

THE NOR-WESTER.

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CALGARY, TUESDAY, DEC. 9, 1884.

AGITATIONS.

The method of "getting up and howling" upon every public question affecting the Northwest is fast becoming unpopular with the sober thinking people of the country.

Men who do little or nothing towards advancing the real interests of a town who hold aloof when work is to be accomplished but who rush in where sordid individual gain is to be acquired are not those who should be pushed ahead.

quadrupeds began to get the worst of it the cheiropter instantly left his species and attempted to join the feathered contestants, but he was refused admission into their ranks, hence to-day he is looked upon as an Ishmael among both parties.

In such an opponent we have nothing to fear, and our Reform readers have lost nothing by the miserable subterfuge which has been resorted to under the disguise of the Herald Printing and Publishing Company.

The lecture which is given as a kind of salutatory will no doubt be read with interest, side by side with those other effusions from the same pen and in the Herald when it was a Grit paper, an independent paper, and a neutral paper.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The result of the election shows that the people's ticket was not only the choice of the freeholders but also that of the householders. The efforts of two candidates of the citizen's ticket, and certain supporters who never have anything good to say of those who opposed them, to belittle certain candidates on the people's ticket were most unsuccessful, and the citizens who undertook to perform their uncharitable duty have made themselves exceedingly cheap.

We trust that our Conservative readers will not be misled by the man as well as sudden conversion of the local chameleon sheet. We assure our readers that the deure announced in its last issue miserable subterfuge designed to intent to deceive. The same lies are still at the bellows and new editor is simply the old with a new cap, and who has ended to change his coat.

Can humbug go any further? The chameleon organ presents following piece of taffy to the Lead Gazette:—"Our contemporary the MacLead Gazette has libel suit on hand, brought by apt Cotton and Dr. Kennedy against the publishers of the Gazette. We hope our neighbour pull safely through the troubls, the editor of the Gazette having set an example of journalistic artistry and good feeling towards the press in this country which it a pity some of their neighbors cannot imitate."

It will be seen that the new Herald has lost none of its esteem for falseness and flattery.

The following choice piece of composition concludes a column of presumption which is paraded in the Jim Crow organ of last week:—"A Conservative journal and a journal freely watching and ready to aid Alberta and all constitutional agitation and effort to better its circulation, its laws and its prospects, this is what the editor of this paper declares his desire to see it, and to the best of his power, to make it." That ought to settle the question of "northern exposure."

The presumption of the weather cock organ is monumental. First it was Conservative, next it was Independent, next Grit, then it became neutral, and now it is nothing. It would have its readers believe that it is a Conservative again, but most persons still believe that it is what the nought is in ro.

The Moosomin Courier approves of the suggestion of the NOR-WESTER that Assiniboia should proceed in the direction of provincial organization instead of agitating shady territorial representation. The Courier sees the point, and we are glad to find it viewing the question in an intelligent way.

NOTICE.

ALL persons are hereby notified that 49 head of stock cattle and two bulls, some branded D L on left side, and some circle bar on left hip, and 23 calves branded H I on left hip, now remaining in the Bow River District are the property of the Mount Royal Range Company, and all persons are forbidden to deal with said cattle unless through the said Mount Royal Range Co.

A. CHEWSON, Sec. Treas. Oct. 29th, 1884.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The following lands, west of the Fourth and Fifth Principal Meridian, are open for settlement, entries to be made at the Land Office, Calgary:—

Table with columns: Range, Townships, and land numbers. Includes ranges 1-17 and 37, 38.

Table with columns: Range, Townships, and land numbers. Includes range 4.



PUBLIC NOTICE

ALL persons, including Lessees of grazing lands, are hereby notified to take notice that the cutting of timber on the public lands without authority from the Minister of the Interior, or the Local Crown Timber Agent of Dominion Lands for the District, is forbidden by law, and all timber, no cut without authority is liable to seizure and to be dealt with as the Minister of the Interior may direct.

Each settler on a homestead quarter section not having timber on it, may, on application to the Local Agent of Dominion Lands, purchase a wood lot not exceeding twenty acres in extent, at five dollars per acre.

Persons who have already cut timber without authority, must pay the dues thereon to the Crown Timber Agent at his office, on or before the 1st of May, 1885; otherwise the said timber will be confiscated under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act.

(Signed), A. M. BURGESS, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior



MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa on 11th noon, on 21st November, 1884, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, once per week each way, between

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W. W. McLEOD, P. O. Inspector. Post Office Inspector's Office, Winnipeg, Oct., 1884.

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FROM THE HE DENIES

To the Editor of THE SIX.—There was a candidate for the office of the city officer.

Allow me here to say that I had applied for the office of the city officer.

There has never been a candidate for the office of the city officer.

Calgary, Dec. 6th, 1884.

THE MEN AND

To the Editor of THE SIX.—Just now I am employed by the Northern Company during the winter.

They have a constant rain during the winter, and what they otherwise do for men who reside in the country.

But if this were all the plain of little would be to be surprised. But the men have had real complaints with regard to the hands of the past season.

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FROM THE PEOPLE.

HE DENIES THE REPORT.

To the Editor of THE NOR'-WESTER:
 Sir.—There was a report in circulation originated by an ill-disposed person to the effect that I had approached some of the candidates for the municipal election, soliciting their influence, if elected, for one of the city offices.

Allow me here to state distinctly that such is an untruth.

There has never been a mention of anything of the kind on my part. I might say to the ill-disposed gentlemen—well, we can hardly class him as such—that what is apparent in such a man's mind will find utterance by the mouth in reference to some other person.

Respectfully yours,
 C. P. MOORE.

Calgary, Dec. 6th, '84.

THE MEN AND THEIR MONEY.

To the Editor of THE NOR'-WESTER.

Sir.—Just now large numbers of the men employed by the North American Construction Company during the past summer have returned and are returning east in large numbers. They have had a hard season this year. And the "dirt" which numbers of them had to "see the Rockies" and life in the mountains, quickly subsided after a brief experience of its realities. Owing to the constant rain during the summer months they have earned but little compared with what they otherwise might have done. This, for men who reside in those parts of the country having from four to five months of an arctic winter, with its consequent dearth of employment is necessarily a serious consideration—the influence of which must equally affect the community at large. The rate of wages, too, was low when we take into consideration the conditions under which they worked, the liability to sickness and the great distance from other fields of labor. During the summer months, indeed, numbers of the more independent men quitted the mountains in disgust. They complained that owing to the constant rain they could not make more than a few dollars a month.

But if this were all the men had to complain of, little need be said which might not be surmised. But the case is otherwise. The men have had real and just cause of complaint with regard to the way in which they have been paid, and their treatment at the hands of the pay-office. Pay-day is supposed to be on the 15th of each month; but judging from the course of events during the past season this would seem to be little better than an official fiction. On this day Mr. Laker, the paymaster, is supposed to proceed up the line, as far as the mark continues, to pay off various camps. It may be noted, that the men are not paid up to date, but only for the month of months previous, in that in which the pay-day occurs, the Company thus holding, at the very least, two or three weeks in hand. Had this been done, and the men paid with some pretence of regularity it would have been well, and it would have grumbled at a little want of punctuality; but when this ostentatious reasonable limit it is not surprising that murmurs arose both loud and deep.

For example, somewhere near the end of June, the paymaster proceeded up to pay some of the men for May. The July went by without the paymaster putting in an appearance, greatly to the inconvenience of the men. Those of them who applied for their money for June were told that "money had not arrived" or some similar excuse, and subsequently, that June and July would be paid together. Time passed on, and the third week in August found neither June nor July paid for the laboring thousands. By this time, with nearly three months pay owing them, the dissatisfaction among the men became serious, and a large number of them struck; whilst many, disgusted with this treatment, and distrustful of the Company, quitted the mountains for good. However, by the time things had assumed this aspect, (towards the end of August) it was reported that money had arrived, and the paymaster and his escort hastily proceeded up the line before matters had gone too far. It was time. The great majority of the men were hard up, and naturally enough wanted their money. Those of them who were leaving the country were forced to sell their time-checks for whatever they could get. At Laggan, where the pay-office then was, you often came across some poor fellow just arrived, hungry and footsore, who had vainly hoped to get paid before starting east—asking you to buy time-checks. Late in September the men were paid for August, though there were rumours that many men at the end of the track had not been paid for other months. Thus October went by without September being paid for; and we hear it was not until the 15th November that the paymaster passed the first crossing of the Columbia, to pay, not for the two preceding months, but only for September. The inconvenience, anxiety, and evil wrought by this irregular system of payment cannot well be overestimated. If the great body of the public are ignorant of the state of things, if in the eyes of dissatisfaction and wrong felt by the men—they were comparatively speaking almost—it was none the less deep on that account. It might have found voice in articles which would at once have passed public attention to be turned to it. That it did not, certainly redounds greatly to the credit of the men. Taking them as a whole they are hard-working and law-abiding. You can see that in their awkward but vigorous frames, their rugged and intelligent faces. The very fact that they consent to come into these mountains to earn their living speaks much for their character. The idle, the drunken, the criminal, there are few of these to be found in their ranks—they would not come this distance, tearing themselves from their customary haunts to work hard for their living in those mountain solitudes. A strongly mixed set, but a body of men

who collectively challenge our admiration if not respect. It must be remembered, too, that many of these men have others depending on them—wives and helpless children, aged parents, what not? who are looking to them for their monthly wages to keep them, in many cases, from starvation or worse. No one can tell the inconvenience and hardship which this non-payment of wages must have entailed on them. We can neither imagine nor describe the hopes and the disappointments, the sacrifices, the debt, and the moral slavery which the want of money too often brings. Many of the men, too, are foreigners, who know little or nothing of English, who cannot make their cases known, these men are constantly "getting left," as the expression is, with regard to their passes and time-checks, whilst their ignorance of English frequently places them in a peculiarly helpless position. In short, this withholding the wages of the men is both dishonest and cruel. When a man has earned his wages they should be paid him: The money is his and no longer the Company's; and if not paid on demand, it certainly should be at regular and not irregular periods, and as far as possible punctually. There were various reports in circulation, more or less plausible, with regard to the motives of the Company in thus withholding the men's pay. It was reported the money was purposely withheld for the sake of the interest which very probably was accruing somewhere. Whilst others maintained it was to hold the men down, in order to prevent a general exodus from the mountains. Later still, another explanation was afloat, which we shall touch upon presently. But whether true or false the Company have only themselves to blame if these reports were afloat. If they had not ready capital, and could not pay regularly, had they a right to employ the men without giving them in distinctly to understand? If they could have paid regularly, and did not, their conduct was unquestionably tyrannical and unjust.

Things might, indeed, have assumed a serious aspect for the sake of law and order at the end of the track, had not a new feature of the case early presented itself. Another straw would have broken the horse's back. Human nature is human nature, and when a man cannot obtain his just demands by fair means he is tempted to resort to foul ones, especially when a few dollars are belated him and destitution, or possibly none. It was towards the end of summer, as far as we can learn, that this new state of things became a fixture. It was first rumoured that although the money had not arrived, it was still possible to get time-checks cashed privately at the hands of Mr. Laker—subject of course to a little reduction, whether this was true or not we do not know. But a little later there was no denying the general fact that time-checks were being cashed in the neighborhood of the pay-office. It was in September, and still more so in October, when it again came about that they were not paying for the last or the present month, that this system blossomed, and a great swoop on time-checks was made. Men on their way East, who innocently presented time-checks for these months to be cashed, were of course told that they were not paying for these months, but it was hinted to them, or at least they soon learned outside that they might get them cashed elsewhere. And this the poor fellows were forced to do. For of course it was cheaper for them to sell them, even at heavy discount, than to lie waiting there for the money to arrive. There are two or three men at the 3rd siding, (where the pay office now is) occupying minor positions, closely connected with the Company, who buy up these time-checks. They cash them for the men at varying rates, bargaining with them for what they will take, but generally to the tune of from 15 to 25 per cent. discount. It is easy to calculate what interest money invested at this rate will yield per annum, for these time-checks will be paid, certainly for them, in one or two months time. The question naturally arises, where does all the ready cash come from—enabling these men to cash them daily, for periods like this? Even striking a low average, both as to the number of the men, and the amount of their checks, this would in six weeks or two months amount to a very considerable figure. It is not surprising then, that current report credits the pay office with loaning these men the money for the purpose. Certainly some outside facts would seem to confirm it. For instance, earlier in the season, several men, stereotypers and others, thought to make a little money by buying up these time-checks. But they soon gave it up. They found that instead of gaining they lost money by it. They complained that they found the greatest difficulty in getting their time-checks cashed at the hands of the pay office. So that outside the buyers at the 3rd siding most of the others have given it up in disgust. If the popular rumour be false, the curious sight is to be seen of two or three private individuals occupying subordinate positions, virtually paying off the men—when the powerful Company cannot!

But while they thus hold the men's wages, because "they are not paying for" such and so a month (it), or because "the money has not arrived" it is needless to say that locomotive engineers and those occupying similar positions do not suffer in this respect, but are paid punctually—for very obvious reasons. But they know there is no such necessity in the case of the men; and there is much interest for the observer in watching their behaviour towards them. Most of these men are ignorant and fettered by poverty; the majority, perhaps, are foreigners. They are too mixed a crowd for any union to exist among them to demand their rights. Even suppose they had the time, money, and inclination to resort to law, what help would it give them, let us ask? For the working man in the Rockies there is practically speaking none. The Company are the leading power in the land, and their right is necessarily right, for no one can tell where or how far, the combination of interest may extend. The procedure of law is cumbersome, lengthy, expensive, and the issue by no means certain. And much more

so is this true of British Columbia. Take that late action brought against the G.P.R., for recovery of wages, by some working men—for example. Major Dowling, decided the money was due them. The G. P. R. wished to appeal. Col. MacLeod decided that no recognised procedure of appeal existed here. Consequently executions were not to issue; and the force of justice ended by leaving matters as they were.

None but those who have had any dealings with the pay-office know the difficulty there is in getting past time-checks paid. It is a common thing to come across men up the line to whom the Company owes hundreds of dollars and who cannot get any of it. A few weeks ago, a man going East, to whom the Company owed five hundred dollars, was forced to borrow money, to pay for food, on his way back. Many like cases are common. It is commonly supposed that when a man is discharged, he must be paid off, but with the Company not so. If the event happens in one of those lengthy non-paying intervals, he will be glibly told that they "are not paying discharges" and he has to wait until they choose to bend it to him. There is too much red tape about the pay office to say the least of it. Transactions with them are tended with an absurd, and in many cases, absolutely unnecessary amount of formality, which would be amusing if it were not annoying. Another thing they are in the habit of doing, and one of doubtful legality, is to deduct the B. C. poll tax out of each man's pay, and to refuse to grant him a pass back East unless he shows it. No doubt this is a handy way of collecting it, and saves Sheriff Redgrave considerable trouble, but is it legal? We know cases where they have withheld doing this with some men, just as with regard to pay, while refusing to pay the money they are entitled enough to pay a certain few. Much more might be said with regard to the arbitrary doings of the pay office, but enough has been said to show that there is room for much reform, if not enquiry, and that the majority of men have had serious cases of complaint, this season, with regard to their treatment at the hands.

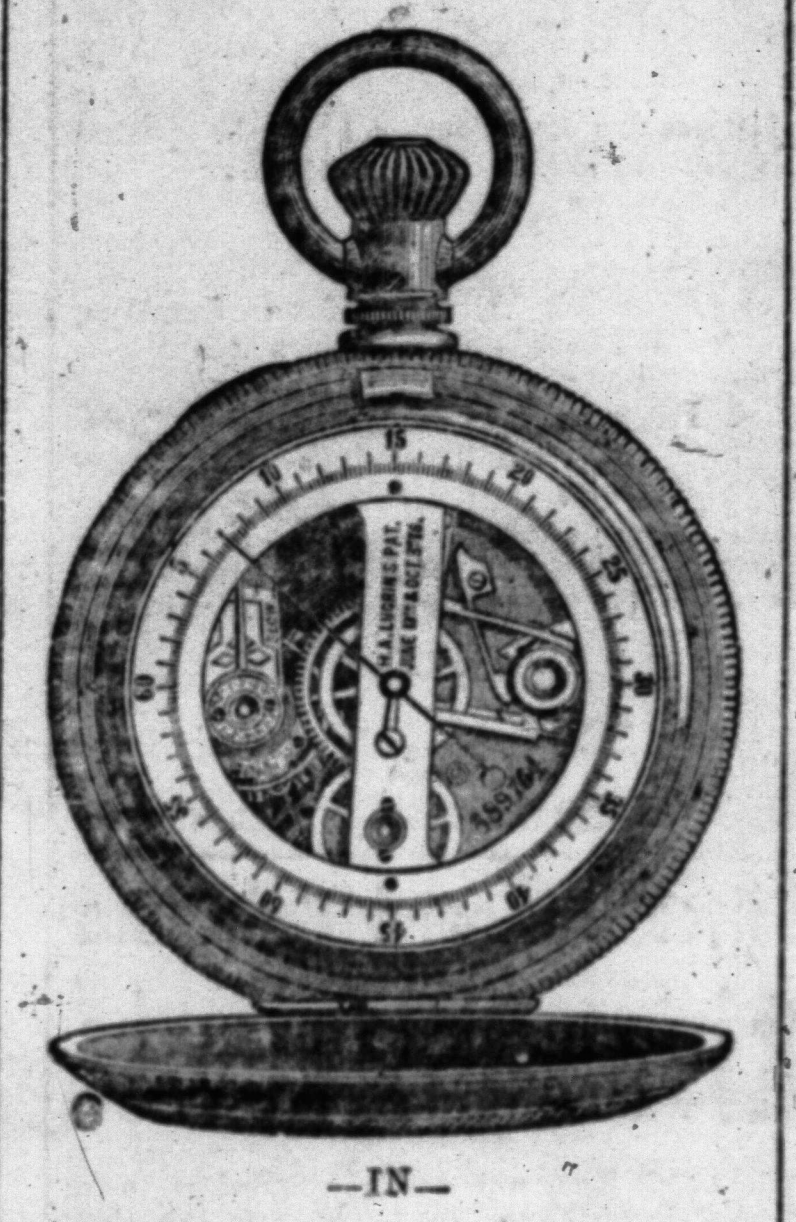
F. R. J.
 Calgary, Dec. 6th.

P.S.—Since writing the above we hear that a partial stop has been put to the practice of buying time-checks—that those men in the employ of the Company are not permitted to do so any longer.

NOTICE.

DURING my absence from town Mr. W. B. St. John will attend to any business that may arise in connection with the office. Mr. St. John will be in town on Wednesday and Saturday, from 12 p.m. till 5 p.m., and is authorized to receive payments and to conduct the necessary business in connection with the Town Site.
 W. T. RAMSAY.
 Calgary, 22nd November, 1884.

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NOTICE is hereby given under section 37, subsection 5 of "The Canada Civil Service Act, 1882," that the date for holding the Examination for Promotion in the Inside and Outside Divisions of the Civil Service, is fixed for Thursday, the 15th December, 1884, and that the number of promotions expected in each class in each division is as follows:

INSIDE DIVISION	
Chief Clerks.....	2
First Class Clerks.....	2
Second Class Clerks.....	12
OUTSIDE DIVISION	
Chief Clerks.....	2
First Class Clerks.....	2
Second Class Clerks.....	20

J. A. CHAPLEAU,
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TIME TABLE.
 On and after July 20th, 1884, trains will move as follows:—

Going West.	Going East.
8:30 Leave Winnipeg Arrive 5:15	2:10
10:30 Portage la Prairie	10:00
2:30 Brandon	2:45
9:00 Brandon	2:45
3:05 Regina	10:20
5:45 Moose Jaw	7:45
1:00 Swift Current	1:00
11:45 Maple Creek	7:40
	Medicine Hat
	3:45
1:30 Arrive Calgary	Leave 3:50

Three trains a week will run west of Moose Jaw, leaving Winnipeg on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, with sleeping car attached for Calgary. Returning train will leave Calgary Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and arrive at Winnipeg Thursdays, Saturdays and Mondays. Daily trains will run between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw.

Going East.	Going West.
7:00 Leave Winnipeg Arrive 7:00	7:00
11:50 Portage la Prairie	1:05
2:30 Brandon	2:45
4:50 Regina	8:05
7:30 Moose Jaw	9:15
9:30 Swift Current	9:15
11:50 Maple Creek	6:40
10:50 Medicine Hat	4:00
8:05 Winnipeg	6:40
10:50 Emerson	4:00
8:40 Winnipeg	4:00
9:00 Winnipeg	7:00
10:30 Moose	5:05
11:00 Regina	3:40
5 p.m. Manitoba	8:30 a.m.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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 THOMAS DOWLING, Administrator.
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THE NOR-WESTER.

CALGARY, TUESDAY, DEC. 9, 1884.

X'mas is approaching.

Winter clothing not much in use.

What has become of the 'citizen's ticket'?

Mrs. Deane is rapidly approaching completion.

Mr. Stewart left for Winnipeg on Saturday last.

To "rustle it" means a good deal in these days of depression.

Applications for municipal offices are as plentiful as they are in the East.

Want of space has crowded out "The latest crime of the People's Choice."

That pirate story was a true fiction—a least the alleged pirate thinks it was.

There was a lively wind last night. It appeared to blow from all points at once.

The tank is completed and the last coat of ice will be put on if the weather will only assist.

Mr. Keavin, telegraphic operator, is a roller skater. He is in a position to defy chinooks.

The town Council will meet at the new hall above the school house next Friday evening.

The Council has temporarily rented the upstairs of the building known as the Far West Hotel.

Messrs. Sparrow & Co. are erecting a new meat warehouse next to their extensive meat market.

A number of our merchants and business men intend erecting handsome residences in the spring.

George Hanes, Calgary's photographer, left on Saturday for the mountains to take some winter views.

Mr. Fitzcochrane, barrister, went to Medicine Hat on business last Tuesday and returned on Thursday.

A very high wind prevailed last night. It came from the north. The temperature, however, continues mild.

The services of the Methodist Church will be held in the church next Sabbath morning and evening.

The grand raffle (seven prizes) will come off to-morrow, Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Bowling Alley.

The building known as the Far-West Hotel, and now occupied as the Public School is being sided and fitted up.

Several gentlemen in town are taking the necessary steps towards forming a Scientific and Historical Society for Alberta.

The Anniversary services of the Methodist church will be held on December 20, 21 and 22. Further particulars next week.

Mr. Shelton makes a very good suggestion as to fire protection. His letter on the subject will be found in another column.

Mr. Freeze has taken care that no more defective stovepipes will trouble him at night. He has had a new tin chimney put up.

J. Douglas White has banked up his shop so that no more lighted cigar ends will get in their work as they did yesterday morning.

McNaughton vs. Allan. This was a case of wages tried yesterday before T. S. Burns, J.P. Decision against Allan case was appealed.

A slight change in the weather took place on Friday night. We are now enjoying weather similar to what they have in Manitoba in the early days of October.

Col. McLeod left on Saturday for Medicine Hat where he will hold court next week in place of Col. Richardson who has been called to Ottawa on business.

Messrs. Cummings & Allen have put up a mammoth lamp in front of their extensive feed stables so that their light will shine with much effulgence from afar.

Messrs. McCoskrie, Thomas and Lindsay received from their coal oil wells the other day samples of coal oil which have been forwarded east for analysis.

Messrs. E. McCoskrie & Co. are executing plans for a very handsome lecture for the Church of the Redeemer. The lecture is to be a present from a member of the church.

The contract for the cottage orrery for Mr. H. J. Stuart on Stephen avenue, has been let to Harry D. Johnston, and the work is being proceeded with as rapidly as possible.

To Grant that it was easy to Jar it and Freeze it is not Hog-ish; the boys did it, and the Clark knows that Millward, the municipal star, by George must wend its way. Nevils die.

Col. Irving and Capt. Antrobus were pleasant callers at the NOR-WESTER office the other day. They added their names to the Nor-Western's subscription list. Col. Irvine returned to Regina on Thursday's train.

Mr. G. McCallum, builder, leaves this week for Edinburgh, Scotland, upon a visit. He has put up a nice residence for himself upon section 16. He will return in the Spring with a ticket for two. We wish him a safe journey.

JUST ARRIVED—a new lot of the Celebrated Domestic Sewing Machines. Sold for cash or monthly payments. Call and see them. Machine and Oil and Needles of all kinds on hand. S. A. Ramsay, Stephen avenue, Calgary.

MORTIMER is building an oven that would be a credit to a large metropolis. It is in the rear of his bakery, and it would do the heart of an old Winnipegger good to see the masons on this 9th December using the cement on the stones without the aid of hot water.

The plans of a very nice little church which is to be built at Pine Creek were shown to us yesterday. The building is for the Church of England congregation in that neighborhood, and besides being an ornament to that locality it will be a credit to the congregation.

T. A. MacLean, Esq., registrar for this district, left for the east on Saturday last. Mr. McLean will be absent for some weeks. During his absence Mr. Kirby, of the land office, will attend to registration matters. Mr. Kirby may be found at the land office during business hours.

We have seen the plans for a very handsome villa which is to be erected on the mission property. This is one of several plans in course of preparation by Messrs. E. McCoskrie & Co., architects. A detailed description of these plans will be given in our issue of next week.

The new Council met on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in Calgary Theatre Hall and the Returning Officer received their certificates and oaths of office. The Council after organizing adjourned to meet in the room in the rear of the Castle Mountain Billiard Hall the same evening.

If you want your jewellery neatly and cheaply repaired Jacques is equal to the occasion. After the blaze at J. Douglas White's yesterday morning, a representative of THE NOR-WESTER called on Jacques and inspected his fine stock of Xmas presents. In addition to his regular stock he is getting in a large assortment for the holidays.

The parties in Calgary who have taken such an interest in it as to threaten the Government with emigration if the building clause on section 16 be not removed, should remember that that clause was inserted after due consideration, and it is a just protection against speculators and those who want to live by the frugality and industry of others. It will be an evil day for Calgary when the building clause is removed from section sixteen.

YESTERDAY morning about half-past nine Mrs. Jacques, wife of Mr. Jacques, jeweller, Stephen avenue, discovered smoke coming from J. Douglas White's paint shop, directly opposite Jacques's and next to the Land Office. She immediately gave the alarm, and neighbors and passers by went to work, and by the timely application of water the incipient conflagration was prevented. The fire was found to be burning briskly under the floor, and it was found necessary to cut through the floor before the flames could be extinguished. Had it not been for Mrs. Jacques's timely discovery the consequences might have been serious as a paint shop is a good feeder. How the fire originated is a mystery. Both Mr. White and Mr. Foote were absent at the time.

OUR citizens cannot be too careful in the matter of fire protection. At this season the danger resulting from sparks and hot ashes is such as to call for the greatest precaution. Once a fire gets readily under way the chance of subduing it and preventing an extensive conflagration would depend altogether upon the surroundings rather than upon the means of extinguishment. An ounce of prevention is better than a ton of cure. We trust that our Councilors will at once address themselves to the question of fire protection in all its phases. Pending the purchase of fire appliances would it not be well to pass a by-law providing against villainous stove pipes and treacherous ashes? Much good may be done in this way. It will not do to fall into the old error of locking the door after the steed has been stolen. Eternal vigilance is the price of safety in this matter, and we expect to see our Mayor and Councilors take hold of this fiery taurus by its horns. The responsibility now rests with them. Let there be no delay.

The District Court. The District Court for the Calgary Division opened in this town on Thursday last before Col. McLeod, Stipendiary Magistrate. There was apparently a very heavy docket (some 180) but very few were really for trial—many being settled, and others standing over until the next Sittings. The Court closed at 1 o'clock on Friday, and will meet again on the 22nd January next. The Stipendiary left by train on Saturday afternoon for Medicine Hat to hold the Court there for Col. Richardson, (who has been summoned to Ottawa) after which he will hold a Court at Fort McLeod on the 15th inst. The libel suits against the McLeod Gazette are set down for the 17th December.

Accident to Dr. Lindsay.

Yesterday morning Dr. Lindsay while on horseback near the Royal was thrown down by his horse and injured in the shoulder from the fall. The doctor was taken into the Royal and Dr. Henderson was promptly on hand and gave the necessary relief. It was his first thought that Dr. Lindsay was seriously injured, but we are pleased to say that his injuries though painful are not of a serious character.

TOWN DADS.

The first meeting of the new Town Council was held in the rear of the Castle Mountain Billiard Hall on Thursday evening last.

Present—Mayor Murdoch; Councilors Hogg, Lindsay, Clarke and Millward.

The following applications were read for the Clerkship:—From Thos. Boyes, C. N. Campbell, E. G. Thomas, Mr. Hamly and James Colvin.

Moved by Councillor Hogg, seconded by Councillor Lindsay, that the application of Thomas Boyes be accepted.

THE ELECTIONS.

The first municipal election ever held in Calgary took place last Wednesday at Calgary Theatre Hall. Mr. E. G. Thomas acted as Deputy Returning Officer, Mr. Harry J. Stuart as Poll Clerk, and Mr. Broderick as special constable. Voting was spirited all day through, the People's Ticket took the lead from the commencement, and kept ahead all day. During the forenoon there was a keen contest between Mr. Clarke and Mr. Freeze. The former, however, keeping ahead from a minimum of eight to a maximum of forty-four which was reached at the close of the poll.

The following are the official figures:— FOR MAYOR. E. Redpath.....16 George Murdoch.....202 FOR COUNCILLORS. S. J. Hogg.....183 J. H. Millward.....170 S. N. Jarrett.....56 L. S. Freeze.....103 A. Grant.....82 S. J. Clarke.....137 Dr. Lindsay.....179

At the close of the poll the Returning Officer declared George Murdoch elected Mayor; S. J. Hogg, J. H. Millward, S. J. Clarke and Dr. Lindsay elected Councilors.

ONLY ONE MAIL PER WEEK.

CHANGE OF TIME. The Train is to be Mixed. It will arrive at 4:30 p.m., every Thursday. It will leave Calgary every Saturday at 6:40 a.m. The change of time has commenced. Next train—next Thursday. A petition is being prepared for signature praying the railway authorities to give our people two mails a week. Strong influence will be brought to back up the prayer of the petition.

FROM THE PEOPLE.

FIRE PROTECTION. To the Editor of THE NOR-WESTER:— Six—Within the last twenty-four hours we have had two very narrow escapes from fire. I think we can all do something in the way of protecting ourselves until our council are considering the matter. Let every household keep a barrel of water on his premises, only to be used in case of fire. We all know that one pail of water, if handy at the time, would prevent many fires. Yours truly, A. E. SHELTON. Calgary, Dec 8th '84.

MEDICINE HAT.

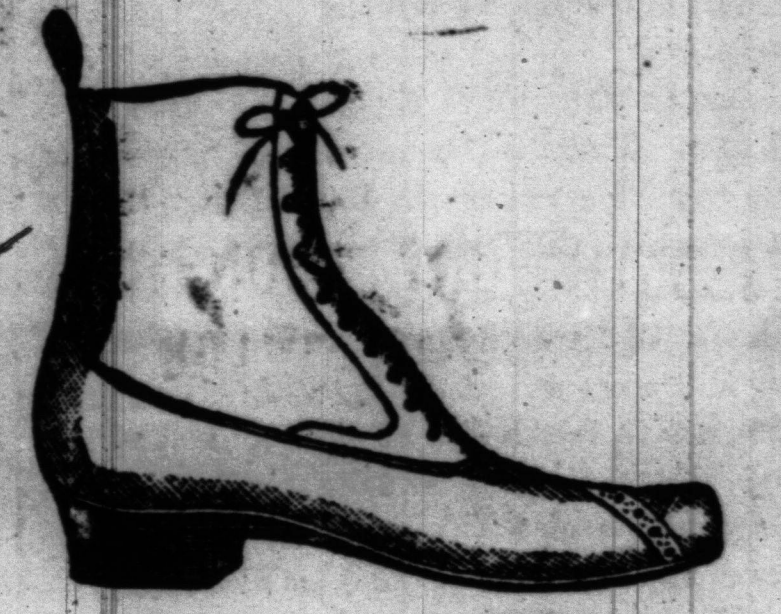
Trouble at the Mines. On Saturday, Nov. 29th, the miners at the Saskatchewan Coal Mines, near Medicine Hat, suddenly struck work without any previous notice or demand for increase of wages. For some days previous the supply of cars furnished by the C. P. R. was not sufficient, but on that morning there were some 35 cars at the mines ready to be filled. Mr. Dawson, the Superintendent, had the supposed ringleader, one McDermott, arrested for instigating the strike, and on Wednesday the 2nd December, he was brought before Mr. Tweed, J. P. and Capt. McDonald, Inspector of Mounted Police, at the Barracks. Mr. Fitz-Cochrane, barrister, of Calgary, and Mr. Mitchell, barrister, of Medicine Hat, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Scott, barrister, and Mayor of Regina for the defence. The case rested entirely upon the evidence of a little Italian boy, and although was sufficient to cast considerable suspicion upon McDermott, who was mixed up in previous disturbances at the mines, was not in the opinion of the Court strong enough to warrant conviction, and the case was dismissed. We understand that the suspected ringleaders have been discharged, and the others have returned to work. We trust that this is the case. Strikes generally fall most heavily upon the strikers and their wives and families who suffer the most, and never produce any good results. We are pleased to hear that these miners are doing a large business, and that the coal is largely in demand in Winnipeg and all along the line.

Sir John Macdonald was entertained at dinner at the Empire Club on the 26th ult. The Marquis of Lorne presided and Earl Kimberley, late Secretary of State for the Colonies, and other leading men were present.

Tenders for Timber Limits in the Northwest Territories.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and marked "Tenders for Timber Berths," will be received at this office until noon on Monday, the 12th day of January next, for both a license and a permit to cut timber on two berths of fifty square miles each, situated on the Bow River and its Tributaries, in the Provisional District of Alberta, Northwest Territories. Sketches, showing the position approximately of these berths, together with the conditions in which they will be licensed, may be obtained at this Department, or at the Crown Timber Offices at Winnipeg or Calgary.

A. M. BURGESS, Deputy of the Minister of Interior. Department of Interior, Ottawa, Nov. 29th, 1884.



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From Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan at 5 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday, commencing Aug. 5.

From Fort McLeod and every intermediate offices at 6 p.m. every Tuesday.

Letters for Registration must be posted last day to be the mail closed.

Signed) W. BANNERMAN, Post-master.

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