmas Day.

SWEET oranges at Claxton's Star Bakery.

TURKEY and the inevitable cranberry sauce for Xmas.

Florida Oranges at Fraser's.

CAPT. STEWART returned from Winnipeg on Thursday last.

MAYOR MURDOCH received by last week's mail his commission as a J.P.

CALL and see Claxton's stock before purchasing.

CLERK BOYES has received a number of copies of the Ordinances for 1884.

YARDLEY has been awarded the contract for the Pincher Creek school house.

CLEAN, cloudless and cold to-day. Thermometer registered 34 below this morning.

Go to Fraser's for your Xmas supplies.

THE masons intend having a ball about the end of the present month in their new hall.

THE new fire-by-law is pretty stringent. Look out for it and that salemander the Fire Inspector.

MESSRS. SMITH & BUCK have been awarded the contract for the erection of Mr. Borradaile's residence.

MR. STEWART has kindly given the use of Calvary Theatre Hall to the young folks for a dance Xmas night.

THE public examination of the pupils of the school takes place this afternoon at half past one, at the school-house.

We have received Waghorn's Diary for the present month. This useful little visitor is always a welcome guest at this office.

Fraser's car load of fruit just arrived.

SOMEBODY lost a small sum of money yesterday on Stephen Avenue. Mr. Hambly found it, and he will return it to the rightful owner.

THAT old settler who said it would be a mild winter has left for the sunny South. He travel fast, fearing the wrath of a shivering public.

LARGE quantities of beef continue to pass this office on the way to Sparw's warehouse, from which it is being shipped to Winnipeg and other points east.

A MEETING of Oddfellows will be held on Friday evening in the Town Council room for the purpose of initiating a Lodge. All holders of cards are particularly requested to attend. George Murdoch, B.D.G.S.

Boys and girls go and see the Xmas tree at Claxton's Star Bakery.

MCINTYRE & DAVIDSON are now as genitierous as we were going to say the big Republic, but we will say Mex co. They have just got in a stock of sieware that takes the entire shop, baker included.

Eggs by the barrel or dozen, at Fraser's.

MAYOR MURDOCH is determined that the code of rules and regulations adopted by the Council shall not be considered as a mere ornament—a thing of beauty—they will be put into practice, so that they will not rust.

A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT in aid of the prize fund for the public school will take place at the Methodist Church on next Wednesday evening. Admission 15 cents. Every one should go as it is for a good object.

THERE will be Services in the Methodist Church on Christmas morning, at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Dyke will preach a sermon suitable to the occasion and music will be rendered by the choir. All are welcome. Seats free. No collection.

Choice Table Raisins by the box, Fresh Ceranial, Cream and Taffy, manufactured weekly at Fraser's.

JACQUES called us yesterday and showed us some of his golf rings. We tried one on our right dexter, and it was hard to get off—at least we thought it was. He further initiated us into the secrets of some bracelets and sleeve buttons. He continues to increase his assortment each week, so that it will take a good pace to keep up with him.

MESSRS. BEGO & HIERS, photographers, are offering some fine photo frames at low figures.

A NUMBER of gentlemen interested in the formation of an Historical and Scientific Society met the other evening in Mr. McCaskie's office and discussed the feasibility of forming the Society. Mr. Hughan, Secretary of the Manitoba Society, has been communicated with, and in a few days another meeting will be held for the purpose of materializing the project.

Buy your Xmas and New Year's cakes at Claxton's

THOMAS SWAN, Esq., known all over, and until last summer a resident of Calgary, arrived from Regina on Thursday's train. Mr. Swan is Inspector of horsesteals at Regina. He was not at the station by a number of acquaintances who gave him a cordial welcome. He is the guest of his son-in-law Councillor Millward. Mr. Swan will spend the holidays in Calgary, which he thinks has greatly improved since he left here.

OUR thanks are due to C. H. Bell, Esq., for a copy of Our Northern Waters. Less than a year ago we had the pleasure of giving this work an extended notice in the British press, but this is the first opportunity we have had of referring to it in the NOR'WESTER. Mr. Bell has shown himself a thorough master of his subject. Mr. Bell possesses a good talent for research and compilation, and the favorable notices which have been given hardly need any confirmation on our part.

THE largest and best assorted stock of Xmas Candy in Calgary at Claxton's Star Bakery.

YESTERDAY was the shortest day. The length of it, that is to say, the duration of darkness was eight hours and forty-five minutes. It is however known as the shortest day more by courtesy than anything else, for Sunday the 21st the sun rose at 7:45, and set at 4:45 p.m. This morning that mutual servant of a work rose at the same hour 7:40, and he will set at 4:45. Tomorrow there will be a difference of two minutes in the sun's duration. He will rise at 7:50, and set 4:46. As the days begin to lengthen the winter should begin to strengthen, according to the old adage.

Messrs. Lammert & Co. have also a choice Xmas stock, and their show case reveals an assortment that would make eastern people open their eyes.

Linton has also a good assortment for the holidays. Here and there evergreens are to be seen. No doubt the hotel people intend no do the fashionable.

A NOR'WESTER representative called at Sarrow's and was informed that the display of beet wood will not be made until ten o'clock this morning.

The general stores not much preparation has been made except at King's, where we noticed yesterday a busy trade going on.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

silver gets a chance nearly to freeze, Pugat sound zephyrs will rush down the Bow like snow off the Devil's head. Looking over our office table we find that the festive fly is frozen to the Winnipeg Times and the contents of the paste pot are as solid as the ice on Fraser's Skating Rink, still it will be seen by consulting our advertising columns that oranges are plentiful at Fraser's.

FRASER'S FUN.

CALGARY SKATING RINK.

Description of the Place,

Anxious to give our readers a description of Fraser's Skating Rink recently erected on Stephen avenue, nearly opposite the NOR'WESTER office, a representative of this paper called on Mr. and Mrs. Fraser yesterday afternoon, and they very kindly entered into particulars regarding the latest enterprise in the town.

We entered the ladies' and gent's dressing room by a side entrance from the store. This room is 16 x 24. There is also an entrance from the street—the main entrance. From this room we entered the rink. The building is a frame one, 150 feet long and 50 wide. The rink itself is 12x50. There is a platform in front for skaters and there is ample room for a gallery or orchestra. There is a good well and force pump with complement of hose. The well with pump and attachments cost \$100. The rink was erected at a cost of \$2,400. The sides are well sustained by wrought-iron rods running from side to side. Mr. Fraser intends next summer to convert one half the space into a roller rink, as he has already ordered 200 pairs of skates from Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser are deserving of every credit for their enterprise.

Christmas Views.

A representative of the NOR'WESTER made his customary Xmas round-up yesterday and e-mailed a number of interesting items.

Thomas Bros. have undoubtedly the best Xmas display of tric-a-brac. Their collection of wild grasses and flowers (New York good) besides being aesthetic is rare. The "Castle in the Air," composed chiefly of papier-mâché is well worth a peep. The garden is also a natty collection truly implying what it is. The collection was not beaten last year in Canada.

The show case contains a choice assortment of ladies' and gent's tric-a-brac. On the counter is a good display of animals and picture book.

On the opposite side from the counter is a choice collection of desks, work baskets, fancy chinaware. A box labeled the "Liqueur grise" attracts our attention. It is base ball on a parlor table scale, and ought to be amazing.

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Mr. Borradaile's Residence.

As showing the improvements of buildings in Calgary we have great pleasure in giving the particular of one of the plans which has just been prepared by Messrs. El. McCaskie & Co., architects, for Mr. Borradaile, Esq., of Halifax, N.S., being the plan of a number of houses to be hereafter erected.

The site is upon the hillside property belonging to the Mount Royal Ranch Company, and all persons are forbidden to deal with same unless through the said Mount Royal Ranch Co.

A. CHEWSON, Sec. Treas.

OCT. 22d, 1884.

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