

# THE NOR-WESTER.

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## RETROSPECTIVE.

The year is in its sere and yellow leaf and it will soon have passed into the silent majority. A glance at 1884 is therefore not premature. A mild winter in this district and unprecedented rains in the summer months, in brief, make up the meteorological report for this district for the year 1884. In high latitudes one extreme invariably follows another, so that now when autumn has tinted the leaves there is likely to be a prolonged Indian summer, far into Old December's barrenness. The old timer oracularly declares this as the probability, and the old timer is an authority upon the probabilities who is entitled to some respect, though it seems that his prognostications have always been a fair weather record, that is to say, he is reliable when the weather promises to be fair, but when the indications are of an opposite character the ancient prob of this district has either nothing to say, or his barometrical powers fail, hence no one was found in the spring who had the temerity to predict an unusually wet, summer. It is related of a Chippewa Indian that on being questioned one autumn day near the Emerson Bridge in Manitoba, if the coming winter was going to be a cold one, the untutored savage replied to his interlocutor that "he would know better in the spring." That was a wise answer if it was not a courteous one, and we have a shrewd suspicion that all of us are good post mortem prophets.

The excessive rains during the past summer had, as a matter of fact, an injurious effect upon roots and cereals, and the hay crop was scant owing to the want of sunshine, and the copious rains which prevented hay from being made. We are, of course, referring to the Calgary district especially. Less rain appears to have fallen in the McLeod district, though even there the rainfall was excessive.

There was, however, a wholesome absence of the much referred to summer frosts, and considering that the copious fall was not local, but extended throughout the western country over a great area, there is no reason that the people of this district should feel that the wet season was theirs exclusively. Rain in unusually enormous quantities appears to have fallen in such of the interior States as Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska, and in the neighboring territory of Montana the rainfall there was similar to ours.

The result merely shows that the summer season was an exceptionally wet one, that these wet summers occur at long intervals, and that their recurrence is not easily foretold.

Of the cereals in this immediate district barley appears to have been the only crop that ripened thoroughly as a whole crop. A considerable quantity of oats and wheat did not ripen. The quantity of sap which the rank stalks contained would have been fatal to maturity even had the rainfall been one half what it was. The superabundance of the sap together with the rank growth was doubtless largely owing to the heavy rains which kept the soil completely soaked, still the rank growth can be largely prevented by judicious sowing.

Some persons are of the opinion that the heavy rainfall prevented the summer frost, and that after all of the two evils the least was furnished. This we do not believe. Upon enquiry in this district, and which many years personal experience in other portions of the northwest confirms, we are satisfied that there is greater liability to frost in a wet season than in a dry one, that is to say:—after a rainfall there is more liability to frost than in an atmosphere which has been uniformly dry, and the causes are obvious. While the attitude of this district must not be overlooked, there are good reasons for believing that with the settlement and cultivation of the country summer frosts will entirely disappear from the benches, and even on the bottoms they will occur only at rare intervals. We say these frosts will disappear because there have been summer frosts in this district, but they have appeared only in patches or streaks, nor have they been of that destructive nature which the word frost implies. The word has more of a terror in it than the effect itself, but observation extended over a period of many years, goes to prove that in all new countries in the west these frosts are more or less encountered, but that they disappear on the approach of settlement and cultivation.

Our eastern readers will, there-

fore, understand that in spite of an excessively wet season in this immediate district barley has ripened well. Oats in most instances have ripened. Wheat has not done so well, but it is a matter of fact that it is looked upon here as almost an unnecessary crop. "What is the use of my raising wheat?" said an old time farmer to us the other day. There are no mills to grind it, and until there are I have no use for it. The wheat, therefore, in nearly every case was sown late, and where it did not ripen this reason suffices. Wet as the summer was, sufficient has been demonstrated to prove the adaptability of this country to settlement, and next year will doubtless witness a very large immigration of the agricultural class.

It must be intensely amusing to the members of the Ottawa Government—the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald especially, to receive from time to time certain wise suggestions upon the subject of "How to govern the North-West," "Leases versus Losses," "Alberta First, etc., etc." With such a pair of constitutional tinkers and experienced statesmen as Frank Oliver of the Edmonton Bulletin and Major General Wood of the McLeod Gazette any further occupation of the North-west by Dominion hirelings is unnecessary. Sir John A. Macdonald is advised to withdraw his forces. Wood and Oliver say let there be but one province west of Manitoba, let provisional districts be wiped out; let us have but one provincial legislature, one governor, and but one province. "The time," says the constitutional philosopher of the Gazette is about passed when the North-west can be treated as an overgrown school boy." We "are" rapidly passing into manhood's estate, and as we are about ready "to give up our long dresses in favor of the next infant our measure" should be at once taken, and the "new clothes ordered lest in the interim we go naked, and be exposed to the jeers and ridicule of others." What a touching syllogism! Let Sir John mark it and beware! The danger of going "naked" is too great in such a northern climate in winter, but it is not the nude contingency which is so much to be apprehended as the "jeers" and "ridicule" of others. Sir John if you do not act at once upon the suggestions of the Gazette and Bulletin something dreadful will happen. Both are patriots, with Northwest first-ism oozing out over their boot straps. Let eastern statesmen beware and make a virtue of a necessity. Independent journalists like Wood and Oliver are not to be trifled with. The blood is in their eyes and not on the moon.

Ohio is no longer the Buckeye State. During the quadrennial agony it is the Keystone State. It has gone Republican and the political prophets on both sides of the line who pinned their faith upon the practical result of the Ohio election are now predicting Blaine and Boom, Logan and Luck. Nothing is so successful as success. The white plume is not synonymous with the white feather, but as an accompaniment to the bloody shirt it is an oriflame which rouses up the spirit of the old Ninth Army corps and once more gives victory to those grand old political smirches the leaders of the Republican party.

The Medicine Hat and Fort McLeod Railway is to be a narrow gauged one. This road was projected at a time when it was supposed that there was no coal west of Calgary. The fallacy of this supposition was shown months ago. Several coal mines will shortly be in operation at the foot of the Rockies. Three of these are anthracite coal, and the rest soft coal of a quality far superior to the Bow and Belly River coal. A splendid soft coal has been discovered forty miles west of this place. It is said to be bituminous and the best soft coal yet discovered in the Northwest.

The fact that Mr. Tuttle has declared the Hudson's Bay route practicable is quite sufficient. The Manitoba Press does not dispute Mr. Tuttle, therefore there must be something in it. Mr. Tuttle should next be sent to the north pole. There is no danger of his not returning. Mr. Tuttle is able to look out for that, besides there is a strong probability of his declaring that route to be not only feasible but exceedingly tropical.

The man who is continually shouting Northwest first needs to be watched. His game is to gather under his banner that great army the chronic grumbler, and also trade upon ignorance, for it is astonishing how easy it is to delude people who are not in the habit of thinking for themselves, or those who do not take the trouble of looking fairly at every question. It is by tactics such as these that the champion kicker hopes to secure his point.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, if after the fourth publication of this Notice in THE NOR-WESTER, no proceedings be taken against the erection of the Municipality hereinafter mentioned, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of the northwest territories, intends erecting under the provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of 1894, intitled "An Ordinance respecting Municipalities," the following tract of land into town by the name of the

"Town of Calgary,"

Namely:—All those parts of Section Nos. fourteen, fifteen and sixteen, Township 24, Range 1, West of the Fifth Initial Meridian, South of the Bow River in the northwest territories of Canada.

By Command,  
A. E. FORGET,  
Clerk of Council.

Council Chamber,  
October 23d, 1895



## PROCLAMATION

CANADA.  
NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.  
Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of Faith, Etc., Etc.

E. DEWDNEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

[SEAL.]

To all to whom these presents may come, or whom the same may concern—

GREETING:

Whereas by Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General, Thursday, the sixth day of November next, has been set apart as a Day of General Thanksgiving;

And whereas it is our duty to acknowledge publicly to the Governor or all good our thankfulness for the bountiful harvest and other blessings and mercies He has vouchsafed to the North-west Territories during the present year.

Now know ye that we have thought fit to appoint Thursday, the sixth day of November next a Day of Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God, in the North-West Territories, and we do invite all pastors with their people and the inhabitants generally to observe the said day as such.

In Testimony Whereof we have caused the Seal of the North-West Territories to be hereunto affixed.

E. Dewdney, Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories, at Government House, Regina, this twenty-seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the forty-eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,  
A. E. FORGET,  
Clerk of Council.



## MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on 8th November, 1894, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, once per week each way, between

MARIETON  
AND  
REGINA

from the 1st January next.

The conveyance to be made in a suitable two-horse vehicle, via Longlake, Craven and Rose Plain.

The Mails to leave Regina every Friday at 7 a.m., and arrive at Marieton at 4 p.m.

Leave Marieton every Saturday at 8 a.m., and arrive at Regina at 5 p.m.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office at Marieton, Longlake, Craven, Rose Plain and Regina, or at the office of the subscriber.

W. W. McLEOD,  
P. O. Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,  
Winnipeg, 15th Sept., 1894.

## TO THE ELECTORS

OF CALGARY.  
Gentlemen:—By request, I am in the field, a candidate for the office of mayor. If favored with a majority of your suffrages I will exert my utmost endeavors to forward the interests of this place, and will regard the welfare of all Calgarians as my own.

I therefore place myself in your hands, and remain, gentlemen,

Yours truly,  
GEO. MURDOCH.

Calgary, Oct. 7, 1894.

## Silver City and Columbia River Mail Route

THIS Mail Route was established previous to the C.P.R. being complete further west than Calgary, and has been the only Mail Line west of Calgary. All express packages left at the office of Messrs G. C. KING & CO., Calgary, or sent from out side points by Dominion Express, care of Geo. W. King, will be delivered promptly at moderate charge. Address all mail matter for points west of Calgary to Geo. W. King, Calgary, Alta.

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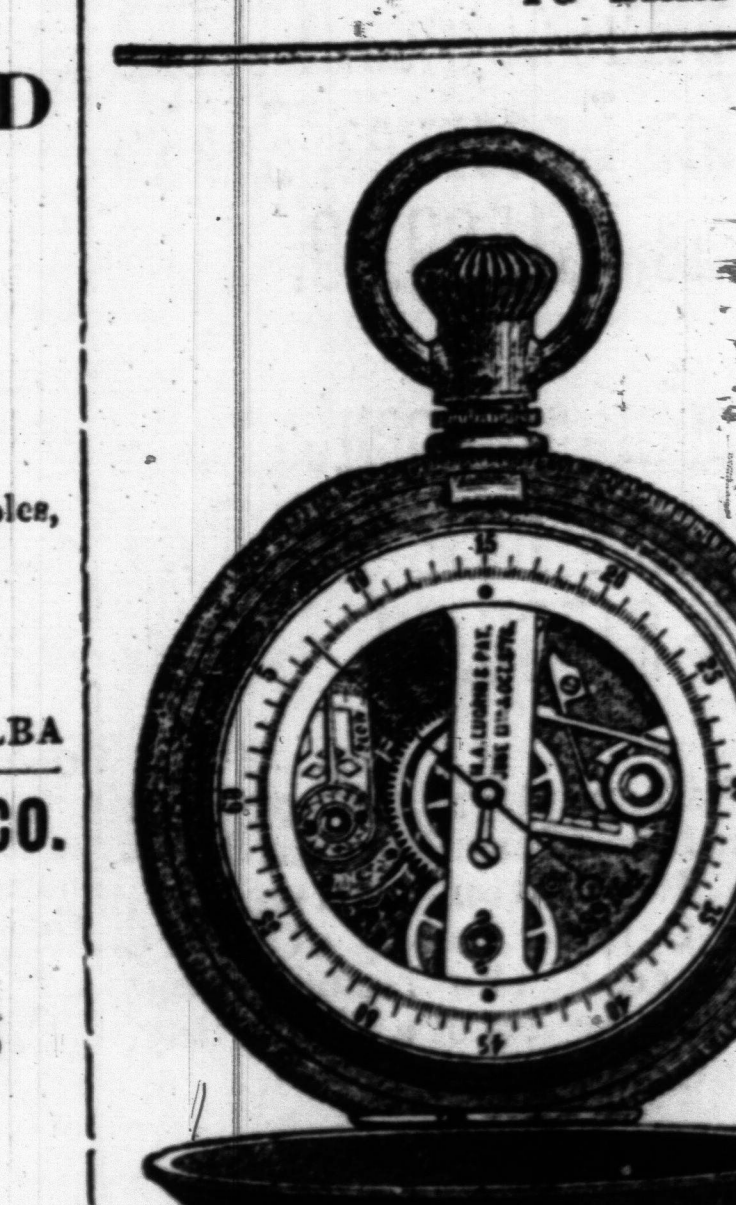
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