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General News

OTTAWA, July 14.—The Government have determined to allow beer to be brewed in the Territories

July 8.—Judge Lafontaine of Aylmer died today, aged 74.

Calgary, July 7.—The New York delegation met at 2 p.m.

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North-west Council

The minutes having been read, Col. Richardson proposed, seconded by Mr. MacLeod

Col. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver

His Honor introduced a bill to amend No. 15 Bill

Also a bill respecting the HERDING OF ANIMALS

Mr. White thought the urgency was such that it should be rushed through

Mr. Hamilton thought expedition was most important

Col. Richardson said the object of this bill was to relieve the Governor's office

It being found that the bill was not complete

The Governor then introduced bills dealing with compensation for accidents

AMENDMENTS TO NORTH-WEST ACT

Mr. Macleod moved in opposing districts there was a desire to establish school districts

Col. Richardson thought it would be better to have a report of the subject

Mr. Macleod moved that the following gentlemen Mr. Oliver, Mr. Tarriff and the members of a special committee

Mr. Oliver seconded the motion which was carried

DEPARTURE OF BUSINESS

The Government were glad to see a disposition on the part of the Council to get on with business

The above Committee reported the following Committees struck

MUNICIPAL LAWS

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS

MONDAY, 8

Oh Monday the Governor took his seat at half-past two

In this session several bills were introduced at a stage and an interesting discussion arose on the powers of the Council

His Honor left his chair at half-past four o'clock

TUESDAY, July 8

The Council met at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Geddes presented a petition from the citizens of Calgary

Col. Richardson presented the reply that \$1000 be appropriated for repairing bridge at Elbow River

Referred to Committee on Miscellaneous Subjects

BILLS INTRODUCED

Judge Rolan: "An Ordinance for the Organization of Public and Separate Schools"

Mr. White: "An Ordinance respecting Agricultural Societies"

Mr. Macleod: "An Ordinance entitled the North-west Medical Ordinance"

Mr. Macleod: "An Ordinance to amend the ordinance respecting chimneys"

"An Ordinance to amend the ordinance respecting sheep"

"An ordinance to amend the ordinance respecting the protection of game"

"An ordinance to amend the ordinance respecting the marking of stock"

The Lieutenant-Governor: "An ordinance respecting boarding houses keepers, innkeepers and hotel keepers"

"An ordinance respecting livery and boarding stable keepers"

"An ordinance respecting receipt notes and receipts"

Judge Rolan presented report from Committee appointed to enquire into the matter of the protest of Mr. J. K. Oswald

Mr. Geddes to the effect that the council has power to interfere in such matters

Col. Richardson presented the reply that the Council then went into committee

Col. Richardson in the chair to consider the reply to the Governor's speech

The speech was adopted

INCORPORATION

The Meeting on Wednesday evening

The McVitty Protest

It is Unfair and Unfounded

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TUESDAY JULY 15, 1884.

THE SPEECH.

The address of His Honor the Lieut Governor will be read over the North-west with deep interest. The various measures which are to come before the council for its consideration are tersely set forth, and are accompanied by suggestions of those who have to deal with them.

It will be gratifying for the friends of Education in the Territories to learn that during the present session a school ordinance will be passed and that its provisions will be acceptable to the people. Public school matters are certainly in a backward condition, but now that there is to be energetic legislation in this respect, we may expect soon to see the beneficial results all around us.

Upon the liquor question we think that the conclusions arrived at by His Honor are perfectly correct. It has been industriously reported that the permit system has been a farce. We have never believed this from what we have seen and from what we know. His Honor says in this particular feature:

"The fee for liquor permits which was imposed after consultation with you has not as was expected, lessened the number of applicants to any appreciable extent; but I am glad to be able to inform you, that as far as I have been able to gather information, very little abuse has been made of the liquor imported on permits; but I am sorry to say that a large amount of liquor is being constantly smuggled into the country in the face of every exertion made by myself in conjunction with the Northwest Mounted Police to prevent it, and I am informed the inducements are so great and the profits so large that illicit stills are now in operation in several parts of the territories."

There is no doubt whatever that those who are interested in the introduction of intoxicating liquors into the North-west have made it their special business to exaggerate the abuse of the permit system. In this they have been ably assisted by the temperance advocates whose want of tact in advocating temperance legislation has always been carefully shown. With regard to breweries and beer His Honor is plain spoken and univocal. He says:

"Your resolution recommending the establishment of breweries in the Territories has been forwarded to the Federal Government and I have lately reported on this subject myself advocating the same in thickly settled districts. This I think would be the means of putting a stop to smuggling to a great extent and to lose up illicit distilling."

As we refer to this special subject elsewhere we shall make no comment here.

It is gratifying to return to that portion of the address which refers to the condition of the country and its marvelous growth. It must not be forgotten that the North-west is space itself and that while some parts are prospering others are suffering. The general prosperity appears, however, to be assured. The encouragement of arboriculture and of agricultural societies are commendable. This is wise and we hope that a liberal policy will be pursued. His Honor alludes to the sensational and exaggerated reports of Indian difficulties and he disposes of the unnecessary fears as follows:

"I am sure the general feeling is one of security and the exaggerated reports which have been circulated are to be regretted."

From the earnestness with which members of the council appear to be going to work we are confident that the present session will be attended with legislation of a sensible and wholesome character.

In the Edmonton Bulletin of the 28th ult we find a lengthy report of a public meeting recently held at Edmonton. The representative for Edmonton district Mr. Frank Oliver also editor of the Bulletin is reported by his paper as having, among other resolutions moved the following:

Moved by F. Oliver, seconded by D. Ross.

"That although the present form of local government under the North-west Territories Act may have been as good as could be framed owing to the limited population of the country and the information possessed of at the time the act was passed, the change which has taken place since then has been such as to render it anything but effective or satisfactory now; and while the location and boundaries of the different provincial districts into which the territories have lately been divided are eminently satisfactory, it is not advisable at the present time to separate them from each other and place each one under a petty provincial government, but the time has arrived when the population, importance and accessibility of the territories has increased to such an extent as to warrant their being erected into a

limited province, under a staple form of representative local government, and having the same rights, powers and privileges as other members of the Canadian Confederation; that in any case the method of qualification for sending a representative to the North-west Council should be changed so that in important localities such as Ft. McLeod, Medicine Hat and Battleford should not be debarred from a voice in local affairs; and that the time has arrived when the people of the North-west are sufficiently numerous and settled to govern themselves by their own representatives, therefore the necessity for allowing officials and appointees of the Federal Government, not representing the people of the North-west a voice in the management of the affairs of the country ceased and the position should be abolished."

While admitting that the important changes have taken place in the territories since the North-west Act was framed we do not concur in the conclusions drawn from this circumstance. If it is not advisable to separate these districts from each other and have them under separate district councils, we cannot see, as Mr. Oliver says that the time has arrived when the population, importance and accessibility of the territories has increased to such an extent as to warrant their erected into a united province.

There is something illogical in Mr. Oliver's reasoning. The whole is not greater than the sum of the parts, consequently if any time has arrived at all it has arrived for separate district not provincial organization. To form the whole North-west into one province would be absurd because the interests of the various nominal districts into which the North-west Territory is now divided are not in every case identical. Mr. Oliver's scheme in this respect is Utopian. If the nominal districts were to be organized into real districts and each possess a council, we think it would be better than it is now, and when the districts became ripe for provincial organization, the people would be in a position better to appreciate the duties and responsibilities of such as tatus. Mr. Oliver's resolution looks like a declaration of war. If it is not fierce it is certainly comprehensive, and if it is not a flourish of tomahawks from the north branch it is certainly a war-whoop which Mr. Oliver's determined shall be heard as far east as the valley of the Ottawa.

It is not likely that anything definite will result from the small meeting in Mr. Blecker's office the other evening. The meeting was hastily called, and although it was attended by a few representative men there did not appear to be anything of a definite nature to hope for. The Bank of Hamilton, we understand is the institution the meeting hoped to make successful negotiations with, but it is very doubtful if this bank has any intention of opening an agency here. What the people want is a private banking concern managed by some one in sympathy with the district. We have been informed by a prominent merchant here that a strong financial man has already opened negotiations and that he is likely to select this locality as a field for financial operations. This is something to the point and we hope, in a few days, to be able to make the announcement that the arrangements have been completed.

A brief telegram from the Regina Leader announcing that the Government have determined to permit the manufacture of malt beer and the importation thereof into the North-west Territory has spread delight around. This is looked upon as a fair compromise to the man who must have his beer, it is to be hoped that this concession will have a beneficial effect on smuggling. It is at best an experiment and it is meantime the friends of prohibition in the North-west look with alarm upon the concession as being the thin edge of the wedge, while the man who takes his clear shining lager looks upon it as the admission of an inalienable right.

"Muddy little York" appears to have passed through the ordeal of a semi-centennial with as much spirit, firmness and éclat as if it had been a centennial itself. Torontonians may well be proud of their City. It is the brains of the Dominion, and the hope of the rising generation who consider it no disgrace to be called Canadians.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Someone who has been asleep in the McLeod Gazette office for the last six weeks, writes a communication to the supplement of a late issue of that journal, over the signature of Observer, in which he adversely criticizes this journal. This Rip Van Winkle, who is doubtless no other than our friend of the Gazette says in referring to the position of this journal on the lease question: "The Non-western wants to smother the soil by trying to make it appear how much more justifiable the lease system is than the 'no system' (as he terms it) of our neighbors south of the line, and how a poor stranger on good land over there is in danger of being shot down by cowboys at any moment, a point in which he shows himself to be either grossly ignorant or else his cranium is

too full of prejudice to admit the truth; however, the falsehood in this case suits his case the better." "Observer" is evidently in possession of more prejudices than he can decently take hold of. He will look up the latest official authorities on cattle raising in the United States he will, if his prejudice should not blind him, see that the free range system is strongly condemned, and what we said in this journal on the 27th of May as on this question is fully borne out by the facts of actual experience. So far as the mission of the Non-western is concerned, "Observer" will find, that unlike the Gazette, the Non-western knows its business, and it can afford to feel amused at the ignorance and prejudice of the editor of a paper which as "Observer" and his ilk. Their unjust criticism of this journal we trust they will continue. It is doing the Non-western a great deal of good.

We would like to see McLeod, Battleford and Medicine Hat entitled to representation, all in this with we concur with Mr. Oliver. Of course the arrangement involves an amendment to the Northwest Act, and this might be effected at the next session of Parliament. These places are important centers of population and it would only be a matter of justice that they should be represented in the Council.

Mr. James C. Linton, late enumerator for this district has been kind enough to make a statement in the columns of the "neutral" organ of course. The late enumerator also recently called at this office and stated that what this gentleman said was in fact, in fact, the late Mr. Colvin is pleased to say in the columns of the organ that "the Non-western and his satellites no doubt think they have scored a good game by attempting to cast doubt on my efforts to do the square thing by an honest and just report, but I feel in my old time friends in this country, and know that not one of them for whichever party they voted would for a moment believe I did what is imputed to me by such a scurrilous sheet."

Mr. Colvin's statement to his all his friends as much as he pleases but it does not alter these facts. (1) That his first list contained only 149 names. (2) That forty two names of well known Guelph voters were left off. (3) That the enumerator was waited upon by a sub-committee of Mr. Guelph's General Committee, comprising the following gentlemen: Mr. Gibb, Mr. Brown and Mr. Fitz Cochran. (4) That the committee presented him with a list of forty two names some of them well known persons of the town, and asked that they be added. (5) That Mr. Colvin appeared to be surprised and certain that he was not put on. (6) That he finally consented to put on twenty-six of the forty-two names and that he said he would take the rest into consideration. (7) That a list of two names presented to him by the said committee having no vote which names Mr. Colvin himself had put on, he consented to strike off the names of R. Hardesty and Louis Capello, but would strike off no more, and (8) That subsequent to a large number of names were added to the list at the request of Mr. Blecker and others, and that the correctness of these names was taken as a matter of course. Mr. Colvin in his candor might also explain to his friends how it came to pass that the following names were struck off and were not put on until the sub-committee made a demand upon him: J. B. Thomas, H. S. Donison, James Carroll, F. Pettit, M. G. McLean, J. G. Christie, J. R. Costigan and Louis Beaupre. These are amongst the forty-two names, which he added at the request of the committee. He perhaps may especially explain to his friends why Mr. James Carroll's name was left off, surely he did not forget him.

NOR-WESTERS.

EDMONTON.

The growth of vegetation in the Edmonton district, this season eclipses anything on record. The agricultural implement man is again on the war path, and is fitting up his wares preparatory to an assault on the purse of the easily persuaded moss bank. Jap. Fraser left for the Athabasca Landing to build an infant seat of four tons capacity which Sinclair and Co. will use for trading on the Athabasca river and Slave lake. Mr. H. McPhillips, who edited and published the Herald, Winnipeg, and who finally founded the Mountain News, arrived in town last week. Mr. McPhillips came by way of Calgary, and was much impressed with the beauty of the country from the Lone Pine northward and its general adaptability for agricultural purposes. He considers general farming in such a being carried on by the settlers here, the only true principle upon which farming can be successfully carried on in the North-west. He is writing up the country for an eastern daily, and will likely sojourn in this vicinity for some time.

The annual June rise in the Saskatchewan began early Wednesday morning. The river continued to rise at the rate of six inches per hour until Wednesday morning. The flood then set in and some sawlogs came down in such quantities as to compel the ferries to stop running. About eleven o'clock Wednesday morning a large raft from the pines struck the H. B. Co. boom pier and broke in two, one half going down inside the boom leading out, thereby letting the logs loose and demoralizing things in general. Booms, logs and everything went down the river with the mill hands on board who tried in vain to get them ashore. About noon the logs tied along the bank above the mill began to move, finally one started for Grand Rapids at a six-mile an hour gait, and seven more followed at regular intervals, manned by crews of from one to three men, who were unable to get them stopped. One raft in passing took the log slide of the mill on board. The ropes used in subbing the rafts snapped like pipe at once, so strong was the current and so great was the weight of driftwood against them. In the afternoon part of the Herbert mining camp left for the headquarters of the company at Winnipeg. Capt. Smith, of the H. B. Co., thought it would be a good opportunity to launch the new buoy, being built at Prince Albert, and lower her around the bend to a place of safety. While doing so the driftwood caught the bow and swung it around in the strong current. Mr. W. L. Wood, who had held the rope was dragged into the river and only got out by dint of working and catching the willows. T. Hardesty was caught by the log in the night of the rope and grazed into the river over Mr. Wood's head. The captain pulled him aboard, feet forward, a distance of fifty yards under water while he worked the water out of his lungs and resuscitated him. The saw proceeded down the river with Capt. Smith and a H. B. employe aboard. At the lower mill they tried to stop her but could not. A boat was sent out and took Hardesty aboard more dead than alive. When about opposite to the lower settlement they tried to sub a tree, but when the rope tightened it pulled one end out of the river and the driftwood rushed in and knocked out the other, so that they had to jump for their

lives. The pleasure of these excursion trips was all the more varied owing to the heavy rain which poured down all day. At the lower mill Mr. Fisher had his men stationed on the boom and rafts sending off driftwood all Wednesday and until Thursday morning. The sawlogs in the outside limit of his losses. The highest point the water reached was estimated at from 29 to 32 feet. An interesting sight was that of a man, perched on a large raft as usual with four feet of rope and a straw hat, waiting contentedly down the stream with the vain hope that he would effect a landing, thereby gaining the salvage offered by the owners. He effected a landing but minus the raft, hat and rope. The water began to subside Thursday evening. The amount of losses yet unknown but it is estimated the H. B. Co. have lost in the vicinity of \$5,000.

MacLeod. From the Gazette: Messrs. D. Allison and N. Gallagher have returned from Minnesota where they have been purchasing cattle. They brought in 327 head between them, coming to Medicine Hat where they took the trail to MacLeod. The trip from Minnesota was a wonderfully quick one. They left Fargo, Minn., on the 7th of June and arrived at Winnipeg at 2 o'clock the same afternoon. Left Winnipeg on the 18th, at two o'clock, and arrived at MacLeod the next evening at 8, 30 hours from Winnipeg, as compared with 47 hours which is passenger time. Oats are looking splendidly and wheat is better looking this year than it has ever been. The athletic sports, advertised to take place on the 15th July, came off in due form, and were very well attended. The day was rather cool and not as pleasant as could be desired. The course had been laid off across the slough. There did not appear to be very keen competition in any of the races, and in the horse races those from Calgary seemed to have things all their own way. New potatoes fit to eat were dug in this vicinity previous to the first of July.

GENERAL NEWS. DOMINION. OTTAWA, July 5.—An order in Council has been passed providing that fines in criminal cases in the North-west be paid to the Lieut Governor and not to the Justice of the Peace. In Keewatin similar fines are to be paid to the Lt Governor of Manitoba. Mon. Mr. Chapleau will leave on Tuesday for British Columbia. The Department of Marine and Fisheries has been divided. Wm. Smith remains Deputy Minister of Marine and John Tritton is to day Gazette, Dep. Minister of Fisheries. John C. Gough, of Port Arthur has been appointed commissioner for the preservation of peace in the vicinity of Public Works. The Grt papers are making capital out of the detention of trains at Emerson, on the way to Winnipeg because the officer refuses to examine goods. Under an order in council, passed as far back as 1859 and amended last year, it is provided, that custom house officials called upon to do work out of regular hours, shall be paid a specified sum by the railway.

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NORTH-WEST COUNCIL

Sixth Session. A Speech From Throne.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock, the Sixth Council of the North-west Territories was opened. Precisely at 5 o'clock the Lieutenant-Governor, in Windsor uniform with his sidearm, Capt. Neale with an escort of sixteen men, commanded by Major Shurtcliffe, arrived at the Chamber. The day was cloudy with sprinkling rain, nevertheless the chamber's accommodation was exhausted by the visitors. Among those present we noticed Mrs. Dewdney, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Deane, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Jukes, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Fyfe, Mrs. Champness, Mrs. White-Fraser, Mr. Neale, and Misses Fisher, Miss Chi, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Morritt, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Gillespie; Messrs. N. Saunders, Dixie Watson, T. C. Johnston, LeJans, Stobbing, Smith, Major Montgomery, the Registrar of Regina, and many others. Shortly after the proceedings commenced the Mayor, Mr. D. L. Scott, Mr. Sheriff Chapleau and Mr. Davin arrived.

The appearance of the chamber was very brilliant, the ladies were elegantly and fashionably dressed, and the great majority of the ladies were pretty. We have added to the ranks of beauty since last year; yet last year Honor. Bates, accustomed to Montreal, declared he was astonished at the number of beautiful women in Regina. The Governor having taken his seat, Mr. Forde read the return and the newly-elected members were sworn in.

The Members of the Council present, constituted a bare quorum—Col. Richardson, and Messrs. Hamilton, Turritt, Oliver, Ireland, Reed, White and McDowell. Capt. Neale handed the Governor the roll containing his speech.

His Honor then read the following speech:—(The members of the North-west Council:—As I thought the representative members of my Council would be anxious to attend to their own affairs during the most active portion of the business year, I have summoned you to meet me at 5 o'clock, a more convenient season than last year.

Since our last meeting I have received petitions praying for the formation of two more Electoral Districts, one in the Calgary and the other in the Moose Mountain district. Upon inquiry I found they had the requisite number of inhabitants and I lost no time in arranging for Elections to be held in order that those districts might have representatives at the present sitting of the Council.

This addition cannot but be of great assistance to our Council, as one member comes from the stock district in the west, for which legislation is much needed, and the other from probably the most beautiful and thriving district in the Territories. The several ordinances passed by you at our last meeting appear to have been suited to the requirements of the Territories. Many petitions praying for Municipal Incorporation, both for towns and country, have been forwarded to me. Some have been granted others I have laid over, to enable me to con-

sult with you in regard to difficulties which have arisen and which can be rectified by legislation. The numerous applications for the establishment of Herd Districts would indicate the necessity for that ordinance. I shall ask you to consider some amendments which I propose to submit for the vote of both the Ordinance referring to the Ordinance respecting Auctioneers; the Ordinance relating to the licensing of billiard tables; the Ordinance respecting the "marking of stock."

The Ordinance respecting "prevention of Frauds." A number of new ordinances will be presented to you for consideration: To regulate distress for rent; To define the rights and liabilities of boarding houses and every stable accessory; To regulate the registration of firms, debts and vital statistics; To provide method of recovery of damages for persons killed by accidents; A new registration of titles ordinance.

I am also in hope that, during the present session, we will be able to pass a School Ordinance that will be acceptable to the people. During the session of copies of the bill submitted by Mr. Oliver last session have been distributed; this has led to many suggestions being made by gentlemen taking an interest in education. These will be of value to the Council when the subject is before them for consideration. A statement of our local revenue and expenditure will be laid on the table for your information, as well as all papers of an important nature which have reached me during the recess.

The fee for Liquor Permits, which was imposed after consultation with you last year has not, as was expected, lessened the number of applications to any appreciable extent; but I am glad to be able to inform you that as far as I have been able to gather information, very little abuse has been made of the liquor imported on permits; but I am sorry to say that a large amount of liquor is being constantly smuggled into the country in the face of every enactment made by myself in conjunction with the North-west Mounted Police to prevent it; and I am informed that the inducements are so great and the profits so large that illicit stills are now in operation in several parts of the Territories.

Your resolution recommending the establishment of breweries in the territories has been forwarded to the Federal Government, and I have lately reported on this subject myself advocating the same in highly settled districts. The I think would be the means of putting a stop to smuggling to a great extent and close up illicit distilling. You are aware that a considerable amount of the liquor imported under permit is used other than for medicinal purposes. It has been suggested that only permits for medicinal purposes be granted and it lies within my power to do so by only granting "a permit" to thoroughly reliable professional men and this to be dispensed in small quantities only. The only result I can foresee, if that was done would be to increase materially the business of a few medicinal men in the country and give a further stimulus to smuggling and illicit distilling.

As we now have members from at least every district in the Territories who must be thoroughly conversant with the feeling on this most important subject I shall ask you to assist me with your advice and experience in making representations to the Federal Government. I should not have touched on this question, which is one solely within the province of the Dominion Government, had I not felt it was one of paramount importance.

Having laid returned from an extended tour in the Northern portion of our Territories, I am glad to be able to inform you that the prospect of a beautiful harvest coupled with a healthy re-action after the summer depression that followed the very general over-exposure of the Territories has given the settler fresh heart, and I met with a general feeling of hopefulness which was very gratifying.

The rapidity with which our Territories have progressed, and the short time our settlers have yet had to form a correct opinion of the value or otherwise of the different districts in the North-west naturally caused much anxiety and doubt as to whether the exceptionally dry weather we had for some eighteen months previous to late rains was not usual, and many were much disheartened by the outlook. The refreshing rains which from the best authorities almost invariably visit us early in June rapidly changed this feeling of despondency and now as you are aware good reports of our crops are reaching us from all quarters. Assinibois has obtained a large share of the new immigration this Spring, and in this district some valuable and wealthy settlers have established themselves. From them I have heard that they are perfectly satisfied with the country, and assure me that all the representations made to them by the Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway agents in England are fully borne out.

I shall ask your attention during the Session, to the consideration of a measure for the encouragement of tree planting. Experiments already made have demonstrated the rapidity with which certain classes of trees will grow, and there is no reason, why, in a few years the aspect of the settled sections of our vast treeless prairies might not be completely changed. Large portions of the States of Illinois and Iowa some fifteen or twenty years ago were as bare of trees as any portion of these territories and are now fairly well timbered.

Encouragement to agricultural societies is also most desirable. The establishment of these will enable reliable statistics to be made which will be difficult to obtain by any other means. The initiative has already been taken by the Assinibois Agricultural Society and I think we cannot grant assistance to a more worthy object or one which will lead to better results.

The exaggerated reports of Indian difficulties which have lately appeared in some of the newspapers and which must do the country harm, induce me to say a few words to you on that subject. From what I have seen myself during my travels in the spring and from what I gather from the correspondence which reaches me as Indian Commissioner, I can confidently say that our Indians are generally more contented than they have been since the Treaty was made and the progress they are making in agriculture is most gratifying.

It cannot be expected that, with a population of some twenty thousand Indians scattered on reserves, in both all over the territories, two can escape without a little scuffling and excitement; this is inevitable, when Indians fresh from the plains are first brought on their reserves and come in contact with white settlers. It has been so with those who are now comparatively well off and will be so until the new arrivals recognize the fact that they must be tied down and work and make a living, but that there is any cause for alarm I deny. I am sure the general feeling is one of security and the exaggerated reports which have been given need not be regarded.

You will have learnt that the representations made by you to the Dominion Government have received attention, and many of the requests made acted upon, while others are under consideration. I am quite sure that, should you feel the necessity of making further representations during the present session, they will receive the same consideration at the hands of the Dominion Government.

The subjects requiring your attention this season will be of no less importance than those of last, and I am confident that you will give me the same assistance as then for their mature consideration. Mr. Reed moved that the address be referred to a Special Committee composed of Messrs. Macdowell, White, Ross, and the mover to prepare an address in reply to the speech.

Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion. Mr. Oliver moved in amendment that the speech be laid on the table for the information of the members. The address was a very long one and contained a number of statements, and he thought it was desirable to wait until a difficult matter came up. Mr. Reed's motion was then adopted, and on the motion of Col. Richardson the Council adjourned.

FROM THE PEOPLE. SOMEWHAT INACCURATE. To the Editor of The Nor-Wester. Sir: Having seen the letter of Mr. Higginbotham about his trip to the south from this point, I feel it to be my duty to say that in the portion which refers to the drive to Fish Creek he has evidently got mixed. He could not have taken seven hours to drive 6 miles as he states, and I am surprised that after what he says on that trip he should feel justified in saying that Calgary can never amount to anything. Mr. Higginbotham spoils his otherwise well written letter by inaccurate reference to this town, and I can only account for it on the ground that since his arrival at McLeod he has been prejudiced by parties there, who from unjust motives are led to make derogatory statements in regard to the future prospects of our Calgary.

Believe me to be Yours truly, J. D. MOULTON. Calgary July 8.

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EUROPEAN

LONDON, July 14.—It is reported that Osman Digma has captured a gig on the Red Sea... Admiral Ewart died today...

UNITED STATES

CHICAGO, July 15.—The nomination of Chicago and for President and Vice-presidents for the Democratic Convention is received in all Democratic quarters with hearty concurrence...

FROM THE PEOPLE

Dear Sir: Seeing in the McLeod Gazette of July 4th a letter signed "Observer" evidently written by some tender foot whose experience in stock raising has been the owning of a village cow...

With regard to the lease system. To my own personal and certain knowledge the lease system has been in vogue in Texas for the last ten years, and an instance of which I cite the Dominion Cattle Co., who also lease 200,000 acres in the Van Haze...

It is to be hoped that the stockmen of the North-west from a financial point of view, are the backbone of the country, and that every year they should be able to pay over \$20 a month for help and that only for three months in the year...

Having corrected the most fallacious of "Observer's" statements I shall not further occupy your valuable space at present.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg, July 15.—Mr. Burgess, Deputy Minister of the Interior arrived here today from the west.

St. Petersburg, July 14.—There have been two cases of cholera here, one which resulted fatally.

A Siberian plague is raging at Plakow: Twenty deaths occurred already.

St. Petersburg, July 14.—The cholera epidemic returned to high tide during the last twenty-four hours.

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We have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servants, W. T. Ramsay, Geo. B. Elliot, S. J. Hogg, John Glenn, Alex. McEwan, Jack Deacon, Frank Lewis, Theo. S. Baroa, A. L. Smith, Warner & Co., Frank Lewis, Norman Luss, Bain Bros., J. Bannerman, And Rankin, Alex. Allan, C. N. Davidson, J. R. McKenzie, M. P. Thomson, J. C. Linton, J. D. Geddes, G. R. Johnston,

REPLY To Messrs. W. T. Ramsay, S. J. Hogg, G. B. Elliot, John Glenn, Theo. S. Baroa, Jas. Grierson, Bain Bros., J. Bannerman, Andrew Rankin, J. D. Geddes, and others:

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