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## Progress of the Queen City of the West. REGINA.

BY A. 8 .
(Communicated to the Leader.)
In the Summer of 1882 His Honour Lieutenant Governor Dewdney fixed on the spot where the railway would intersect Pile of Bones Creek as the site of the capital of the North-West. Many persons had been anxious to find out where the capital would be and a number of enterprising gentlemen, known in history as the Regina Squatters, had pitched their tents here and taken up land. We utterly disapprove of the policy, endorsed br both parties, of a Government trying to make the lest penny out of town sites. This is strengthening the head at the expense of the extremities. We think it a pity the Squatters wore not allowed to have their land. In the end the Government would have had as much and more, a number of intelligent and enterprising men would have been saved two or threc years suspense and Regina would have more substantial citizons than she has.
The moment the site was fixed on the pioneer trader appeared with tent stores and tent hotels. For some time Regina was the end of a division and there was not less than twenty mile of siding north of thee present track. In addition to the trader and the genuine settler there was a large fluent population of a speculative class. In the Autumn of 1882, Mr. W. B. Scarth, and his brother; Sir Roderick Cameron of New York; the Honourable Mr. Vernon (Son of Lord Vernon); Dr. Rae the Arctic explorer; the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and the prusent proprietor of the Leadrr, came up to the North-West in a special car for the purpose in part of holiday, and when they looked out in the morning on Regina they saw a lot of tents, some on what is now known as South Raiiway Street, others on the present gore. The Criterion which was run by
"Wiajor Granville," a scion of the English nobility, was considered the leading hotel and in this tent the visitors had dinner, and invited the principal inhabitants to be present. The nephew of an Earl waited on that occasion and when one of the visitors said:-"These seem very gentlemanly waiters," the reply was, "I should think they are. These are the nephews of the Earl of -_." At the dinner it was suggested in fun that Mr. Davin should start a paper here, and the suggestion was thought a good joke. However, he grew fascinated with the country and cunsidered the proposal and the result was that on the 1st of March 1883 the Leader was started, a seven column paper with a circulation to begin with of 7,000. An eiaborate plant for job and newspaper work -the finest in the North-Westhad been put in and the presses were run by steam. Owing to the removal of the and of the division to Moose Jaw that circulation was not kept up but the paper has at present a larger circulation than all the other papers in the North-West put together. There is no paper in the Dominion of Canada better established er more widely quoted. It is a power. It was owing to its advocacy that the Capital was not moved away from Regina; that the mile Belt was chrown open for settlement; that Southern Manitoba was reopened; that the esctlers around Regina and the other town sites along the line were fairly and liberally dealt with; that an appeal was secured from the decisions of ignorant magistrates; that the doubt on the power of muricipalities in the North-West to levy and collect taxes was romoved. The Leader has led the agitation for representation. Its criticisms on the Mounted Police have greatly tended to bring that body into a state of efficiency; $\mathrm{nc} \cdot \mathrm{r}$ is there a wise measure in the interest of the NorthWest, that it has not advocated. It has heen the fariess exponent of settlers rights and every man whohas felt aggrieved
no matter by whom has had its columns open to him, and, if wronged, its advocacy at his command. It was owing to its exertions that the land was obtained from the Government for the Railway north from here to Long Lake, without which the money could not have been had, and therefore to the Leader we are in part indobted for that northgoing Railway Thousands of volumes have been printed and bound by the Leader Company. During the war a special edition was published daily with full telemgrams from the seat of war. During the recent trials a full report of them was given daily. A paper with the same recognized influence was never before issued from so young a place as Regina or from aly city with ten times its population.

In those early days the largest tent was that of Mr. J. J. Campbell. Mr. McCormic, who now keeps the Palmer, kept an hotel on South Railway Street; and the hotel now known as the Windsor faced the Station and was krown as the Royal.

Amongst the very first merchants were Mowat Bros., the "Pioneer Store," now, one of the most prosperous firms in the city. Smith and Fergusson, whose hardware business has become so extensive as to require several new buildings for the accommodation of their immense stock, are now one of the leading wholesale firins in the North-West. John Dawson's City Drug Store is one of the finest in the Dominion. A visitor shown through the extensive buildings by the gentlemanly manager, Mr. David Bole, is at once impressed with its extent and prosperity. Near it in the same block and in the same line is the handsome store of Mr. Pettingell. Next we have Mr. Samuel Shannon, of the "Famous Padlock," whose excellent workmanship and steady attention to business rank him amongst our leading firms in his line. Mr. J. A. Kerr is one of the first hardware merchants in Regina. Mr. Charles Black has steadily come to the front and is perfectly
satisfied as to the future prosperity of Regina-and his busiuess. McUarthy Bros. have been forced to enlarge their boot and shoe manufactory, to meet the demands of our rapidly increasing population. Messrs. Smith and Chatwin, of the Queen City Tailoring House, are kept only too basy. Our old friend the "Pioneer watchmaker of the North," Mr. W. R. Roberts, came, but went again, and his place is well filled by Mr. John Stemshorn. Mr. J. J. W. Smith, in the hardware line, has prospered beyoad his most sanguine anticipations. Sprague and Scarlett have found it necessary to enlarge their store, which, taken with the numerous customers seen daily issuing therefrom, is a sure token of prosperity. Mr. James R. Riddal is mseting at every turn with the success his skill as a painter richly deserves. The Colomzation Store CJ. wears that happy and radiant countenance, which is always expressive of pleasing results. Mr. P. Lamont, finding his former store somewhat swall for his rapidly increasing business, removet to more spacious buildings. The new sign which overhangs his door has an air of prosperity in its gentle swinging to and fro, which is corroborated upon intering his exceedingly well furnished store.

Wtllard Bros., who have kept steadily along the path of fortune, have now the finest harness emporium in the NorthWest. Sibbald and Lindsay are thorongh business men, and upon reviewing their business prosperity, we cannot fail to see their successful enterprise on every hand. Mr. R. B. Fergusson's furniture department is unsurpassed by any west of Winnipeg. McNicol Bros. are our latest acquisition, and from the confident air worn by them it is evident they have no cause to regret opening a business in our midst. Nor must we forget our celestial friends, who on Saturdays may be seen meandering along the streets with a bundle of linen and a smiling countenance, in anticipation of the shekels to come.
Regina has grown beyond anything that
could have been anticipated a year ago. Scarth street is well filled up with resident houses and a new post offlce. On Hamilton street Mr. McCusker's establishment was some time ago the only one. Now Mr. Glass is building and Mr. Mckay will be doing so in a few days. Mr. Reid, Mr. Fraser, and Judge Richardson have bailt handsome houses to the south of Victoria street. A fcotpath up Hamilton street will soon follow.

Regina is a great legal camp and has already been the scene of a great state trial-that of Riel. It is also the seat of a bishop of the English Church, while the other Christian bodies flourish. A beautiful Church has been erected by the Presbyterians in Scarth street. The jail on the north shore of the Wascana is now practically complete-a fine building.

## THE COUNTY SURROUNDING REGINA.

The country for forty miles around Regina, is now widely known, to be one of the richest wheat growing countries in the world. The soil which is so admirably adapted to the raising of crops, is from six to fourteen feet in depth, slightl, undulating, and of a nature that retains the heat. The water supply is abundant. To the south is the Wascana river, and to the north is the clear and sparkling Boggy Creek which is a stream of pure spring water. Water can also be obtained anywhere on the prairie at a depth of from 24 ft . to 100 ft . Wheat and oats can be sown in some places in the
beginning of March, and by the 15 th of Apris seeding is universally comoleted. The yield of wheat is from thirty to fortyfive bushels to the acre on broken and backset land. Oats will yield seventy-five bushels to the acre. The land to the north is well adapted for the raising of all root vegetables. We have frost in September, and farmers who through aegligence or otherwise sow their grain late are the only ones who suffer. The nature of the soil is such, that, even if the crop is sown late, it is bound to grow, yet it leaves it too late for ripening, and this is the only chance for grain to get frozen in the field. Now that the Long Lake and Prince Albert branch of railroad is under rapid construction-the starting point being from the Queen City of Regina-we may look forward to a fast developmert of the great stretch of country to the north. In a very short time we shall see flourishing industries on all sides. Farmers may rest assured of a home market for their produce.

The troops-which were drawn from every part of the Domininn-have returned to their respective homes, and around the fireside tell strange and wonderful truths of the beauty, fertility prozperity and future greatness, of the vast North-West. We have now a living advertisement throughout the length and breadth of the land. Doubts-if any were entertained-are dispersed, and confidence dwells in the heart of every man as regards the future prosperity of our land.

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