

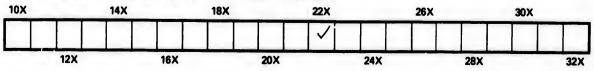


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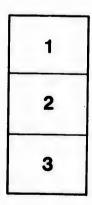
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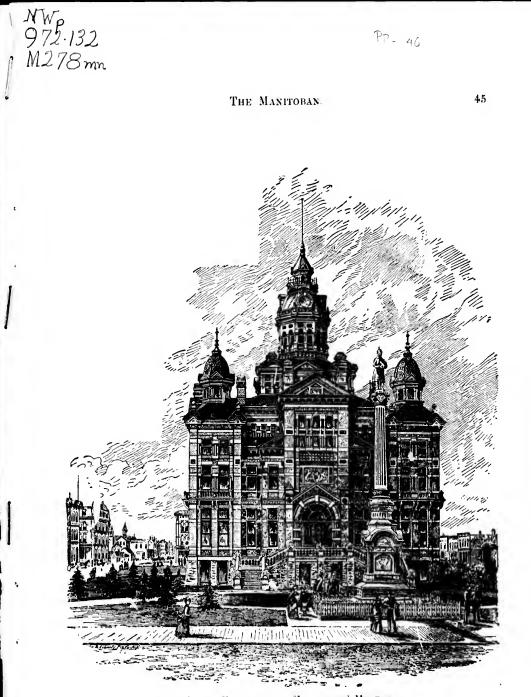
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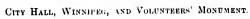
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- "Next year I will be very good, In fact a little lamb; I'll never clinb the closet shelf To help myself to jam.
- I won't drive nails into the wall, Or throw the rude brick-bat To dislocate the vertebrae
- Of any peighbor's cat.
- I will not smoke my futher's pipe When he is not around;
  I wou't annex the can unto The caudal of the hound;
- But I will be so very good, That when to school I'm sent, I will not hookey play to steal Beneath the circus tent."

Just hear the butcher toot his merry horn, while all the world with purest rapture listens, and epicures go wild for very joy to hear the butcher thus proclaim himself:

- "I will not sell a tenderloin
- Cut near the crumpled horn ;
- I will not sell a hammered steak At even or at noon ;

I will not sell an ancient chop At any time for gold ;

- And no spring chicken of mine shall be More than ten winter's old."
  - [R. K. MUNKITTRICK in Once a Week.]

## Manitoba Thirty Years Ago.

E propose in future to devote a space once a month to reminiscences of a quarter of a century ago, when, as our readers are aware, Manitoba was Assiniboia, and Assiniboia was comprised in a circle, drawn from Fort Garry, of a radius of fifty miles. The Council of Assiniboia was its Legislative Assembly, its Government, and its Executive, and the case which is mention. ed in the following minutes of Council, the power of release from sentence of death, was assumed and carried out. Without further comment we will give a specimen of how this Government was conducted at the time we mention in the following minu es of a meeting of the Governor and Council of Assiniboia, held on the 13th day of March, 1862, at which were present the under-mentioned Councillors, viz.: William McTavish, E-q.,

Governor of Assiniboia, President ; the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land, Robert McBeth, Esq.; Henry Fishor, Esq., Francois Bruneau, E-q., Salomon Amin, Esq., Pascal Breland, Esq., John Inkster, Esq., Thomas Sinclair, Esq. The Pre-ident and these Councillors have all passed away, and it will be interesting to the present generation to learn in how simple a manner matters of moment were disposed of. The record goes on to say:

"After the Minutes of the last meeting of Council had been read and adopted, Petitions were read praying for the release of Panlette Chartras from goal. The total number of signatures was 465.

It was moved by the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land and seconded by Mr. John nkster, that the prisoner Paulette Charras shall be liberated from prison at the expiration of six months, counting from the day of his committal to prison. Carried unanimously.

A petition was presented from August Schubert praying the Council to gravit him compensation for the loss of property caused by riotous Indians. The petition was not granted.

A petition was lald before the Council from Ryar Olson and Har-Kuske Weyah Denig or Olsen, praying the Council to appoint guardians over the minor children of the late Edwin Thompson Denig. The Council refused to act, not having sufficient information to act upon.

The following letter from Mr. James Ross was then read :

WILLIAM MCTAVISH, Esquire, Governor of Assiniboia and President of the Council:

HONORED SIR — My experience has convinced me that an improvement could be effected on our present mode of paying the constables, and with this conviction, I beg to submit a proposition for the consideration of the Council at its next session.

You are aware that, under the present arrangement, they receive their annual a'lowacce only at the end of each year of service—a system which, no doubt. frees the paymaster from trouble and facilitates account-keeping, but which, assuredly, entails hardship on some of the men. Most of the con means; th to meet cu can theref a whole time

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of the constables are men of very limited means; they require all their honest gains to meet current household expenses, and can therefore, ill afford to render service a whole year without pay during the time

My proposition is, that, for the future, the constables be paid off quarterly. This would give them the benefit of their earnings at short intervals; it would render unnecessary their running into debt on account of their expected pay, and it would be more gratifying and encouraging to them, as they would, at all times during the year, feel that they were enjoying the fruits of their labor. It is to be remembered, moreover, that, although we have been professing to pay them only at the year's end, some of them have, in fact, been repeatedly receiving advances on account, which, besides being irregular, operates unfairly for those who get nothing. Those understanding that their pay is not obtainable only at the year's end, do not ask for, and consequently do not get anything until then, although they may require advances quite as much as those who receive them.

This irregular system, if allowed to continue, will inevitably put us in this dilemma—eicher to make advances to all, or refuse all. The former would occasion needless trouble and account-keeping the latter would in some cases entail real hards nip.

On every consideration, therefore, I think it would be better if the constables were paid off quarterly and I respectfully submit the proposition to your Honorable Council for consideration.

If it be adopted, I would further suggest that as the fiscal year commenced on the 1st. June, the constable year should begin at the same date, instead of as at present, on the 1st September.

J remain, Sir,

Your humble and obedient servant, JAMES Ross,

Sheriff.

## Red River Settlement, March 11th, 1862.

It was moved by Mr. Robert McBeth and seconded by Mr. John Inkster, That the counter design shall, for the future, be paid helf-yearly Carried unanimously

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It was moved by the Bishop of Rupert's Lund and seconded by John Inkster, That William McTavish, E-q., Francois Bruneau, Esq., and Thomas Siuclair, Esq., be appointed a committee to collect and arrange the Local Lines of the District of Assiniboia. Carried unanimously."

(To be Continued.)

