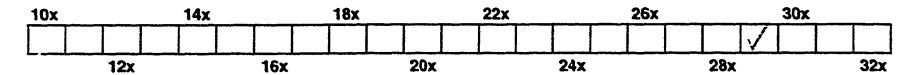
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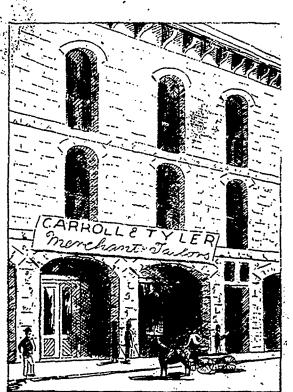
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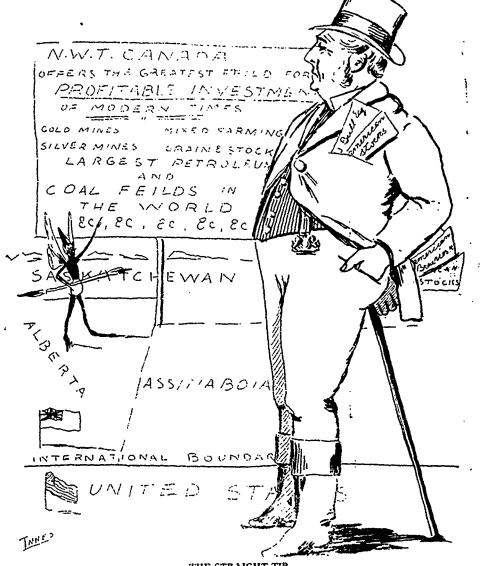
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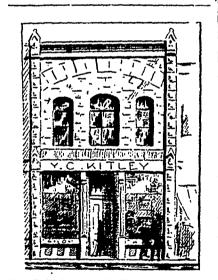
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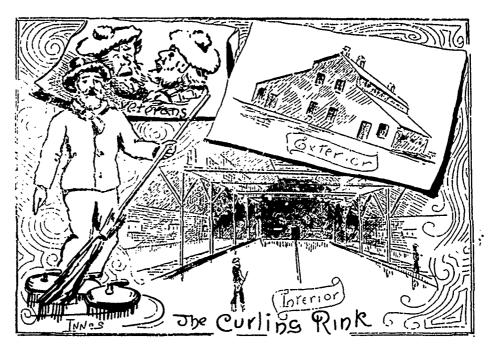
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CALGARY CURLING RINK

MHE curlers this year, all over the Northwest, are getting ready for the season, and some firstclass competitions may be looked for. Now that Calgary is in possession of such a commodious and well-appointed rink, we hope to see a bonspeil held here. We believe that Prince Albert would be induced to come, and if good prizes are offered there is no doubt that many other clubs would pay us a visit. We shall, each week, give full curling reports from all over the country, and keep our readers posted as to what is going on with the brooms and stanes. The Calgary club is this year likely to be very strong, having already increased their membership by 20, and by the time the season opens, it is anticipated there will be fully 100 members on the books. Last year there were only three competitions, viz., the District Medal, which was won by Perry, the Tribune trophy, won by F. T. Claxton, and the Braithwaite Cup, won by Capt. McIllree. The first competition was the points game, and the other two the 13 point game, each player using three pairs of stones. These games were all stubbornly contested, and much pretty play was witnessed. Last year three rinks were sent to the Winnipeg Bonspeil, but, unfortunately, without carrying off any of the trophies.

The coming season promises to be a great one for contests. Already the following prizes have been offered: The District Medal; a pair of curling stones, presented by Mr. Ingram, of the Royal Hotel; Merchants' Prize, valued at \$100, presented by the merchants of Calgary, which will be competed for annually; the Officers' trophy, given by the officers of the club, while several others are expected. We, ourselves, have much pleasure in offering a trophy, for any game selected by the officials of the club.

The fine building recently erected on Northcote

Avenue. sketches of which our artist gives above, cost about \$2500. The contract was secured by Mr. F. B. Karran, who commenced work on October 18th, and great credit is due him for the manner in which he has carried it out. The total length of the building is 165 feet, while the width is 73 feet, which gives three rinks, 16 feet by 142 feet, being separated by platforms. Near the entrance is a large waiting room, 15 feet wide by 33 feet long; over this is a spectators' gallery, having the same dimensions. These rooms are both well heated. At the other end is a raised platform, 7 feet wide. Flooding was started on Tuesday week, water again being put on last Monday. This has soaked in a foot in depth, which will give a solid bottom for the ice.

The officers of the club this year are: Major Walker, President; Mr. I. S. Freeze, Vice-President, and Mr. T. B. Braden, Secretary-Treasurer.

Our sketches show the exterior and interior of the building, a couple of veterans, and an individual who is evidently in a great state of mind over something or other.

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MHE question of prairie fires must be grappled with at once, and the responsibility of those causing them established beyond a doubt. Every year for years past we have heard and read of disastrous fires wiping out the whole of the feed, embarrassing the richer and ruining the poorer settlers in the Northwest. We, in this country, have everything in our favor, a wet spring, a warm summer, magnificent harvest weather, and two to three months of snow (a magnificent fertilizer) in the winter. But these natural advantages will all go for nothing, if the country is to be constantly devasted by fire. One of the worst of the present year in the Calgary district was that of a few weeks ago, which completely wiped out thousands of acres of pasturage, causing great loss to the owners. Every endeavor should be made to discover how this fire originated, and the matter tested in the law courts, if no settlement can be arrived at.

The law should compel every individual and every company to take such precautions as would render it impossible for a fire to spread, even if one were started, in the shape of fire-guards along the C. P. R. and round the farm of every settler in the country.

Is there no remedy for this state of things? The only one we can suggest is for the government to take the responsibility upon themselves. They should appoint officers, whose sole duty it should be to see the law carried out, and to enquire into the cause of prairie fires, when they occur, collect evidence and bring charges against the suspected parties; or else we would suggest that such duties should be attached to the office of Homestead Inspector or Forest Ranger, or to that of some other official employed in the various Dominion Land offices

throughout the Territories. It is not fair to put the onus upon settlers, many of whom are poor men, and who cannot afford to incur the enmity of their neighbors. The police do all they can, but their duties are too many and varied to allow of their carrying out this properly. It must eventually resolve itself into a question for the government, and the sooner this is recognized the better for everyone concerned.

MUNICIPAL affairs are duly, very dull, we might say, stagnant. No one seems to know whether the present members will offer themselves for re-election, whether Mayor Lafferty will run again—in fact, no one seems to know anything. The present council, collectively, have done well, and can show a good record, but, individually, several members would do well to retire and seek that seclusion which they are so fitted to grace. The election will soon be on us, and it behoves our citizens to bestir themselves in the matter.

SWEET, delightful, charming, fascinating woman, how much you have to answer for, since the days of the fairand lightly-clad Eve. The last dear thing in petticoats and Parisian costumes, to upset the proverbial applecart is Mrs. O'Shea. Poor old Ireland has been indulging in "divarshons" for many years past, but things were, comparatively speaking, calm, cool, and collected, when we look at the present state of turmoil and ructions—before Parnell the Patriot, became known as Parnell the Seducer. Another injustice to Ireland, with a vengeance.



UR Familiar delivers himself, in this issue, of something which has burdened his mind for some time past. It is this: England has been pouring her millions into the United States, to foster American industries, while, at the same time, in her own possessions, north of the border, there is an inconceivable mine of wealth lying dormant, for want of the same enterprise that she so willingly bestows on our friends south of the line. It is true, we do not hear so much about the sale of breweries, stockyards, &c., &c., as we did a short while past; perhaps Englishmen are beginning to realize that the Americans, having got these millions into circulation throughout their country, are not quite such chumps as to let it go again without some pretty tall schemeing. Be that as it may, it is our part, who are privileged to live in the Northwest Territories, to make known to all, the limitless sources of wealth which a bountiful providence has bestowed on our land, and use every means in our power to induce capitalists to pay us a visit and examine for themselves.

Imperial Federation is a grand theme for an Englishman to dilate upon, but when we see them deliver a soul-stirring oration on that subject, and then joyfully slide over the border and slip their capital into American business channels, we are led to believe that there is one word missing from the old adage, "Consistency, thou art a jewel"; It should read: "Consistency, thou art a priceless jewel," for even Englishmen, with all their surplus wealth, don't seem able to buy enough to plug up a rat-hole.

Marriage

Modern courtship and marriage have been wittily described as—

A little kiss,
A little bliss.
A little ring—'tis ended;
A little jaw,
A little law,
And lo! the bonds are rended.

A young man from Stockton-on-Tees, Overturned a bechive of bees; Recover, he may, But his language, they say, Created a blight on the trees.







HIS HONOR JOSEPH ROYAL, D. C. L.

THE subject of our present sketch was born at Repentigny, P. Q., on the 7th of May, 1837. He was educated at the Jesuits' College, Montreal, and was called to the Bar of Lower Canada in 1864, and to that of Manitoba in 1871. Amongst his more important cases were those of the Queen vs Ambroise Lepine, and the Queen vs Naud, tried at the Manitoba criminal assizes, October, 1874, for the execution of Thomas Scott, under the provisional government of Louis Riel. He retired from practice in 1880. He has been a prominent writer in the French Canadian press, editing the Montreal Minerva from 1857 until 1859; since that year he has started four different newspapers. He was elected the first Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba, in 1877, and has been re-elected every year since. In 1871 he was elected Speaker for the first Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, which he vacated in March, 1872, on being appointed a member of the Executive Council and Provincial Secretary of the province. For a number of years Mr. Royal held various offices in the Government of Manitoba. At the time of the Fenian Raid, in 1871, he obtained the command of a cavalry troop, composed of natives, and was detailed on an important scouting expedition. He received the Confederation Medal from the Dominion Government in 1885. He sat from 1870 to 1879 for St. Francois-Xavier West, in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba. On the last month of that year he was returned to the House of Commons for Provencher, and sat continuously until his appointment as Lieutenant-Governor to the Northwest Territories, on July 4th, 1888, which position he still holds.



LeACROSSE is yet but in its infancy in the West, and from the interest taken in this, Canada's national game, during the past season, we may look for more clubs and greater sport next year. There were but two matches played during the season, one at Lethbridge and the other at Calgary, the teams being from those two towns. For the mining town Gallagher played a fine game, although his admirers say he did not show as good action as he was capable of. McEwen and Colvin were the stars of this twelve, while Latimer played a showy stick. Ritchie, Morris and McLeod were their heavy defence, and showed a steady game, holding down their men in good shape. Of the Calgary boys, the Swift brothers came to the front with a good record, proving themselves to be thoroughly acquainted with the tricks of the game, A. E. Swift especially proving himself to be a fine player. West and Hitchcock, on the home field each, played a brilliant stick. Tarrant, in centre, did some fine sprinting and bothered his man in no small degree, while Hardisty, Baitz, Rankin and Currier were a complete stone wall on the defence; the two latter did some grand passing. P. McNamara, in the Calgary flags, made some pretty stops and showed a cool head. In all, the game, for a start, this being its first season in the Territories, is considered very successful. It has been the cause of considerable money changing hands, and this alone, we consider, is an evidence of its gaining favor. The result of the two meetings is feather for Calgary, for the season. We hope to see a larger number of games next year, and that others besides the Lethbridge boys, who are a fine set of fellows, will visit our tewn, and become the guests of the Calgary Lacrosse Club, who will do all in their power to make the events enjoyable. In a future issue we shall give some sketches of prominent players in the Northwest. We will also endeavor, in season, to give the latest and most reliable lacrosse news.

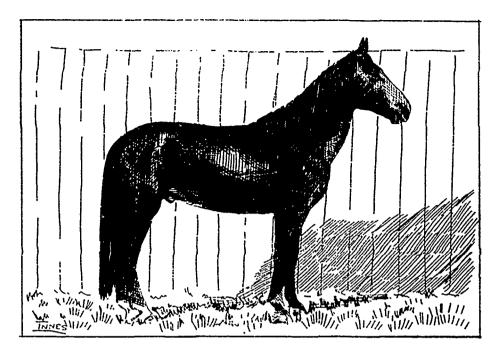
THE following is the analysis of the N. W. M. P. Cricket Club, for the season of 1890. In batting, W. T. Reading again heads the list, having the largest aggregate, individual innings and average; Hunt and McMahon next. The club was not very fortunate this year, playing eight matches and only winning one. However, the one won was the principal match of the year:

NAME:	No of Innings	Highest Score	No. of Runs	Average
Reading	9	37	133	14.8
Hunt	Ś	28	91	114
McMahon	S	23	ίο	7.5
Dyson	6	17	29	4.8
Currier	9	13	37	4.1
Nicholls	ź	13	29	4.1
Leacock	-1	9	15	37
Shamler	7	7	2;	3.6
Aston	7	7	2;	3.3
Hynes	4	6	12	3.0
Stockton	ż	S	21	3.0
Col. Herchmer	5	7	15	3.0

In bowling, Currier heads the list, with an average of 4.9 per wicket, a splendid performance, when the number of overs he bowled is taken into consideration:

NAME	Overs	Runs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Average
Currier	SR	153	27	33	4.9
McMahon	56	107	Τi	19	56
Hunt	Š9	158	23	22	7.1
Aston	44	108	7	10	108

FEW words about Frank T. Ritchie's performances in the old country, may not be out of place. His first victory was in 1873, when only 13 years of age; he won the 200 yards handicap, for boys under 15 years of age, at the Otley sports. His first appearance as an amateur athlete was at the Ilkley sports, in 1880, when he received 4½ yards in 100, and won. The next three years he won a large number of prizes, and in 1883 won five scratch races, and upon one occasion did the 100 yards in 9 4-5 secs., when he had a strong wind at his back. He also covered 120 yards in 11 3-5 secs., but only came in This year he won prizes amounting to second. \$1500. In 1884 Ritchic won the International prize. The famous Americans, Myers, Fredricks, Waldon and Murray, entered for the various championship events. To please Waldon, Ritchie agreed to reduce the 100 yards to 75 yards, when the latter won in 7 4-5 secs., the best time on record. Since 1886. Ritchie's principal races were the Northern Counties' championship, which he won from A. Warton, the 100 yards champion of England, in 10 1-10 secs.; the Bradford champion cup, valued at \$325; Birmingham cup, valued at \$150; Stourbridge cup, valued at \$125, bringing his winnings, up to 1888, to the value of \$9000. In '88 he ran 121 yards in 12 secs., and



SILVERTAIL

he has often run 100 yards in 10 secs.

Ritchie has stated to us that if anyone wants a race from 75 to 100 yards, he is willing to give it to them. He starts ranching for himrelf in the spring, and can be easily found, if wanted.

SILVERTAIL was sired by Harry B., whose record is 2.28, on a half-mile track. He was purchased two years ago by Mr. D. Cameron, from Jimmy King, of Montreal. Silvertail won the Freefor-all trot at the Winnipeg summer meeting, in 1889, in 2.31½, which is his record; he also wor at the Macleod meeting, the same year. At Brandon this year he was unplaced; he was then taken to Winnipeg, and in the Free-for-all trot, unfortunately lamed himself in the second heat, which laid him up for the year. He was brought back to Calgary last week, and we shall probably hear from him next season.



IT may be interesting to some of our readers to know that very considerable attention and modifications as regards the future working of the Canadian Agricultural Company, are now in course of adjustment. In future, cropping on an extensive scale will be abandoned on the farms lying between Stair and Rush Lake. The amount of crop put in on these farms will be restricted to the requirements of the live stock; on the other hand, the crop area at Balgonie, Namaka and Langdon will be increased.

In consequence of these alterations, the services of five of the farm managers have been dispensed with, and the arable portion of the work will in future be superintended by working foremen. Mr. Andrews, the company's stock manager, will take charge of the Crane Lake farm, which is adjacent to the company's cattle range in the Cypress Hills, and this will, in future, be their principal stock farm. Mr. Rutherford, the company's sheep manager, will take charge of the Swift Current farm, and make it his head-quarters. Here a permanent shearing and dipping station will be arranged. The whole of the sheep, at present numbering over 20,000, will be run within easy reach of Swift Current.

The company's meat trade has proved so successful, that this branch of their operations will now be pushed with increased vigor. Although these alterations will reduce, to some extent, the too extensive operations at first contemplated, still, we fancy they are much to the point, and we confidently look for a successful future, under the altered condition of things.

WHILST Mr. Stone, the general manager of the Can. Agr. Co., was west a few weeks' ago, he made arrangements for the opening up of a trade with the coast, in mutton, and on Wednesday last the first of a series of consignments of fat sheep passed through Calgary, in the shape of two carloads, numbering 400 sheep. We are glad to see this, for we understand that so far, the towns of the coast have drawn their supplies of mutton mainly from Washington and Oregon. We certainly are of opinion that Alberta is the natural source for these supplies, and we trust to seeing a much larger trade between B. C. and Alberta than has hitherto been the case.



La Grippe is registered at various places down east. Calgary can do without a visit this year.

The Hudson Bay Co. report a falling off in their fur trade and in the sale of farm lands, but an increase in the sale of town lots.

John Dillon has just told the people of Boston that Ireland has grown so poor that no man can make a career in it and be honest. This is a candid admission, although rough on John's colleagues.

The Indian scare in Southern Dakota and elsewhere is not yet over, as was hoped, and there is every prospect of a row between them and the troops taking place. The Indians claim that their numbers have been under-estimated.

The Parnell affair is still almost the sole topic of conversation in political circles throughout the world, and, whatever may be said about his morality, his astuteness is beyond a doubt. The general elections are spoken of for February next, when, judging from the present state of things, a Conservative victory is certain.

Notice is given that incorporation will be asked for the British North American Railway, to construct a line from Winnipeg to Saskatchewan and extend to Hudson's Bay, with power to acquire the Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay railway, and arrange with the bondholders thereof. What does this mean?

A friend of Birchall's says, that on the very day of his execution, he received a farewell letter from him which contained a dying injunction. "It is," says the person who received the letter, "the most humble, loving, grateful letter I ever read. He wished I should have a pledge of what he felt toward me, and that when he was gone I should have, because he knew how it would gladden me, an absolute assurance of his dying the death of a Christian—and he sent me a most touching and tangible pledge and most convincing declaration of his faith and hope in God, whom he had learned to love."



MY DEAR KATHLEEN:

I hope this letter will be in time to give you a few hints as to what is now being worn at weddings, but it was quite impossible to answer your questions sooner. How do you think this would look for the bridesmaids—you tell me there are te be four of them:— soft white silk with chiffon fichus, and Gainsborough hats, trimmed with old-rose velvet and white ostrich feathers. As to the bride, well of

course she can't very well go wrong; but, at any rate, silver fringes have lately been introduced on brides, dresses, which give them a very pretty effect. But, all the same, my dear Kathleen, if you really want me to tell you what I think, I should advise your bride to keep to a plain white silk or satin, the plainer the better, to my thinking.

Here's a hint for you as regards furs, which you will probably be glad to have, as I know you possess ever so many heirlooms of the old fashioned type. You can have them turned into muffs and pelerines, with long fronts; or the fronts and old collar, with the addition of a high Medici one, forms one of the newest pelerines of the season. The small, rounded fur collars from old jacket sets may be used intact for lining Medici or rounded collars, but the fur should be allowed to peep well over the edge.

A London letter informs me that "women who are hesitating as to whether their gowns shall be trimmed with fur or braiding can easily compromise the matter and soar to the height of fashion by wearing both; as fur and passementerie in company may be viewed on many new toilettes. At first this seems as much a mixture as sealskin and astrachan, but one soon gets used to it. I do not care to see these last-named lovely furs patched together, as though there had not been enough of one sort to make a jacket; but the notion still takes." I must say I don't think the combination would be very pretty, but the craving is for "something new."

This is the somewhat bold manner in which the New York World would talks about courting:—
"Should women do the courting? To be sure! Else how is a man to know how charming she really is? Men do the winning and wedding, but the girl who wants to be won and wed does the courting every time. A man is putty, wax, clay, in her hands. Nature deals her one card, art another, the modiste a third, fashion a fourth. One of the winning cards is a white dress; a glib tongue is another power;

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affability and amiability are right and left bowers, and the girl who can keep still and smile without grinning can bag the wariest game. After beauty and the goodliness of health and neatness, there is nothing more potent than sympathy. Let a girl get her oar of compassion at work in the waves of a man's emotions; let her lend ear to his recitals of woe—real or imaginary—and she can make him walk on his hands, stand on his head, and do her bidding with Mercurial speed. Men woo? Nonsense! They are too clumsy, too dense. They can buy books and bouquets, turn rhymes and paint pictures, idealize and idolize; but, as a class, they know no more about courting as a fine art than they do of the science of soothing a crying baby."

I am sorry to hear that your husband still keeps so poorly, perhaps this may help to tempt his appetite: Take either meat or fish and one or two hard-boiled eggs; chop up fine, and mix with a little chutnee; cut pieces of toast, about the size of a shilling, and pile the meat on top, finishing up with a small lump of chutnee.

Now, dear Kathleen, both space and time forbid me to continue this letter, so I will write again next week.

Yours,

MARJORIE.

in the Fashion

Fair Canadian (to Chicago friend): "I can't think for the life of me why you are asking for a divorce. You say you get on well with your husband, and have nothing to complain of."

"Oh, my dear, you have never been in Chicago; one might as well be out of the world as out of the fashion!"

It cheers the old maids to be taken for girls,
They like it to last all their lives;
But there is something that pleases them better,
and that
Is just to be taken for wives.

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THE LATE ALFRED BREALEY.

T is with the most profound regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Alfred Brealey, which took place at the Mitford Arms, on Saturday last. The deceased was born at Costa Rica, Central America, in 1861, and was consequently 29 years of age at the time of his early death.. He came to British Columbia in 1884, with his two brothers, William, the eldest of the family, and Henry (Jo), while Miss Brealey and his brother Arthur joined them in the following year. They came to the N. W. T in November, 1886, and the deceased and his brothers settled at the Beaver Dam, in the following year, where they have been engaged in ranching ever since. The last time Mr. Brealey was seen at a public assembly was at the Field Trials, which took place at Mitford last September. On the 14th of that month he drove Lady Adela Cochrane from Beaver Dam, where she had been staying, to Mitford, and here he was taken ill with typhoid fever. During his illness, everything that loving friends could do to alleviate his sufferings, was done, and Miss Brealey and Lady Adela Cochrane nursed him with the most untiring patience and devotion. His brothers, William and Arthur, and his friends, Lord Norbury and Mr. Cowan, amongst others, were also unremitting in their attention during the long sickness, which

terminated on the 6th inst., to the most heartfelt regret of all, in his death, the immediate cause of which was weakness of the heart's action, from which he had suffered for some years' past.

The funeral, which was attended by all the leading ranchers, professional men and merchants in the district, took place to the new cemetery, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The service in the Church of the Redeemer, which was filled with sorrowful and sympathizing friends, was conducted by his Lordship Bishop Pinkham, while that at the side of the grave was conducted by the rector, the Rev A. W F. Cooper, M.A. The chief mourners were his brothers, William and Arthur, Mr. T. S. C. Lee (his partner), and Mr. A. D. Braithwaite, while the pall-bearers were Messrs, T. Stone, O. A. Critchley, T. Christie, J. B. Smith, R. Cowan and E. Jenkins. the time of the year, the coffin was covered with beautiful flowers, which were sent by Mrs. A. D. Braithwaite and Mrs. W. H. Herchmer, of Calgary, Judge, Mrs. and Miss O'Reilly, of Victoria, and Mrs. Vernon, Mrs. Barnard and Edgar Marvin, jr., of the same place.

In Alfred Brealey, a loving brother and a warm friend has passed away. He was a man who enceared to himself all those with whom he came in contact. He was always ready to give his help to any and every charitable cause, and many a time has he driven in the forty miles from the ranche, merely to take part in an entertainment for the sake of charity. He possessed a fine baritone voice of great compass. He last appeared at the "Trial by Jury" performance, when his bright acting and singing were greatly admired. In the choir his voice was also frequently heard.

His loss is a great one, which few of us can easily reconcile ourse. It to. His life was sans peur et sans reproche, and his honest, manly life, bright example, and his sad death, cannot fail to leave a lasting impression for good on all those whose privilege it was to know him.

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Y first duty this week is to pay my humble tribute to the memory of Alfred Brealey, whose interment took place on Tuesday, at Calgary. By his death Calgary sustains a loss which cannot easily be replaced. His voice and purse were ever at the service of those who needed help, and his genial manner endeared him to all who knew him. I respectfully tender my heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved relatives.

I FULLY agree with the tone of the Herald's article of Tuesday last, re the necessity for a town police magistrate. We have had specimens of "Justices' justice," in Calgary, from time to time, and in my opinion the present system is not by any means calculated to serve the ends of justice (properly so called). By all means, let us have a properly qualified "Beak."

IT would appear, from the published report of the police investigation, held this week, that the least law-abiding persons in the community are those who are supposed to maintain the law. The members of the town police force have formulated charges and counter-charges against each other, and if any of these charges be true, neither police constable should be allowed to hold office a single hour.

One thing is certain—either or both policemen must "go." We cannot allow our town to become a by-word among the towns of Canada, because of the personal spleen or petty malice of any two ill-conditioned persons, whether they be policemen or private citizens. It is the duty of the Council, in this matter, to protect the community, at all hazards, even if policemen will insist on quarrelling with their bread and butter.

Peaceably disposed citizens, who mind their own business and go to bed at a reasonable hour, can scarcely believe that the state of things revealed by the investigation can possibly exist in their midst. But in this case, as in most others, when certain persons fall out, certain other persons come by their own. I believe that the town of Calgary will benefit by the investigation, in the long run.

"WEEPING and gnashing of teeth" is the order of the day among the saloon-keepers. The trouble arose in this way: The Civic Fathers passed a bylaw forbidding any person to vend refreshments (save the mark) without a license had first been obtained. The saloon-keepers refused to pay the amount demanded—one hundred dollars. The Council retorted with legal proceedings, and the "refreshment" house keepers were brought before the mayor and fined \$100 each, and costs. Then all parties adjourned to Regina upon a writ of *certiorari*, and the fines were upheld by the Court in bane, with costs, amounting to a little over \$200, against the defendants.

This is of course a complete victory for the Council. I hear, however, that the Civic Fathers intend to "temper justice with mercy," and will accept the amount of the fines in payment of the license for the present year, although I believe if they stood upon their strict legal rights they are in a position to exact fine and costs and license money as well.

I must say I cannot altogether sympathize with the saloon-keepers, under the circumstances. When I speak of saloon-keepers I do not mean to include the proprietors of low "dives," who should be blotted out without mercy. In my opinion, the bona fide saloon-keeper should recognize the fact that the Council has authority to collect this license money, and that he has got to pay it and say nothing. If the parties aggrieved by the passing of a by-law such as the present, wish to have it rescinded, let them run their own candidates for the new council. In the meantime, each saloon-keeper must pay a license of \$100 annually.

I would, however, suggest to the Council the advisability of granting some indulgence to those persons who have been engaged in the liquor traffic for a less period than a year. It does not seem fair to compel a man, who has been in business for only three or six months, to pay the same amount as a man who has had a whole year in which to make money.

. Altogether, I think our liquor laws in the Northwest are a disgrace to humanity, and require the immediate attention of the legislature. They were framed at a time when there were very few white men in the Territories, and now that the country is being settled up every day, they have become utterly unsuitable to the requirement of the people: What we really want in the Northwest is a license system at such a rate as to make the opportunities for drinking fewer and the quality of the diink better.

WHAT are the Calgary bachelors doing? When is this ball coming off? A "Terpsichorean assembly" or something else of a polysyllabic character was held early this year, but now give us a genuine bachelors' ball.

If our bachelors (and there are lots of them, and real good fellows, too) will only wake up, get good music, a good floor, a decent supper, and ask everybody, they can earn the gratitude of the fair sex and give their many friends a good time.

THOUGH we are now in the middle of December, I have not heard yet of any probable starters for the

Calgary Municipal Stakes of 1891. I shall keep my ear open during the coming week, and keep my readers fully informed as to what is going on. The outgoing Council has, by its perseverance and attention, done good work for Calgary during its year of office, and has earned the gratitude of the citizens. "Local legislating' is a very thankless job at the best of times, but I think I should not overlook the practical outcome of the work of the Council. I hope to return to the subject next week.

OH. FI. Mr. Artist! where did you learn to spell "field"? I shall go on strike if this kind of thing occurs again. I don't mind you making pictures, but if you could manage to do it on the "songs without words" principle, you would not expose your "transposing" powers to the public. Why don't you ask, John? I hope you field disgusted. See?

DURING the November sittings of the Supreme Court, the Calgary Bar entertained Mr. Justice Wetmore to a dinner, at the judge's chambers, in the new Court House. The only regrettable feature of the occasion was the unavoidable absence of Mr. Justice Rouleau, owing to pressure of business at Regina.

MADAME ROULEAU'S long promised entertainment came off Friday night, in the form of a "gentlemen's card party," to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. Justice Rouleau. The most conspicuous feature of the entertainment was the absence of the court element, not a single member of the legal profession having been invited.

CAN any of my readers trace the relationship of "cause and effect," therein?

TATLER'S WEATHER REPORT

Toronto—Snow knee deep; sleighing excellent.

Calgary— "Haying" completed; no deaths from sunstroke this week; a quantity of second-hand "Chinooks" to be sold, cheap.

TATLER.

A Fishy Husband

"But, Tom dear, where is the big trout you said

you caught?"

"Oh, that one! Why—yes, of course—well, I took that trout, and it looked so good I cooked it and ate it on the spot. And, speaking of eating, Maude, I wish you'd hurry up that dinner. I haven't had a mouthful all day." And then Maude, for the first time, doubted her husband's veracity.

WE LEARN that the country around Calgary is more badly burnt this year than it has been for years past. This side of the Elbow and south of the Bow to Jumping Pond is burnt completely, up to within a few miles of town; some of the bottom on the Elbow, where there are settlers, has been saved. On the north of the Bow, between the C. & E. railway and Big Hill creek, fire has done considerable damage. The Rosebud country has also been burnt over.

DEVIL'S LAKE.

Do one who visits the Rocky Mountain Park can fail to be struck with the singular beauty of Lake Minnewanka, or, as it is more commonly and incorrectly called, "Devil's Lake." The intense color of the waters, the mighty walls of rock which enclose it, the dense masses of swaying pine and fir, and, above all, the silent peaks, on which the storms of ages have spent their fury in vain, combine to make a picture that, when once seen, is not easily forgotten.

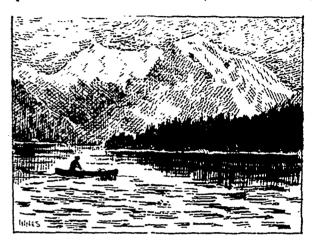
The last time I was there a man told me the origin of the name "Devil's Lake." The story sounds a little shaky, but not much more so than numbers of fishing adventures.

"Once upon a time (its all right so far), a veteran hunter of the Peigan Indians went forth in search of game, and wandered to the vicinity of the lake. Fortune was against him; the sheep and deer were to wily for even his experienced mind and naught resulted from the crack of his rifle, except a few echoes and things, and they weren't good to eat. So after many days, during which he smoked and chewed gum for a living, he turned his weary footsteps home-



wards, and reached the west end of the Devil's lake. There he camped, and having tightened his belt and chewed more gum, laid down to sleep the sleep of the just. Before long he awoke to find the stars shut from view by storm clouds, the wind shricking through the trees, snow falling, and the devil to pay generally. So he got up and started for the home ranche, at the other end of the lake. All night long he stumbled and crawled, faint with hunger and chilled with the bitter wind, along the rough shore of the lake. Just as he reached a prominence he noticed a storm clouds begin to lift and knew that the day was breaking, so he sat down under the shelter of some bushes and took a-rest. But, what is this form which seems to rise from the centre of the lake?

a hideous creation, half fish and half devil; he sits nearly paralyzed, and in sheer despair chews more gum. Higher and higher roll the storm clouds, exposing all its hideousness, till at last curiosity gets the better of fear, and the warrior takes his knife and holding it at arm's length, measures on the blade the proportions of the monster. Next moment a terrible clap of thunder shakes the hills, blackness covers



everything, and when light again forces its way through the gloom, the apparition had disappeared. That night the warrior reached camp, more dead than alive—it was very fortunate that he did, as he had run out of gum—and, amidst general silence, told to those of his tribe, who had wandered north with him, about the frightful spectre he had seen. Then and there they christened the sheet of water 'Devil's Lake.'

His friends passed a want of confidence vote when he got through, and an old chief, whose snowy locks needed washing badly, arose and solemnly adjured him never, never again to drink anything but good whiskey. (This last bit wasn't in the story, but I think it rounds it off well.)

The two little sketches are taken at different points on the lake.

K. E. R. Flip.

Owing to our agent, who is at present working the southern country, being delayed by the storm this week, we have been unable to give any ranching views in this issue.

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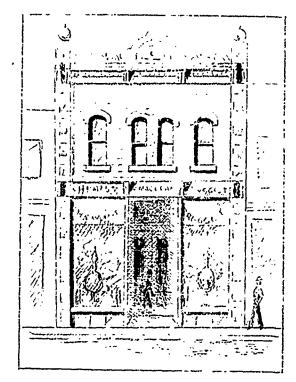
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In the unlikely event of two or more making the same number of words, the prize will be given to the one whose list is first received by us.

Notice to Ranchers!

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