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NOTICE.

The late firm of G. C. King & Co., formerly

known as G. C. King & Co., has been dissolved by

mutual consent.

G. C. KING, CASSELL, STINSON and CO.

WM. WINDSOR, F. S. STINSON,

Calgary, June 5, 1884.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have entered into co-partnership

as general merchants under the firm name of

King & Co., and will carry on the business at

the late firm of G. C. King & Co., on the old premises

at Calgary, Alberta, and Silver City. All out-

standing accounts due the said late firm are to be paid

immediately.

G. C. KING, F. S. STINSON,

Calgary, June 2nd, 1884.

MAIL NOTICE.

OUTWARD, CLOSE—

For the East at 1 30 P.M. every Monday and Thursday.

North-West Mounted Police.

SEALED TENDERS marked "Tenders for Hay and Straw," and addressed to the Hon. the President of the Privy Council, Ottawa, will be received up to noon on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of JUNE next for furnishing Hay and Straw to be delivered at the Mounted Police Barracks, at the following places:

Regina, 1,000 tons hay, 120 tons straw.

Fort Calgary, 500 " " 120 " "

Fort McLeod, 500 " " 120 " "

Maple Creek, 75 " " 25 " "

Medicine Hat, 75 " " 25 " "

Printed forms of tender, containing full information as to the articles and quantities required, may be had on application to the Department.

No tender will be received unless made on such printed forms.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted Canadian Bank Check for an amount equal to ten per cent of the total value of the articles tendered, for which will be forfeited if the party tendered fails to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the service contracted for. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.

No payments will be made to newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority. Notices inserted hereafter will be charged for.

FRED WHITE, Comptroller.

Ottawa, 8th May, 1884.

COURT HOUSE

PRINCE ALBERT, N.W.T.

The time for inspection of Plans and Specifications for the erection of a Court House at Prince Albert, N.W.T., is hereby extended to MONDAY, the 14th day of May instant, and for receiving tenders on Monday, the 14th day of May instant.

By order, F. H. ENNIS, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, May 1st, 1884.

SALE

Of Government Lands

An Auction Sale of Lands in the town plot of FORT MOLEOD,

will be held at Fort McLeod, on Wednesday, the 8th day of July, 1884. Terms as usual.

A. WALSH, Commissioner.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to the hour of 12 o'clock noon on FRIDAY, the 14th day of July next, for the purchase of what is known as the

Pincher Creek Indian Supply Farm

Situated some 30 miles south-west of Fort McLeod, in the district of Alberta, Northwest Territories, containing about 3,000 acres. The farm has been occupied since the year 1871 by the late Mr. James Pincher, and will be sold as a whole or in parcels as may be desired.

During the past year it was leased by the late Mr. Pincher to a party named "The Pincher Farming Company." The soil is decidedly the best in the district, and the water abundant and good.

The grain crops upon the farm are stated by the present holder to be of excellent quality.

There are upon the land a dwelling-house, granary, blacksmith's shop, carriage house, and other buildings of fine fence enclosing fifty acres, a deep well, and a large pond.

Payment will be required to be made one fourth in cash, and the remainder in three equal annual instalments of six per cent per annum.

Each tender must state clearly the amount per acre offered, and must be accompanied by a cheque for one per cent of the total amount of the price offered, the difference between one per cent of the purchase money and the first instalment of one-fourth to be paid to the Minister of the Interior, on or before the 15th day of September next.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. M. BURGESS, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

Ottawa, 6th May, 1884.

NOTICE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS BEING DESIROUS OF HAVING GRIND MILLS ERRECTED AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES THE UNDERMENTIONED BOUNTIES WILL BE GIVEN:

At a point adjacent to the Indian Reserves, Snake Plains, \$500.00.

At a point adjacent to Onion Lake Reserves, Fort Pitt \$500.00

FOR Full particulars apply to the Indian offices: Regina, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Battleford, Pitt or Carlton, to any of which acceptance of the terms must be sent on or before Saturday, 31st July next.

E. DEWDNEY, INDIAN COMMISSIONER

Regina, June 30th, 1884.

NOTICE OF DISOLUTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as Printers and Publishers in Calgary, in that part of the Dominion of Canada, known as the North West Territory, under the name, style and firm of Warner and Warner, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent, I Hannah Larkin, retiring from said firm. All debts owing to said partnership are to be paid to the undersigned, James Warner and Thomas B. Warner, at Calgary aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said James Warner and Thomas B. Warner, by whom the same will be settled and by whom the business will be carried on.

Dated, this 6th day of June, A.D. 1884.

Witness—J. HUGHESON, Esqy Chm., Toronto, as to signature of JAMES WARNER.

Witness—J. HUGHESON, Esqy Chm., Toronto, as to signature of THOMAS B. WARNER.

Witness—J. HUGHESON, Esqy Chm., Toronto, as to signature of HANNAH LARKIN.

Grand Billiard & Pool Tournament

WILL BE HELD AT THE ROYAL HOTEL,

Commencing Monday Evening, 14th July, Inst.

PRIZES AMOUNTING TO \$125.00 FOR COMPETITION.

Billiard Tournament, 1st prize, Gold Medal, value \$25.00; 2nd, fishing rod, complete value \$25.00; 3rd, Meershaun value \$12.00.

English Billiards, 1st prize, Gold Medal, value \$25.00; 2nd, Revolver, value \$30.00.

Entries will be received up to 4 o'clock p.m. Monday 14th inst. Admission to Hall 25 cents. Open only to amateurs in or near Calgary.

J. D. MOULTON, MANAGER.

Other's Eyes.

Mr. Amos Rowe, of the Winnipeg Times, who accompanied Mr. Burgess and party to the mountains has an interesting account of his trip in his paper of a late date. Writing of our Canadian Beaver he says:

"This handsome and well situated little town has been so often mentioned of late by newspaper men that it is now well known to the public. For beauty of location and beauty of scenery, it is unsurpassed by any place in Manitoba or the Territories. It lies almost unobscured by the beautiful Bow river, where there is about three thousand acres of level plateau any portion of which could be used as base-bill or lacrosse grounds. Business at present is a little slack, but business men are very hopeful and feel that they have the making of a good town and in the near future it will move forward again. We observed among the inhabitants many familiar Winnipeg and Ottawa faces. Among the recent arrivals Mr. Goun is holding the position of Crown timber agent of the Calgary district; Mr. Goun, Danforth, land agent; J. McDonald, gun, and Andrew Sparrow, Archer Grant (late of Ashdown's hardware store and now in business for himself) and many others whose names we escape our memory. Mr. W. A. Potry, late of Gen. Supt. Road office, is now local time as assistant road master on the western division. A number of fair hotels can now be found in the place. Amongst the number is the Royal—presided over by Mr. J. D. Moulton, who seems to be doing a thriving business. Then the town supports two excellent weekly newspapers the Herald and the North-wester, the latter edited and managed by an old friend, G. B. Conservative and seems to be very popular with the citizens and the ranchmen as well. It is doing good work and we bespeak for it a splendid future."

Canadian Pacific

Railway Company

On and After May 5th, 1884,

TRAINS WILL RUN AS FOLLOWS:

Leave Winnipeg for St. Vincent 7:00 8:05

Arrive at St. Vincent 10:20 11:00

Leave St. Vincent for Winnipeg 4:10

Arrive at Winnipeg 7:00

GOING WEST.

Leave Winnipeg (daily) 7:30

Arrive at Broadview 1:25

Regina 7:00

Moose Jaw 1:30

Swift Current (Tuesday and Friday) 3:15

Medicine Hat 7:45

Golden 3:05

Calgary 8:55

Canmore 8:00

Silver City 6:15

Laggan 7:35

GOING EAST.

Leave Laggan (Monday and Thursday) 5:00

Silver City 6:20

Canmore 8:25

Calgary 2:50

Golden 6:25

Medicine Hat 3:00

Swift Current 8:20

Moose Jaw (daily) 10:15

Regina 2:30

Broadview 10:00

THE NOR-WESTER.

WARNER & SON, Proprietors.

TUESDAY JULY 8 1884

THE DEPUTY MINISTER

The unfortunate accident which happened to Mr. Burgess upwards of two weeks ago, has entirely disarranged his plans. He was compelled to abandon his trip to McLeod, and for the same reason it will be necessary for him to forego his intended trip through Southern Manitoba. This is to be regretted, but it is unavoidable. Mr. Burgess has suffered a good deal from his untoward mishap but even in his distress he has endeavored to acquaint himself with all the facts of every question into which it has been his mission to enquire. He received, the other day, in his bed room, a deputation of miners (for since the accident he has been confined to his bed) who waited upon him with a petition asking for certain amendments in the mining regulations. When we visited his room for the first time after his accident we found him most anxious in regard to the mining laws, and during a short conversation with him on the subject we found that he possessed a thorough knowledge of the question, not a superficial one, but a very theoretical acquaintance as a few persons interested in mining matters, at first, supposed—but a minute and comprehensive one. Upon the lease question he had also availed himself of all the information which it has been possible to elicit, and as he has gathered his facts from reliable sources and his powers of analysis are clear and keen, we have no doubt whatever that his report when it appears will be both accurate and impartial.

We do not in the least doubt that the Deputy Minister will recommend certain amendments in the mining regulations which amendments would be highly satisfactory to the miner and prospector. Upon the lease question we think that Mr. Burgess is enabled to see that there is nothing to prevent both farmer and leaseholder from prospering in this country. The present summer we have no doubt will prove that summer frosts in this district have been employed as a bug-a-boo designed to keep out the husbandman; but it is absurd to suppose that misrepresentation like that can be kept up successfully year after year. The success of the large leaseholders depends as much upon leasing farmers in the country as it does upon pasturage itself. The wisdom of the Government will doubtless be equal to any grievance that may exist. One thing our people may do to advantage; they may take a lesson from the "kickers" in Manitoba, and instead of acting blindly and with passion and prejudice so conduct themselves to command respect and attention. There is more to be accomplished by such a course than can be obtained by unpatriotic agitation against the government and the eastern provinces if it were continued for a decade. Mr. Burgess, we feel sure, will return feeling that whatever fault the people of this district may have to find with existing laws, they can make their complaints known in a rational manner and then trust to the Government for remedial measures.

A BANK WANTED

An attentive reader of the NOR-WESTER asks why we do not write about the urgent necessity there is for a bank to be established here. We agree with him. The business community here want a bank or a bank agency badly, and it is time that the project was materialized. About two months ago the sub-manager of the Portage la Prairie branch of the Bank of Montreal came here prospecting. He did not impress the people with any favorable ideas as to his business capacity and appearance. It seems that he was prejudiced against Calgary and he reported against it as a point for a branch. The impressions however, were mutual. If the Portage la Prairie sub-agent meant a sub-agency-bank he was quite correct for the people here don't want any sub-agencies or sub-agents. This will do well enough for towns and villages in Manitoba but Calgary has excellent prospects of not only becoming the capital of this district but also of becoming a commercial centre, and a sub-agency bank affair is of no use to the business public. A large amount of money is put in circulation here and the want of banking facilities is very much felt. Government cheques cannot be cashed, except as a favor from private parties. People who have to handle considerable sums are put to a great deal of inconvenience and risk. True there is a money order office and the accommodation

given is of great assistance to the public but its utility is limited to the business of receiving and remitting money. If none of the chartered banks will open an agency here perhaps some private banking firm will be found who will fill the opening. No place in the North west offers better inducements to a banking house than does our little town here. What with the mining resources to the west of us and which are being explored and developed, the ranching interests the farming and commercial interests we do not see how it is possible for our business people to wait any longer with out a financial concern of some kind. Will our business men take the initiative without further delay? Something beneficial will result from it we feel sure.

The result of the election shows that the electors of this electoral district prefer to have a representative who has something at stake in the country than one who has nothing to lose and everything to gain. The wisdom of this decision cannot be questioned. In the newer portions of the Dominion "men of straw" endeavor to come to the surface in representative positions by the sheer force of what is popularly termed "cluck." If these men possessed pre-eminent ability there might be some reason in their ambition but devoid of either ability or property what can they do for the electorate? Applicants for every little office in the gift of the council, those men should be taught the lesson of "keeping their places and that it is the height of absurdity for them to aspire to positions which belong to their superiors. We have to return our sincere and hearty thanks to the sturdy settlers of Fish Creek, Sheep Creek and High River for their almost unanimous verdict in support of Mr. Geddes. We can assure them that every effort was made by Mr. Oswald and his supporters here to break down their votes. To this end the "half breed" vote was secured solid for Mr. Oswald, through misinterpretation and other occult influences were employed to boom Mr. Oswald, but in vain. In spite of every undue advantage in his favor the cause of the bona fide settler triumphed and the man of straw was sent to Coventry, and we trust that the lesson will be an instructive one to him and his supporters.

Important amendments are needed to the Act respecting elections in the North-west Territories. For instance, under the present law a freeholder who is a non resident has no vote. This is simply ridiculous. It is the property owner that pays the taxes, hence demanding a resident qualification from him is unjust. Everybody cannot reside where he may own property. The terms "resident" and "householder" if not vague are misleading and they should be substituted by the words "freeholder" and "occupant" the other qualifications being properly defined as in the provisions.

We may remark that we care nothing for threats and less for those who make them. Bulldozing in any form we will resist. We shall respect private character always; but those individuals who undertake to discharge public duties must expect that the lash will be applied to them when they deserve it. We will never wilfully criticize unjustly the acts of a public official, but when they deserve it we will not hesitate to expose them. Our mission is for the people and with the people. Those who threaten will find that we are equal to the occasion and that we can defend what we dare maintain.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We do not for a certainly know who is to blame for the delay which exists in the summer term of the District Court. One thing however is certain, and this is that the delay is a great hardship to suitors. Not long ago we enjoyed the pleasure of listening to Chief Justice Wallbridge's address to the Grand Jury at Brandon. Speaking of the time of holding court there His Lordship said he was most anxious to hold court when it suited the people, and he asked the Grand Jury particularly to advise him because so far as the judges were concerned it was their duty to sit and to suit the people in regard to time. A correspondent, whose letter appears in another column, refers to the delay in justice here, and we must say that his letter fully reflects public opinion in this quarter.

Oath number 1 which had to be taken the other day by those whose names were put on the list by the Returning Officer, and those who were challenged, reads as follows:—"You do swear that you are a bona fide male resident and householder within the polling division of this Electoral District, that you are twenty-one years of age, that you are not an alien or unfranchised Indian, and that you have resided in this Electoral District for at least twelve months immediately preceding the date of the issue of the writ for this election. So help you God."

NOR-WESTERS.

MacLEOD. From the Gazette: The past week business was considerably brisker than it has been for some days past. There were many strangers in town, and the main street presented quite an animated appearance, especially on Friday and Saturday last.

The old buildings belonging to I. G. Baker & Co., and lately used as the post office, has been pulled down and re-erected. It was slightly out of joint before, and it is now quite a good building. The sittings of the Civil Court was advertised to be held last Monday, but as the stipendiary magistrate did not arrive that was impossible. The North-west Council meets on the 3rd July, so the chances are that no court will be held until August. In the meantime, it has been indefinitely postponed until notice is given by advertisement.

We are informed by Mr. A. Walsh, Dominion Land Commissioner, that from what he remembers of the instructions, the lots in the new town will be sold for \$50 for corner lots, and thirty for others. The citizens who have already chosen lots will be given the opportunity of purchasing them at the old price, without competition. Next to the plan of giving the lots to the first bidder proposed last week, this is as it could well be.

EDMONTON.

From the Bulletin. The time honored and weather-beaten stockade at the H. B. forte is being pulled down to be replaced by the more modern brick building. Along the shores of Lake Pepin and the beautiful Mississippi River, to Milwaukee and Chicago. Its trains connect with those of the Northern lines in the Grand Union Depot at St. Paul. No change of cars of any class between St. Paul and Chicago. The finest dining cars in the world are now being run by this company between St. Paul and Chicago.

These Smith returned from an exploratory trip to Victoria on Wednesday. He found the reported mica deposits very small, and of no commercial value. Samuel White, foreman of the mine, says that on B. I. he never without practical result. Crops at Victoria look well except barley, which is badly injured by wet winters, in some places large fields are laid bare. Very heavy rain on Sunday night. The water is very low in all the creeks and marshes, the roads being in a better condition than he had ever seen them for six years.

BATTLEFORD.

From the Herald: The distance from Swift Current to Battleford has been fixed by Mr. King by a direct measurement at one hundred and ninety-two miles. It was variously computed by freighters, judging from the time occupied in making the trip, at from one hundred and ninety to two hundred miles—a very close approximation to the true distance. J. F. Dyke Parker, one of the repairers on the western division of the telegraph, is in for provisions. He takes advantage of his opportunity to secure specimens in a natural history for the British Museum, and has just secured an invaluable specimen, one that will make the Saskatchewan Valley known throughout the scientific world as the home of gigantic living scorpions. He claims to have captured a scorpion that measured fourteen feet six inches from tip of its wings, and nine feet from bill to tail. The figures are his, but some sceptics want to know whether he measured the bird from head to tail and back again, and from wing to wing on both sides of the skin, or whether he dissected the bird and put the extremities far enough apart to give the above figures.

PRINCE ALBERT.

From the Times: PRINCE ALBERT West, July 2.—Louis Rielt arrived at St. Laurent yesterday from Montana. The French and English landholders are congregating there for a conference with a view to their grievances. There are various surmises as to the result of his visit.

If there is anything that points out the great necessity for this town being incorporated, it is the disaster of the 11th. It is only a few weeks ago that the H. B. Co. mill was totally destroyed by fire, and now the remaining one has gone the same way. If the town was incorporated it would have a brigade and appliances for extinguishing fires, and as the fire at McKay's mill on Sunday morning broke out in the engine house and was confined there by the few hands hastily got together, for half an hour before reaching the main building, it may be reasonably presumed that had there been a properly organized fire brigade the mill would not have been destroyed. This calamity is not only felt by the proprietor but affects the whole district. Great sympathy is felt for Mr. McKay who after the burning of the H. B. Co. mill did not lose a cent of his flour, and was always so obliging to all. No doubt there has been negligence, if not a cheese paring policy, in not having a watchman to guard against such conflagrations, but even when such caution is exercised fires do occur, and a city is not safe without the means at hand to prevent fire from doing such great damage as it has here lately. Every year new buildings are being erected, and insurance companies must have extra premiums, when no precaution is taken against fire. Anyway it may be anyone's lot to be burned out of home and home, and we must look to the committee, chosen by the inhabitants, and to our member, Mr. Macdonald, to do all in their power to secure us incorporation; when Prince Albert will only then be come a fact.

In view of the rapid decline of Federal Bank stock during the last few days, and the somewhat paucity of feeling regarding bank stocks generally, the directors of that bank have obtained assurances from the other leading banks of any assistance that might possibly be required should depositors and bill holders become uneasy. We are speaking authoritatively upon this point. By the statement presented at the annual meeting the other day it was made apparent that the general business had been under circumstances of some months previously, and the reserves in excellent shape, so that it would seem all but impossible for the contingency to arise that would make it necessary for it to require the aid of other banks. It will be reassuring, however, to know that the bank is prepared for any possible emergency. Free Press.

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For through tickets, time-table, and full information apply to any coupon ticket agent in the North-west. S. S. MARVEL, A. V. H. CARPENTER, Gen'l Manager, Gen'l Pass. Agt. J. T. CLARK, Geo. H. HEAFORD, Gen'l Supt., Asst. Gen'l Pass. Agt. Milwaukee, Wis. W. H. DIXON, Gen'l, Northwestern Passenger Agent St. Paul, Minn.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT.

In the Bow and Betty River Regions, N.W. of the Rocky Mountains, with Special Reference to the Coal Deposits, by J. A. Dawson, B. S. & P. G. K. S.

(SHORT EXTRACTS.)

The region embraced in the report and of which the examination and field work for mapping has been almost completed, extends from the Rocky Mountains eastward to the 40th meridian is bounded to the south by the 49th parallel, stretches northward some distance beyond the 51st parallel and embraces to the east of the Palaeozoic rocks of the mountains, over 27,000 square miles. A portion of the Rocky Mountains has also been explored and mapped out, but as the mountainous district must form the subject of a separate investigation it will be necessary to state there, merely that the north Kootenai Pass, the Crow's Nest Pass and the eastern portion of the Bow River Pass were the districts particularly examined.

The most interesting features of these explorations was the discovery that in the region of the Crow's Nest Pass, wide valleys based on cretaceous rocks occur west of the first range, which is formed of the Palaeozoic limestones and that in the cretaceous rocks an important intercalation of volcanic material appears, in connection with which trace at least of copper ores occur.

It is possible that in some of these now isolated troughs of cretaceous rocks, coal beds may yet be found in the heart of the range. The existence of a seam was indeed reported about twenty miles west of the summit of the Crow's nest pass but the locality has not yet been examined.

The rocks of the foot hills and plains east of the mountains are, so far as is ascertained, entirely of cretaceous and laramian age, overlain by glacial drift, and by alluvium. In the eastern portion of the district they are horizontal or very nearly so, being frequently affected by light undulating folds scarcely greater than might be supposed to have characterized the original surface of the disturbance above alluded to.

Besides the disturbance above alluded to the geology of the region in the immediate vicinity of the mountains is further complicated by the fact that the beds there change considerably in lithological character, the change being such as might be expected to occur on the approach to a shore line. Sandstone is much more abundant and coarser in texture and in some places conglomerates holding pebbles derived from the mountain occur.

One of the most abundant materials in these coarser rocks is the chert which is derived from concretions and regular layers in some parts of the limestone series. On approaching the base of the mountains this uniformity suddenly ceases and the beds become more or less sharply corrugated, the disturbances being in some instances so great as to form folds. The belt of country affected by this disturbance constitutes the foot hills. The exposures of the newer rocks nearest the actual margin of the Palaeozoic, very often show comparatively light south westerly or westerly dip, and the base of the mountains is a series of great faults with down throw eastward, and separate these newer rocks from those of the mountains and it is by a repetition of similar faulting in the mass of the range that the solid rock areas of cretaceous rocks are afforded to have been introduced.

In the Bow River valley the width of the Palaeozoic (which here falls back some miles from its general line) is about twenty-seven miles, the High Wood River and its tributaries a seventy miles. On the north side of the Old Man it is about twelve miles with and on the southern branches of the same stream, including Mill and Pincher creeks about thirteen miles. On the Waterbury (Kootenai) valley and St. Mary's river about eighteen miles which has before run northward nearly parallel to the base of the main ranges of the mountains changes its direction in conformity with that of the mountains, so that the dip is uniformity in the north of the upturned strata is thus ascertained.

Views of the Rockies.

Mr. Fitzgerald Cochrane of this town and formerly from the "Star" and "Morning Chronicle" describing Calgary and a trip to the summit which he recently made. Writing of our own favorite town he says: "Calgary is beautifully situated in a natural basin or plateau formed by the bend of the Bow and Elbow rivers which flow on the north and south of it. The town is almost completely surrounded by what are called high hills, were it not for the Rockies rising in the distance beyond them, plainly visible (although 80 or 100 miles away) with their snow clad peaks apparently piercing the skies.

One rugged line of peak upon which snow never lies stands up in strange contrast to its whiter neighbors. This is called the Devils head, why, I do not know. Not being familiar with the cranium of his Satanic Majesty I cannot say whether it bears any resemblance to it or not, but perhaps the name which it had the advantage and knew what they were about.

The town site of Calgary was originally on the east side of the Elbow river where quite a number of buildings were erected, but the C. P. R. having fixed their station a mile further west across the river the town or a greater portion of it moved over also. A further impetus was given to the new town site by the C. P. R. offering town lots at \$300 each with a rebate of one half if buildings were erected before the 1st of April. This produced a boom in buildings and the result was that in less than two months some three hundred buildings of various kinds were run up and the new town not three months old now contains some 900 or 1000 inhabitants. Business of all kinds is rather dull just now a reaction after the building boom having set in, and money is scarce, but the townpeople have confidence that before long matters will improve. The city is still in an embryonic stage and is governed at present by a civic committee.

They have appointed however, for incorporation and there will soon be an election of a member for the North West Council which will meet in July in Regina. There are two churches here—Methodist and Presbyterian each with good congregations, and the members of the Church of England (who are quite numerous) are about erecting a handsome church. Their new pastor, Rev. E. Paske Smith, sent out by the Bishop of Saskatchewan has just arrived from England to take charge of the mission.

The same writer also gives the following description of

THE ROCKIES.

I hardly know how to describe my feelings as I approached nearer and nearer to the mighty barriers which nature had placed across the American Continent from North to South for so many hundred miles. It was about sunset on a beautiful spring evening that we entered as it were, into the heart of the mountains. On the north the peaks were covered with eternal snow which no power of the sun can ever melt, but on the south side the snow lay lighter and the rugged rock stood out boldly outlined against the evening sky, the peaks gilded by the setting sun. As night came on we plunged deeper and deeper into the recesses of the mountains, the scenery became grander and yet more grand. A chill wind swept down the mountain side cutting to the very marrow. Above us on either

hand rose the mighty mountain peaks, like grim sentinels guarding the valleys beneath. The feeling was one of awe mingled with admiration as I thought of the majesty of nature and her works compared with the littleness of man and the greatest efforts of his genius. No pen picture can give the faintest idea of the grandeur of the scene. I carried the pencil of our own Foreshaw Day whose sketches of the Rockies I hope some day to see. It is a curious thing how nature seems to have left open a natural pathway for the iron horse up to the summit of the mountains. It looks like the river bed of some mighty stream which in the past pre-Adamic age perhaps has forced its way through the heart of the mountains. Immediately behind Silver City, rises the most picturesque mountain in the whole range east of the summit. It is called "Castle Mountain" from its wonderful resemblance to the ruins of an ancient castle. Its highest peak is said to be a mile and a half high and is almost perpendicular.

GENERAL NEWS

DOMINION.

OTTAWA, June 23.—It is expected that Hon. Mr. Macpherson, on his return from England, will resume the duties of Minister of the Interior, as his health is greatly improving.

The directors of the Canadian Pacific have filed an opposition to the sale of the principal section of the Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway at the instance of the Hochelaga Bank. The opposition to the sale is with a view to the sale of the entire road at no distant day. Mr. Pew writes from New York to the Globe in answer to Mr. Van Horne. He makes a proposition to build the Manitoba and Southwestern Railway and have the line between Nelson and Archibald completed this season. Mr. Pew says he is to give the names of his principles. The remainder of his letter is devoted to defence of himself and vituperation against the Canadian Pacific people.

GENERAL.

LONDON, June 26.—A narrow escape from a dynamite disaster is reported from Bradford. An infernal machine filled with dynamite and powder was placed on the street car track. Over this a car filled with people passed but the machine failed to explode.

In the Commons this evening Mr. Gladstone moved that the Franchise Bill be ordered to a third reading. He denied that the bill was intended to make permanent the Liberal administration. The government, he said, tried its best to avoid a conflict with the House of Lords, but should a conflict arise, while he would greatly regret it he had no doubt of the issue. (Tremendous cheers.) Sir Stafford Northcote objected to Mr. Gladstone's reference to the House of Lords. The Bill was then ordered to its third reading by a unanimous vote. The result was received with prolonged cheering.

In the House of Lords to-day Earl Carnarvon gave notice of his intention to introduce a motion of censure of the Government's Egyptian policy. The motion is couched in the same words as that which Sir Stafford Northcote will move in the commons except that it omits the reference to Egyptian matters.

OUR SISTER PROVINCE

Port Moody.

From the Guardian. The people at the terminus are looking anxiously forward to the arrival of Mr. Van Horne, who is supposed likely to give his rations about the work of construction on new wharf, round house, station house, sidings &c. The work is imperatively needed and which must be undertaken at an early date, would involve employment for a thousand men. This would make quite a stir at the terminus. Lots continue to change hands at good prices, but the sales recently have been to buyers desiring to build and reside at Port Moody. There are now three trains per week instead of two and this number must be again increased when the line is in working order above the new bridge over the Fraser. Building and clearing goes steadily forward but the supply of houses is insufficient to meet the demand.

Mr. Wm Pinchbeck, an old pioneer of Williams lake, now at Victoria, en route to England where he goes to visit his friends, after an absence of over a quarter of a century has seen a vast change in this province. When he left this city in 59 to go up river the only mode of locomotion was a canoe, the other day he came down by railway. Mr. Pinchbeck has reaped the advantages of industry and integrity he has now a magnificent farm of more than 2000 acres.

A correspondent who writes from the Williams Lake district says: "The crops look well all over this part of the country; the cattle are in prime condition and there is a great demand for pork oxen. They sell readily at \$150 a pair. Two year old oxen sell at \$30 each. If we may judge by the demand for oxen trained and untrained, we would say there will be a great increase next year of the area under wheat. In the district by the road and river from here to Cariboo the water is scarce and the only crop that looks well are potatoes."

Another correspondent, who writes from Clinton says: "We had an abundant supply of strawberries on the 20th of May, but the skies are cloudless, the water in the ditches is scarce and the crops are in danger. The thermometer stands at 90 in the shade day after day. This is quite unusual for the season and farmers fear that the weather in July may destroy the berry crop. That would be a great misfortune for this is a pastoral country and cattle require to be fed for five months in winter."

The Kootenai Courier gives an extremely favorable account of the diggings at Coeur D'Alene. The account is lengthy so we clip a fragment as a sample. "The Last Chance, until within a few weeks considered only a fair claim is yielding gold by the pound, eight pans of dirt averaging \$1.50 to the pan truly an immense sum indeed when 2 or 3 cents per pan would pay very well." The claim is owned by Capt. J. D. Woodson, W. H. Payne and others and is without doubt one of the best in the district. It is situated one mile below Murrayville, on Pritchard creek. Work is at present being advanced on the rim rock and the dirt pans out from \$1.50 to half an ounce in the crevice. This is the best quality of gold being over 900 fine, not much washed, carrying considerable quartz and indicates that a great quartz lode is close at hand. The one hundred tons of ore as being stripped off will probably yield from \$15,000 to \$20,000. A double string of sluices will be put in at once and as fast as the money is taken out it will be used in opening up the old channel which is believed to be wonderfully rich and to open up will require a large force of men.

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