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Calgary 17 Feb. 1885.

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21	11, 12, 13, 24, 36, 37.
22	13, 20, 23, 27.
23	11, 10, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

West of the Fifth Meridian:  
Range. Townships.  
1 37, 38.  
2 37, 38.  
3 34, 37, 38.

## LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

Complication of British Affairs  
DANGER OF WAR WITH RUSSIA  
Egyptian Matters Serious  
GEN. STEWART DEAD

Hereof Act of Major Warthope  
THE GUARDS TO BE ORDERED  
TO BOMBAY.

(SPECIAL TO THE NOR-WESTER)  
Khartoum, Feb. 19th.—Eighty of the Can-  
adian voyageurs have re-entered the ser-  
vice and will remain at Khartoum for further  
service in the Sudan.

All the officers offered their services for  
the remainder of the campaign. Col-  
denison, Kennedy and Neilson were ac-  
cepted.

LONDON, Feb. 20th.—A dispatch from  
Khartoum says: General Buller who began to  
retreat from Gubalis was compelled to halt  
at Adnkia and entrenched himself strongly.  
The rebels gathering in large forces on his  
line, cutting off his retreat. Wadesley has  
sent large reinforcements, and if not in time  
Buller will meet the same fate as Gordon.

Khartoum, Feb. 20th.—General Stewart,  
who was wounded at Abukha, died on the  
16th at Gakum. Stewart's wounds were  
thought fatal from the first. Wadesley says  
no braver soldier or brilliant commander  
was the Queen's uniform.

Feb. 21st.—The Arabs attacked Abukha,  
the riflemen literally swarming with horses,  
the infantry met the charge with a wither-  
ing volley, killing some five hundred rebels.  
They sought cover, and continued firing  
and rattled Remington bullets into the camp  
till after dark. Two men killed and four  
others wounded.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT  
says that General Buller commenced syste-  
matically shelling the Arab lines. Two  
shells did the enemy great damage, one ex-  
ploding amid a group and literally decimated  
them. By placing their howitzer gun on the  
summit of the summit of a hill and remov-  
ing the wheels from the carriage they did  
terrible execution. The enemy were using  
the Gardner guns. Lord Berosford injured.  
The honors of the day fell to Major War-  
thope who with only thirteen men stole  
round the enemy's right, keeping out of  
sight and sent some destructive volleys into  
the enemy's flank, leaving one man here  
under cover who continued firing rapidly,  
and took the other twelve and pursued the  
same course from behind three successive  
hills giving the Arabs the impression that  
fresh British troops were arriving. The  
ruse took, the Arabs retreating panic  
stricken.

BOMBAY, Feb. 23. The Indian Sikh regi-  
ment has sailed for Khartoum.

LONDON, Feb. 22nd.—Jingoism rampant,  
Gladstone denounced. London newspapers  
commenting on Gladstone's speech of re-  
sponding Parliament, speak with little  
commendation on the matter. The public  
are very bitter and incensed against the  
Government.

LATEST NEWS FROM AFGHANISTAN  
puts a serious face on troubles between  
England and Russia. It is said there is  
every prospect of an Anglo-Russian war. The  
growing situation excites the Southerly ques-  
tion. It is feared that Afghanistan pres-  
suring on British friendship will force a  
war with Russia, and England will then  
be compelled to take part. If no im-  
provement of the situation takes place the  
Gaulis will be ordered to Bombay instead  
of to the Saakin war. The feeling of the  
Jingors is diverted from Egypt to the Rus-  
sian question.

CANADIAN.  
OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—A Bill was intro-  
duced in the House to provide representa-  
tion for the Northwest. Two to represent  
Manitoba and one each for the other sep-  
arate districts.

Pat Sheedy says he has concluded arrange-  
ments with Richard K. Fox, by which the  
gentleman agreed to offer \$2,500 and the  
Police Gazette diamond championship belt,  
valued at \$2,500, for a fight between John L.  
Sullivan and Paddy Ryan. Sullivan has  
consented to meet Ryan, he said, "and I am  
going to bring the match off at New Orleans."  
It will be fought inside a gigantic tent, cap-  
able of holding twenty to twenty-five thousand  
people. The time will be about Easter Mon-  
day and the price of tickets not less than \$5  
nor more than \$10. It will be fought  
with small gloves, under revised Queensbury  
rules and will probably be made for eight or  
ten rounds, so as to make it decisive; ample  
police regulations will be made and enforced  
by a small army of coppers. Such a pro-  
gramme would ensure the biggest attendance  
ever seen at a boxing match in modern times,  
and ought to yield between \$100,000 and  
\$150,000 of gate money, to be divided be-  
tween the men and their backers. Sheedy said  
the match would be the grandest fight event of  
modern times and would be a bigger thing  
than the exposition than even the liberty bell; at  
all events it would draw more people.

## GEN. GORDON KILLED

A FRIGHTFUL MASSACRE AT  
KHARTOUM.

GEN. FARLE KILLED IN A  
CHARGE AT THE HEAD  
OF HIS TROOPS.

Public Opinion Aroused against Gladstone

A dispatch from Khartoum says that Col.  
Wilson and Worley, who were with the ex-  
pedition to Khartoum, arrived to-day. They  
made the journey from Gubalis in four days.  
They brought news of Gordon's death. It  
was learned that one of the treacherous  
pachas among Gordon's forces marched the  
garrison to the side of the town nearest On-  
dumain saying a rebel attack was expected  
at the point. In the morning another  
treacherous pasha opened fire at the  
other end and allowed the Mahdi's troops  
to enter, and they easily captured the town.  
Gordon was stabbed as he was leaving the  
government house. On the day of the  
capture, which is variously stated as the 26  
and 27th of January, Gordon's attention was  
attracted by a tremendous tumult in the  
streets. He left the so-called palace or  
government house, in which he had made  
his headquarters, to ascertain the cause. As  
he reached the street he was stabbed in the  
back, and fell dead. The tumult was  
caused by the Mahdi's troops who had  
gained access to the interior of the town  
through treachery, and who were soon in  
complete possession of the place, including  
the citadel. A fearful massacre of the  
garrison followed. The scene of slaughter  
is described as surpassing the Bulgarian  
afflictions and rivaling the worst horrors  
of the Sepoy mutiny. The pasha stricken  
Egyptians were captured in their flight and  
put to death with the most fiendish tortures.  
Some were transfixed with spears and left to  
bleed to death. Most of the victims were  
mutilated in a horrible manner. Eyes were  
gouged out, noses were slit and tongues torn  
out by the roots. In many cases the mutil-  
ated parts of the victims' bodies were thrust  
into their mouths while they were still  
living. The massacre included many non-  
combatants. The Egyptian women were  
subjected to shameful indignities. More  
than one hundred women and young girls  
were given over to the Mahdi's followers to  
be used as slaves. After the slaughter many  
Arabs were seen rushing about the streets  
with the heads of Egyptians impaled upon  
their spears. The next night was spent in a  
satanalia of blood and debauchery. The  
Mahdi has repudiated the fortifications, and  
made Khartoum well nigh impregnable. He  
has made it his headquarters, and is said to  
have abundance of guns and ammunition.  
George Brackenbury, who took command of  
the forces advancing up the Nile when  
Earle fell, has sent from Dalka island,  
about 70 miles above Meawi, the following  
report of the recent engagement. The at-  
tack was well planned and gallantly ex-  
ecuted. Our expectations is that the effect  
of the battle will open the way to Berber  
without further fighting. The rebels held a  
high ridge of razor-backed hills with some ad-  
vanced kopjes in front close to the river.  
Six companies of the Black Watch regiment  
and six companies of the South Staffordshire  
regiment marched around the high ridge of  
hills, entirely turning the enemy's position,  
which was attacked from the rear. The  
number of the enemy was not great, but  
their position was extremely strong and  
difficult of access, and they fought with  
most determined bravery. The Black  
Watch advanced over rocks and broken  
ground upon the kopjes, and retraced the  
fire in the coolest manner possible, and after  
they had driven off the enemy's charge they  
somewhat the position under a heavy fire.  
Earle was amongst the foremost in the at-  
tack, and in the face of a shower of every  
officer was killed just as the koppy was  
reached. At the same time six companies of  
the Staff rifle regiment went to the attack of  
the high ridge, the way to which lay over a  
the most difficult ground possible. In this  
attack the gallant commanding officer, Lieut.  
Eyre, was killed.

Meanwhile the 10th Hussars had captured  
the enemy's camp, and our success was  
complete. Ten of the enemy's standards  
fell into our hands. The enemy's losses  
were great, and their dead thick among  
the rocks and in the open space where  
they tried to rush through our advancing  
force when they found themselves surround-  
ed. Scarcely any of the enemy can have  
escaped. Besides Earle, who was killed by  
a bullet fired from a small hut, and Lieut-  
Col. Eyre, the British slain numbered Lieut-  
Col. Covey, and nine file. Four officers and  
forty-two men were wounded. These have  
been brought to Dalka island. I shall continue to advance  
by the river at daylight, February 11, and  
endeavor to carry out your instructions to  
Earle, with which I am fully acquainted.

A translation of an Arabic document  
found near the camp of the British on  
Tuesday, from the governor of the  
followers, commencing, "In the name of God,  
etc., and continues: To-day, after the mid-  
day prayer, I received a letter from the  
faithful Khalifa Abdullah 24. Mahomed,  
in which he says that the Mahdi has taken  
of Meadi, ninth Rabi, 1372, in the follow-  
ing manner: El Mahdi prayed and bled  
the troops who then advanced against  
the fortifications. They entered Khartoum  
in a quarter of an hour and killed the

## traitor, Gordon, and captured his steamers and boats. G. d. has made his glorious. Be grateful and thank and praise God for his unspeakable mercy. I announce it to you. (The South Daily corresponds to Jan. 26, European style). The foregoing confirms the previous report that Gordon was killed.

Small parties of hostile Arabs have re-  
appeared to menace the garrison. A spy  
has returned from Heheim, the place where  
a reconnoitring party of Hussars and Egyp-  
tians were attacked on the 3rd. The Hussars  
got as far as Heheim without opposition,  
but having on the way burned a native vil-  
lage without reason, they were attacked on  
the return at Heheim, near Handoub. The  
attacking party lay in the bush, and the fire  
was so terrible that the Hussars could not  
face it and saved themselves from defeat by  
retreating at a full gallop in a circle to Sa-  
ukim. Eight Hussars and eight Egyptians  
lost. Col. Freemantle, commanding at Sa-  
ukim, in reporting the incident, said the  
officer in command of the Hussars had ex-  
ceeded his authority in burning the village.  
Some were not put at arms to ascertain the  
fate of the missing troops. The spy who re-  
turned I could learn nothing, but he found in  
the desert near the scene of the fight several  
articles of clothing which evidently belonged  
to the missing men. He brought these to  
Saukim all pierced as if by spears. He says  
he found the enemy camped at Heheim.

The statement that the offer for service in  
Egypt of a Canadian contingent made by  
Col. Williams had been declined is incorrect.  
No reply has been received by the Home  
authorities, and it is understood the matter  
is still under consideration. The offer of  
Col. Williams is to supply a battalion for  
active service as efficient as the Canadian  
service can produce, offered by graduates  
of the military college of the existing militia  
and by many veterans of the British army  
resident in Canada, who have seen service  
in India and who are now daily sending in  
applications for a place in the contingent.  
On reaching the field it would be for the  
General commanding to say what duty they  
would be fitted for.

Gordon, before his departure on the Soudan  
mission, told a personal friend that he  
entertained the presentiment that he would  
never return from Khartoum. Gordon said  
the presentiment was distinct and intense  
and he could not put it off. Throughout  
his entire life, he said, he had been strongly  
and correctly affected by presentiments.  
During his military career in China he was  
guided by them, but never even in the most  
critical moments of that eventful period, had  
he expected death. The friend asserts that  
in pursuance of his belief in this present-  
ment, which covered him with a shadow,  
before he started for Khartoum Gordon be-  
stowed upon his chosen friends all his trink-  
ets and mementoes.

## MOUNTAIN ITEMS.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
There is about twelve miles of a stretch  
on the belt road in the Selkirk, along which  
snow slides are due almost any minute. At  
this point it is difficult to take in the beau-  
ties of the scenery as completely as one would  
wish. Everybody seems to want to go right  
on and see a man, who lives quite a piece  
on ahead.

It is reported that H. S. Hall's losses  
from the snow slide, which carried away  
his stores at the summit of the Selkirk,  
will only amount to about ten per cent. on  
what was swept away, forty-five thousand  
dollars worth.

Two hundred and fifty tons of bridge iron  
comprising six spans, each 150 feet long, are  
to come up by the new route, from Spokane  
falls on the N. P. to the western crossing of  
the Columbia, to be used for the bridge at  
the latter point. Considering that the Com-  
pany can land out from Gregon at this  
Crossing for thirty cents a bushel by this  
new road, it is no wonder that they have de-  
cided to adopt it. The new location of the  
C. P. R. from the summit of the Rockies to  
will run about three hundred feet above  
the present track, and come down about  
two miles west of the First Spring with a  
very gentle grade. The road now in use  
has in places a grade of from four to five  
feet in the hundred. On the other hand  
the new location will require a tunnel  
through but 350 feet long, instead of a narrow  
arroyo as at present.

The British Columbia authorities are  
threatening to come down on the whiskey  
traders at the Second Crossing for selling  
liquor without a license; but the procla-  
mation of the Peace Preservation Act does  
away with local licenses within the pro-  
claimed district, even enclosing such as  
exist at the time, so it is hardly likely  
that they will be able to fine men for not  
having a license, which on no consideration  
whatever would be granted to them.

Mr. Cansfield's dog train, which was  
intended to run the mail from Laggan to the  
Third Spring, has not been found as neces-  
sary as expected. The Company have been  
obliged to keep the "hill" open at all costs  
in order to bring in the necessary supplies  
for the great numbers of men and horses  
working in the mountains, and in con-  
sequence the mail has usually arrived in the  
ordinary prosaic fashion, while the dog trains  
have not infrequently made their arduous  
trip with the men in a caboose and the dogs  
on a flat car.

It is rumored that the operative depart-  
ment of the C. P. R. intend taking over the  
line as far as the First Crossing of the Col-  
umbia as soon as the winter breaks up, in  
spite of the fact that the steep grades from  
the summit of the Rockies have been con-  
demned by the Government Inspector.

Beaver Creek, to which everybody in the

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Russia's paper offers \$10,000 reward for  
the body of the Prince of Wales, dead or  
alive.

A considerable number of caribou and  
bears have been shot by the Indians around  
Hawk Lake this winter.

Spring men are trying to get Jack Demp-  
sey, of New York, to come over and have a set  
with Billy Haskell in Toronto.

Mayor Beaudry of Montreal intend build-  
ing an orphanage, costing \$250,000, on land  
given by himself, and endowing it with  
\$100,000.

A soldier of the southern army, who  
claimed that he had the first gun at Fort  
Sumner, was recently arrested at Baltimore  
for stealing cigars.

The colliery companies are seeking a  
modification of their terms. They complain  
of the opening of the mile belt and of the  
limited immigration.

Prince Krapotkin's mind has become  
affected, and permission was asked to re-  
move him from the prison in Paris, where he  
is confined to an asylum.

A brakeman named A. Huckell had his  
hand crushed while coupling cars at Hawk  
Lake station yesterday. One of the fingers  
was amputated by Dr. Secord.

The Dominion Government will grant land  
to the Qu'Appelle Long Lake, and Saskatch-  
ewan Railway on the same terms as to the  
Saskatchewan and North-western.

A case containing a quantity of gunpowder,  
with a fuse attached, was found this evening  
piled against a garret house in the Skiller  
Platz, at Frankfurt-on-Main. The police are  
investigating.

The Vicar General of the Diocese of Gub-  
ralar has been murdered. The details state  
that a butcher, supposed to be insane, at-  
tacked him in the sacristy of the church and  
stabbed him to death.

Emma Abbott, who is reported to have a  
strong mind of her own, raised a rumpus  
with a Topeka manager who furnished old  
tea for a stage banquet when the property  
bill called for dry. We get nothing.

Despatches from Oubourstina, that Queen  
Victoria is suffering from a severe cold. She  
has been unable to leave her bed for the past  
two days. Her Majesty has in consequence  
postponed the time for her return to Windsor.

The socialist labor party held a meeting  
in Concordia, Pa., New York, to-night,  
and unanimously adopted resolutions favor-  
ing the dynamite policy for Ireland. Wild  
enthusiasm prevailed, but there was no dis-  
order.

In view of the warnings of the location of  
the dynamite to destroy the Victoria bridge,  
a wooden shanty has been built on the  
near each end of the bridge, and three guards  
at night will be maintained all the  
winter.

The well known anarchist Morphy, who  
escaped from prison in Paris last year, and  
recently started a weekly newspaper called  
L'Anti Ferry, has been re-arrested. The police  
to-day thoroughly searched the lodgings of all  
foreign anarchists. One Austrian anarchist  
was arrested.

Some provisions of the Canadian Fisheries  
Act have been extended to Manitoba and the  
Northwest relating to white-fish and speckled  
trout. It seems curious that this should not  
be advertised more widely as it will affect a  
vast number of all classes in the Territories,  
who, as a rule, seem to know nothing of the  
matter.

The French Government has ordered  
Admiral Courbet to watch for the arrival in  
the China seas of the steamers (Albatros from  
Hamburg and the Metapedia from Liverpool  
bound to Shanghai with guns and munitions  
of war. The steamers will be warned when  
passing Suets canal against proceeding to any  
Chinese port.

The Canadian voyageurs with the Nile ex-  
pedition left Alexandria yesterday in the  
steamer Poonah which will convey them  
direct to Queenstown. There they will em-  
board in the steamer Haverford for home,  
and will reach Quebec the first week in  
March. A despatch from Wadesley complements  
the voyageurs for their services.

Martial law has been proclaimed at Panama.  
The assembly has closed, alleging a restriction  
of the legislative action of the government.  
The coast of Cauca and Barranquilla are in  
the hands of the revolutionists, and communi-  
cation with the interior is interrupted. The  
government assures the public of its ability to  
suppress the revolution. Much doubt and  
anxiety exists.

Lord Rosebery has been appointed lord  
privy seal and first commissioner of public  
works. Rosebery and Shaw Lefevre, the  
postmaster-general, will occupy cabinet seats.  
Most of the morning papers congratulate Lord  
Rosebery upon his appointment to a cabinet  
position, and express the belief that his ele-  
vation will tend towards preserving the integri-  
ty of the empire and the maintaining of the  
loyalty of the colonies.

Lord Harrington, Secretary of State for  
War, advises the acceptance



We would respectfully remind advertisers that hereafter when a contract is made with this paper it is a contract that cannot be dissolved by the mere whim of the advertiser. Several parties have done this in the past, and we have not insisted upon the strict rights of the publishers. Such leniency will not be repeated in the future. Advertisers will bear in mind that in future they will be required to fulfill the conditions of their agreement, and that amendments of contract without liability can only be made by mutual consent between the contracting parties.

### THE NOR-WESTER.

CALGARY, THURSDAY, Feb. 26, 1885.

We understand that glanders is very prevalent in and about Prince Albert. Surely some attention should be given to the matter to prevent the spreading of the disease.

We understand that a Buddhist temple has been opened in Paris, and the officiating clergyman is a Priest from Ceylon. "Vedily" we are marching west and the heathen is coming east. Guess we can patch on a pig tail whatever.

The shipment of meat from here this winter to the East is the commencement of an important industry that will increase in a few years to large proportions, add to it the live stock for the European market and some idea may be formed of its possible magnitude, by the nearness of our cattle ranges.

The Suez Canal question has arrived at such a state that the British Government contemplate overtures to the Canadian Government to jointly use the Canadian Pacific Railway as a means of transportation to her tropical possessions. Such an advent would do more good than all the policies of our Government to make us prosperous—and silence some of those who squeal about the C. P. R.

By last mail we are in receipt of the annual report of the Department of the Interior. In another column we publish an extract in reference to this district by the Deputy Minister, Mr. A. M. Burgess. It will be remembered that he met with a severe and painful accident whilst here which caused his detention amongst us, during which time he spared no pains to gain information and visited the surrounding country, and thus became familiar with the actual state of affairs, therefore his report will be read with interest by all.

We are in receipt by last mail of a copy of the *Northwest Vindicator*, published by the Sun Printing and Publishing Company, Brandon. It is a journal that meets the requirements of this country as its title indicate, being replete with information that will interest all readers, dealing on topics akin to settlers and their requirements, and giving a great insight to the different movements on foot to popularise a country, that cannot be too widely known. By careful compilation they lay before us facts, and show up false disparagements that have in some instances gained credence, and liberal proof that by enterprise and energy we may show to the world at large its abundant resources and inducements to capitalists, and thus take a leading position.

A few comments on the proposed bridging of the Elbow river may not be out of place, viewing the peculiar complex state of affairs. There are only two questions on the matter and they are substantially these, shall the structure be located outside the corporation limits, or on the other hand necessarily inside. Opinion differs as to the advisability of giving expected donations (we speak of those from citizens) for a bridge that will accommodate only the people to the south of us, and the corporation be thus led into extra expense for bridging the river near its mouth for the residents of sec. 14, which they will demand, no doubt, as they are in the town limits. To arrange it to satisfy all seems difficult of accomplishing, and we do not envy the position of the site committee,

but fully aware that they will seriously consider the best interests of the community at large. Therefore we hope their selection will meet with approval not dissention.

The account in another column of the disasters in Egypt and the death of General Gordon will be read with universal regret. It will be a long time before the public can efface from their memory a man who has so prominently occupied the general attention of Europe by his gallant philanthropy. What a brilliant reception would have been his, had he been spared to return, but treachery lurked where this great man of confidence little expected leaving us to mourn over a life that stands almost isolated for its purity and goodness. With a tinge of bitterness we feel the great catastrophe might have been averted but for that blind policy that distinguishes the Imperial Government, who undertake with too small a force, a task that may end in almost entire annihilation. The outlook is gloomy on both sides. The British public are aroused and we may expect to hear of the overthrow of the present Home Administration at any moment.

Will it ever dawn upon the intellect of the promoters of immigration (to fill up the Northwest) that they are misleading, and consequently business men flock into certain parts; under the impression they will be establishing themselves profitably, because it is considered favorable to agriculture. But in order to do this they must be supported by the settlers, and settlers we want first. Every inducement in the shape of a better climate, as good land as the eastern provinces, better watered, and facilities for plenty of wood, should surely warrant us in saying "Come west." These are the men we want; men who turn over the soil, and build the country up. But to be overstocked with business men who sooner or later have to retire through over competition is disheartening. Here we stand anxious to extend our hands to welcome the tiller, but no! The wise men of the east who govern, cock their eye, and cogitate on aggrandisement.

A question of vital importance to our residents in the future drainage of Calgary, as we presume that at some future date some system of sewage drainage will have to be adopted here, the most servicable and lasting being that of a sewer on one of the principal streets to some point of outlet—possibly the junction of the Elbow and Bow rivers. Now if we look at the distance it stands to reason the cost would be enormous, so much so that it will be some years before this community could stand the expenditure, therefore the usual cess pools as now used will exist in our midst. Taking into consideration the peculiar formation of the soil here with its underlying strata of gravel, so near the surface and full of more or less subterranean water courses, will, in time, absorb the poisonous matter filtering through, impregnate the water in any adjacent wells and prove a source of dire danger to the people, probably resulting in an epidemic. In Winnipeg where they have a great depth of solid clay there is more time taken for matter to soak through. But here the difference is so great that we deprecate any such form of depositing secretments. Cost is everything. In suggesting the general adoption of earth closets, we do so not only from a hygienic standpoint, but that they cost no more than the present detestable nuisances. Then why not compel people to build them. Surely our Council may see a way of doing something material in the matter, that will in after years earn for them the gratitude of the country. To think that in a short time the pure and beautiful Bow river will be poisoned and denuded of its finny tribe is distasteful. Then instead of being able to point with pride to our exceptional advan-

tages of sport and recreation (that thousands east of us will be only too glad to see) we will have to endure opprobrium.

### NOR-WESTERS.

Edmonton.

Edmonton. Bullish. Mail arrived on Thursday afternoon, 48 hours behind its usual time. It was 24 hours later than usual leaving Calgary, having been delayed by the train, which, in turn, had been delayed by the snow. The road was very heavy and the weather stormy, especially on the plain from Lone Pine to Calgary. At the Busby ridge, twenty-two miles this side of Calgary, it passed a family named Wishart, of Poplar Point, on their way to settle at Red Deer. They had wagons, horses, cows and sheep, and there were several women and children in the party. The snow was deep and a heavy wind was blowing. It was fifteen miles to the first house and thirty miles to timber, and altogether the party were not in a very encouraging situation, nor such as would give them a favorable impression of their new home.

The new road to cross the Battle river on a bridge lately constructed, leaves the old trail about two miles beyond Coyote's place, at the leaving of Battle river, and turning to the left, going south, it follows a ridge parallel to the river bank, all the way to the bridge. Small posts are erected not far apart to mark where the new road leaves the old one. After crossing the bridge the trail follows a ridge and is marked by posts all the way to the first bend on Wolf creek above the bridge on that creek, where it re-enters the old road.

Moose Jaw.

New. The pay car arrived at last, and on Wednesday the railway men were made happy again. Bank of Montreal bills are just now again in circulation in town, but we are sorry to say that very few of them found their way to our sanctum.

The recent accident on the C. P. R. at Qu'Appelle station has led to the arrest of Lithgow, the engineer, and Cummings, the fireman, charged with being intoxicated whilst in the employ of the C. P. R. company, contrary to a lawful regulation of the company. They appeared before Supt. Deane, of the N. W. M. P., at Regina. After the examination of a number of witnesses, they were both committed for trial.

Prince Albert.

Times. Edmonton is not likely to suffer for lack of candidates for a seat in the N.W.C. Besides Dr. Wilson, M. McCauley and D. Malony are in the field canvassing; while the names of E. Carey, G. A. Blake, J. Lamerson, H. T. McPhillips, L. Garneau, and J. Coleman are also mentioned.

Montana.

Sun River Sun. Col. Bob Ingersoll contemplates a grand spectacular reproduction of his stirring oration on the "Mistakes of Moses." In this connection (as the brakeman said when he coupled the caboose to a freight car loaded with watermelons) in this connection it is worth remembering that the greatest mistake of Moses was his failure to get a man like Col. Ingersoll to pilot his celebrated but somewhat unfortunate expedition. The second greatest mistake of Moses, it may be added, was his neglect to leave his card, mentioning where he could be found when the light went out.

At home stations the private soldiers' washing is usually done by the married soldiers' wives who are expected to sew on missing buttons and do repairs, for which a small sum is deducted from the private's pay.

Pat McGinnis had a good deal of trouble with his laundress; Sunday after Sunday had his shirt come back with the neck button off or else hanging by a thread. He had spoken to her on the subject, and she had promised to see to it, but still the button was not on properly.

He got out of patience on Sunday when the missing button had made him late for parade, and exclaimed— "Bad cess to the woman; I'll see if I can't give her a hint this time anyhow." He then took the lid of a tin blacking box about three inches in diameter, drilled two holes in it with a fork, and sewed it on the neck of the shirt that was next to be washed. When his washing came back he found that she had taken the hint; she had made a button hole to fit it.

In a pretty country cottage near Pompret live Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pike and their son Warren, who was born deaf and blind. He is of powerful frame and moves with the quick graceful movement of a panther. The only food he swallows is milk, which he drinks from ten to fifteen times a day. He springs out of a sound sleep in the night and starts out of doors. Before quitting the house he never fails to go to the window and touch his tongue to a certain spot in a pane, by which means he is able to tell what the weather is. During the day he lies on the floor, always in one place, which has been worn into a hollow of the shape of his body. He can tell instantly whenever his parents quit the house, and which one it is. He is able to tell exactly when it is noon, and sunrise and sunset. His only amusement is to walk to the old fashioned kitchen door and rattle the thumb pieces.—Hartford (Conn.) Times.

The Detroit Free Press explains that "burlesque" means to take off. Then, if you are told to take a "bath" its burlesque. Pretty good take off for a joke, this!

**NOTICE**  
To Millers and others within the Northwest Territories, and in Manitoba west of the 1st Principal Meridian only.

**SEALED TENDERS**, accompanied by one hundred pound samples, and endorsed "Tender for Flour," will be received at the Indian Agencies in the Northwest Territories up to noon of Thursday the 30th day of April, 1885.

AGENT. AGENT.  
H. Martineau, Manitoba House,  
L. W. Herchner, Birle,  
A. MacDonald, Indian Head,  
J. A. Macrae, Carlton,  
J. M. Rae, Battiford,  
T. T. Quinn, Fort Pitt,  
W. Anderson, Edmonton,  
M. Begg, Blackfoot Crossing,  
W. Pocklington, Fort MacLeod.

Forms of tender giving full particulars relative to the quality, quantity and points of delivery of flour required, may be had on application to any of the above named agents, or from the Indian Commissioner for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, Regina; and no tender will be entertained which is not made out on one of the forms in the hands of the Agents or of the Indian Commissioner for distribution to intending tenders. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque, approved by the Indian Agent for the district, for at least five per cent. of the amount thereof, which will be forfeited if the tender declines to enter into a contract when called on to do so or if he fails to fulfil his contract to the satisfaction of the Department. If the tender prefers to do so he may deposit with the Agent, in lieu of an accepted cheque, the notes of any chartered bank in Canada to an equal amount. Cheques or cash accompanying tenders not accepted will be returned, but a cheque deposited by a successful tender will be retained until the satisfactory completion of his contract. Each tender is required to show in his tender the full value of all the flour which he is prepared to deliver under his contract or his tender will not be entertained.

Each tender must, in addition to the signature of the tenderer, be signed by two sureties acceptable to the Department, for the proper performance of the contract.

Tenders will be entertained for a portion of the whole quantity of flour required at any given point.

Tenders residing near one Agency but desiring to tender for delivery within another Agency further distant, may deposit the tender and samples for the most distant at the nearest of the Agencies specified above, or with the Indian Commissioner at Regina.

Samples of flour will be returned if desired, to unsuccessful tenderers on their application, and the sample submitted by a successful tenderer may be counted by him as a delivery on account of his contract.

In all cases where transportation may be only partial by rail, contractors must make proper arrangements for their flour to be forwarded at once from railway stations to its destination in the Government Warehouse at the point of delivery.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

L. VANKOUGHNET,  
Dy. Supt. General of  
Indian Affairs,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, 31st January, 1885.

**TENDERS.**

SEALED TENDERS marked "Tenders for Oats," and addressed to the Honorable the President of the Privy Council, Ottawa, will be received up to noon on

Thursday, the 26th of February next, for furnishing Oats for the N. W. Mounted Police, to be delivered as follows:—

AT THE POLICE BARRACKS.  
At Regina, not later than the 1st June, 100,000  
At Calgary, do do 100,000  
At Maple Creek, do do 100,000  
At Medicine Hat, do do 100,000

At the C. P. R. Station, Medicine Hat, not later than 1st June, 100,000 lbs.  
Oats to be delivered in burlap sacks, to be furnished by the contractor, without extra charge and to be retained by the Police. Samples of oats, which must be of good quality, to accompany tenders.

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

Payment for any oat contracted for will be made on 30th July next.

No payment will be made to newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority.

FRED WHITE,  
Comptroller,  
N. W. M. Police.  
Ottawa, 10th January, 1885.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

ALL persons, including Lessees of grazing lands, are hereby required to take notice that the cutting of timber on the public lands without authority from the Minister of the Interior, or the Local Crown Timber Agent of Dominion Lands for the District, is forbidden by law, and all timber so cut without authority is liable to seizure and to be dealt with as the Minister of the Interior may direct.

Each settler on a homestead quarter section not having timber thereon, in application to the Local Agent of Dominion Lands, purchase a wood lot not exceeding twenty acres in extent, at five dollars per acre.

Any person other than a homestead settler desiring permission to cut timber, must make application therefor to the Minister of the Interior, who will deal with such application according to law.

Persons who have already cut timber without authority, must pay the dues thereon to the Crown Timber Agent at his office, on or before the 1st of May, 1885; otherwise the said timber will be considered under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act.

(Signed), A. M. BURGESS,  
Deputy of the  
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**CALGARY DISTRICT.**  
 Viewed by the Deputy Minister of the Interior.  
 In consequence of an accident which befel me on my return from the Rocky Mountains, my stay in the neighborhood of Calgary, which I did not expect would exceed four or five days, was prolonged to nearly three weeks. In this way I had the opportunity to meet with a much larger number of the people of this section than I otherwise would. I found some of them disposed to grumble (although the land on which they had squatted had been surveyed) on the ground that the previous year the local agent was not yet in a position to record their entries. I pointed out to them that during the summer and autumn of 1885 the surveyors of the Department had subdivided and set out for settlement no less than 27,000,000 acres; that this enormous area was divided amongst a large number of surveyors, who performed their work under contract; that in order to secure that reasonable to accuracy, without which sub-division surveys are practically useless, and are indeed a waste of public money, it was necessary that the survey of each contractor should be examined on the ground by the application of the usual tests; and subsequently that the plans and field notes should be carefully gone over in the office of the Surveyor-General at Ottawa, by experts specially trained for that work; that so to examine, and in some cases to correct the surveys of so many of the townships, and to produce the lithographed copies of the plans, which the law requires shall be in the hands of the local agents before either sales or entries can be made, must take up a good deal of time; and that it would be unreasonable to expect at Calgary, situated at the extreme western end of the region within which these surveys had been made, and the operations of surveyors being necessarily conducted from the several meridians westward, that any very large number of the townships in that vicinity should be opened for entry within so short a period. I also reminded them that bona fide residence upon and cultivation of land open for homesteading, in advance of survey, counts to the settler just the same as it made after the entry is recorded.  
 With this explanation I found they were satisfied; and, indeed, there never would have been any uneasiness but for the insinuations of ignorant and malicious people and the impressions created by loose statements in the press that the Government in some undefined way, and in regard to people whose names have never yet been mentioned, disallowed the legitimate claims of actual settlers. I may say that any want of confidence existing among the settlers elsewhere in the Northwest, at any time, arose from similar causes. I may here observe that in regard to the grandeur of its scenery and the advantages of its site, the town of Calgary is surpassed, in my judgment, by any other in Canada. With such facilities for drainage and water supply, surrounded by an atmosphere so clear and invigorating, and blessed with such an equable climate, it bids fair to become the great inland sanitarium of Canada.  
**SETTLERS AND GRAZING LEASEHOLDERS.**  
 A strong effort is being made in some quarters, with what object it is very difficult to conceive, to create the impression that there is a conflict of interest between the ordinary agricultural settler and the grazing leaseholder. There is no necessary or natural conflict of interest between these two classes. On the contrary, their interests are identical. I discussed the subject with a large number of the range managers during the time I was at Calgary, and, with one or two exceptions, I found them strongly of opinion that although the location of actual settlers upon the ordinary homestead and pre-emption holdings within their respective ranches, would be of mutual benefit to the agriculturist and the stockowner. The advantages to be expected from this might be illustrated by reference to the case of the Cochrane herd during the winter of 1881. If from fifty to one hundred settlers engaged in mixed farming had been located along the banks of the Bow River, west of Calgary, at that time, the decayed and decaying carcasses of so many of Mr. Cochrane's cattle would not to-day have been presented to the sensitive eyes of the land hunter.  
 Arriving in the country, weak and feeble, after a long and exhaustive journey, these animals were almost immediately compelled to struggle with a heavy snow storm, accompanied by severe frost: the result was unfortunate for Mr. Cochrane, although it involved no reflection upon the adaptability of the country for cattle raising. The winter was, in fact, an exceptionally severe one, the like of which had not been known for years before, and has not been experienced since, but if any feed had been procurable within a reasonable distance, and at almost any price Mr. Cochrane would have purchased it, and thus would have been able to save a large proportion of his herd. It will not be profitable for stock men, in view of the infrequency of severe winters, to make specific provision against them each year; but in order to escape occasional disaster they will be compelled either to do so or to encourage the settlement on their ranches of agriculturalists, from whom they could purchase the necessary supplies in case the necessity arose. There are numerous other ways in which the actual settler would be a desirable adjunct of the cattle range; and the fact that from this class the stock raiser could rely upon obtaining, at reasonable cost, the assistance which at certain periods of the year is necessary for the proper conducting of his business, would render it unnecessary for him to keep in permanent employment a larger number of men than he has constant need for. Settlers naturally select their homesteads either on the river fronts or in the vicinity of the towns and railways. To these localities the range cattle will not, under ordinary circumstances, resort; their haunts being the higher and more remote lands, where they

are not likely to be disturbed by the presence either of men or steam engines.  
 The alleged antagonism between cattle and stock men is purely theoretical, and has no existence in fact. There are instances in which small speculators force themselves upon ranches for the purpose of engaging in the business of stock raising, and entering into competition with the individual or corporation leasing the land from the Government. They invariably take up choicest locations on the invaded ranges, and they insist upon using the best of the public lands without paying for them. These lands are the property of the whole people of Canada, and there is no reason, so long as they continue to be so, why those who use them should not pay the reasonable value of the privilege. Thus the leaseholders are compelled to do, and those who trespass upon their ranches, either with the object already stated, or to extort some consideration for departing quietly, have surely little claim to popular sympathy.  
**SHEEP RANCHING.**  
 Sheep raising is likely to become a valuable industry along the base of the Rocky Mountains within a very short time. The difficulties and disputes which have arisen in the United States in consequence of sheep and cattle grazing upon the same ranges, are not likely to be repeated on our side of the International Boundary; for a recent Order in Council provides for the exclusion of sheep from the territory bounded on the east by the Bow River and the 3rd Meridian, and on the north by the northern branch of the High River, which is par excellence the cattle range of the Northwest. There is much land within this territory which is well suited for cattle; but the dividing line, in addition to being a distinct and well defined natural boundary for the largest half of its length, is probably the best that could have been devised, and the conflict it was intended to obviate, one which the public interest demands should be prevented at all hazards.  
**THE PROPOSED BRIDGE.**  
 Meeting Last Thursday Evening in the School House.  
 The meeting advertised for the purpose of discussing the above matter took place last Thursday evening in the Public School. Mr. Jarrett was appointed Chairman and Mr. McVittie, Secretary.  
 Business opened by Mr. McCookie handing in his report of the trial survey and estimate of cost of the proposed bridge, amounting to \$2,750, spanning the river at McTavish st.  
 Father Lacombe then read a letter received from the Hon. Lieut. Governor Dowdne, saying he would give \$500 towards the fund for building the bridge, subject to a report of the committee that it was satisfactory to the interests of all parties.  
 Mr. Carney spoke at some length, and bitterly, as one of the committee of choice of site, as to what was the reason that only one site had been measured, and estimates sent in, when he understood that two or more were necessary to fully satisfy the public, and viewed the action of some of the committee as biased; which resulted in the following motion:  
 Moved by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Fries, That the proceedings be cancelled and a new committee formed. Carried.  
 The new committee duly formed is as follows: Messrs. Carney, McVittie, Leugheed Jarrett, Mickle Macdonald and J. Martin.  
 Moved by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. J. Butland, That committee examine the river between the mission and boundary of the incorporation only.  
 Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Longheed, That the above be amended, and that committee examine from the mission to the mouth of the river for a suitable crossing, and also ascertain from the likely different subscribers the amount they would give and report fully on the matter. Carried.  
 The meeting then adjourned.  
**STOCK ITEMS.**  
 It is extremely gratifying to hear from every portion of Choteau country that there has been no losses among cattle or sheep. This is another argument in favor of northern Montana furnishing the best ranges of the territory. The winter thus far has been unusually severe, deep snow has fallen, unprecedented cold weather has been our lot; still stock of all kinds are in good condition. This fact will be sufficient inducement for stock owners all over the territory to drive their cattle this way, and in another year it need occasion no surprise to see at least 50,000 head of additional cattle within the borders of Choteau county.  
 Major Lincoln is doing just the right thing in taking stolen horses from the Indians under his charge. It is a number of years since complaint has been made against the Belknap Indians, and it has been the general belief that they had forewarned horse stealing for the more congenial pursuits of agriculture. In times past, and within the memory of hundreds of old timers, the Assinaboines and Gros Ventres were expert and successful horse thieves, and we are sorry to hear that they are lagging into their old habits. There is one thing sure; our people can always rely on the co-operation of Major Lincoln in recovering horses stolen by his Indians. It is the one thing he will not tolerate, and every effort will be made on his part to stop the practice.—Fort Benton River Press.  
 T. C. Power & Bro., of the Jeddith Cattle company, whose ranch is on Warm Spring creek, have been making a test of different breeds of cattle, taking twenty-five each of Polled Angus and Durhams, consisting of cows, bulls, and calves, all in one band, under the same conditions, and at all times the polled cattle rustle the best, giving on the range earlier in the morning and staying out later at night. During all storms and in the coldest weather they are regularly on the range rustling, while the Durhams stay

about the corral and suffer. The polls stand the cold the best, and are considered by the Power Bros., after an equal test of two years, to be the best range cattle known. The strongest part of the test, to them, is that a Polled Angus bull is the boss of the range, whipping everything.—Stock-growers' Journal.  
 The Canadian Pacific now has completed at Montreal, stock yards covering twenty-five acres of land and claimed to be the finest on the continent.  
 'How do you do, Mr. Brown, nice weather we're having?'  
 'Yes, but there'll be a change soon.'  
 'Think so?'  
 'Yes, know it.'  
 'Why; morning papers say so?'  
 'No; saw a stern signal.'  
 'Where?'  
 'Look up street at the gate; see the red-headed woman up there waving a dish rag to me? That's my wife.'  
 St. Paul, Minn., boasts of a citizen named Joseph Richardson, but known to everybody as 'Uncle Joe' who never wore an overcoat or a suit of clothes worth more than \$12, yet he is the possessor of \$6,000,000. Where are our millionaires—we mean overcoatless emigrants?  
 Said a bunco steerer to a stranger on the streets of Chicago recently—  
 'Ah, Mr. Brown; how do you do?'  
 'That's that yes say.'  
 'You are Mr. Brown, of—; don't you know me?'  
 'Git out, ye dhirty blaggard; did ye ever hear av an Irish gentleman be th' name ave Brown.'  
 'I see,' said old Hyson 'the secretary of the treasury has called in another lot of bonds.' 'He's too late to get mine.' 'How so?' 'Called on a Jack full,' replied the young man.  
 'Even water is at times intoxicating—water pipes frequently go on a bust.'  
**FOUND HORSES**  
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**CIRCULARS,**  
**INVITATIONS,**  
**PROGRAMMES,**

**Canadian Pacific**  
 RAILWAY.  
**WESTERN DIVISION.**  
 Winter Time Table.  
 On and after Dec. 7th, 1884, trains will move as follows:--  
 Going West. Going East.  
 a.m. p.m. a.m. p.m.  
 8.30 Leave Winnipeg Arrive 6.50  
 11.05 Portage la Prairie 4.00  
 3.00 Brandon 12.30  
 11.00 Broadview p.m. 2.00  
 a.m. p.m.  
 8.25 Regina 5.00  
 8.00 Moose Jaw 5.30  
 p.m. a.m.  
 3.40 Swift Current 7.55  
 p.m. a.m.  
 8.40 Maple Creek 1.25  
 2.15 Medicine Hat 8.15  
 p.m. a.m.  
 1.30 Arrive Calgary Leave 3.50  
 1.10 a.m. Laggan 6.15 p.m.  
 Trains between Winnipeg and Brandon daily, except Sundays. Three trains a week between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw, leaving Winnipeg on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; returning, leave Moose Jaw Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and a week between Winnipeg and Laggan leaving Winnipeg Tuesday; returning, leave Laggan on Friday. Train between Calgary and Laggan subject to cancellation at any time without notice.  
 Going East. Going West.  
 a.m. p.m. a.m. p.m.  
 7.30 Leave Winnipeg Arrive 7.20  
 3.05 p.m. Rat Portage 8.00  
 2.00 a.m. Ignace p.m. 12.30  
 p.m. a.m.  
 1.00 Arrive Port Arthur Leave 4.30  
 Train for Port Arthur leaves Winnipeg on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, returning leaves Port Arthur: Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
 Going South. Going North.  
 Leave Arrive  
 p.m. a.m. p.m. a.m.  
 8.05 Winnipeg 7.00  
 10.50 Emerson 4.15  
 a.m. p.m.  
 8.40 Winnipeg 7.00  
 8.15 7.00  
 10.20 Morris 1.20  
 11.55 Grtna 5.05  
 11.40 Grtna 4.90  
 5 p.m. Manitou a.m. 8.30  
 \*Daily except Saturdays.  
 \*Trains run daily between Winnipeg and Grtna.  
 Train leaves for Manitou Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only, returning leave Manitou Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.  
 Train leaves Winnipeg for Stonewall Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9.30 a.m., arriving at Stonewall at 10.30 a.m., and Stonewall at 10.55 a.m. Returns same days, leaving Stonewall at 1.30 p.m., and Stonewall at 2 p.m., arriving at Winnipeg 3 p.m.  
 Train leaves Winnipeg for West Selkirk Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 4 p.m., arriving at West Selkirk at 6.00 p.m., and returning leaves West Selkirk Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.00 a.m., arriving at Winnipeg 8.50 a.m.  
 \*Trains east of Brandon will run by Central Standard Time. Trains west of Brandon by Mountain Standard Time. Central Standard Time is one hour faster than Mountain Standard time.  
**John M. Egan,**  
 Superintendent.  
**Wm. Kerr,**  
 Gen'l. Pass. Agt.



**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
Notice—To Millers and others.  
Public Notice—Thomas Dowling,  
Auctioneer and Valuator—J. G. Fitzgerald,  
Tenders for Cordwood—Northwest Mounted  
Police.

## THE NOR-WESTER.

CALGARY, THURSDAY, Feb. 26, 1885.

Mr. G. OLNER, of Winnipeg, paid the town a flying visit.

An Agricultural Society has been formed at Battleford with a membership of 45.

Mr. May had to shoot a valuable horse owing to its being attacked with glanders.

MR. BELL IRVIN and Mr. Arnold are getting out fence poles and posts for spring operations.

A DISPENSARY has been granted for a Masonic Lodge at Battleford, Major Crozier Master.

MR. W. K. HARTING, Winnipeg, arrived on Thursday's train and registered at the Royal Hotel.

MAJOR M. BALLINGRAD, of Shell River, registered at the Central Hotel, and will take in the beauties of Calgary.

MR. PAW met with a bad fall Monday afternoon, whilst practising on the horizontal bar, shaking him up somewhat.

REMEMBER the Carnival at Fraser's Skating Rink this evening, yet masqueraders, and come forth like an army and jubilate.

Up the Elbow, "you know," is considered the proper thing for equestrians. Nothing like opening up new fields—for recreation.

The mining machinery at Clover Bar, Saskatchewan, has been got into position for experiment and will be started up for trial next week.

MESSRS. CUMMINGS & ALLAN are up to the times, as evinced by the neat manner of their turn-outs, and the public evidently know it.

MR. DAVE KENNEDY, of Innis & Kennedy, ranchers, down the Bow river, was in town, Tuesday, and reports his sheep doing well. No casualties.

The letter which appears in our columns, signed "Resident" will be dealt with in our next issue. We do not agree with all of "Resident's" ideas.

MR. PERRY, assistant superintendent of the C.P.R. division here, took a trip to Laggan on business last week returning on Friday. He did not hunger whatever.

All accounts due Dr. Lindsay can be settled through his agent, Mr. C. P. Moore, of Calgary.

MR. J. BUTLAND and Mr. Roselle are both building good houses and stables on lots they own, on the mission property, which shows enterprise on their part and a desire to stay with us.

We have been blessed with most delightful weather the past few days, almost like summer in fact. Some Manitobans are in town now, and thankful they are not in the east freezing.

MR. MCNEES, of Fish Creek, was in town Wednesday. Upon enquiry he speaks with pride and satisfaction of the splendid way his stock has wintered, and looks forward to good prospects.

MESSRS. RANVIN & ALLAN have received tenders from all the contractors in town for the plans furnished by Mr. Sanson. The favorable turn in the weather will facilitate matters in building.

The ice at the skating rink is in splendid condition, as evinced by the numbers patronizing it. We anticipated and pleased gracefully for some little time till disturbed by the sudden upheaval of the ice, whereupon we sat down.

We hear that Mr. Douglass White has handed in his name for service on the proposed new contingent for Egypt. We trust he will not forget us, and favor the community with a k-carton, or two from his face's pencil when he gets there.

News from Little Rockies announce that bed-rock has been struck in the deep ground in Little Alder Gulch, with most satisfactory results. From 85 cents to \$1.50 to the pan has been secured, and the bed rock is said to be very rich in spots.

The market place as chosen, will be at the foot of the bench east of Barr's blacksmith shop on south side of Stephen avenue. All hay, straw, and coal must be weighed, and wood measured, on and after this date, except loads that are previously sold.

When we were boys, merry, merry boys, etc. But if you persist in hitching your little sleighs on to vehicles you may expect a bed tumble, or take warning by the tip-up Master Hardisty and Tom McNeil got, which fortunately did not result badly.

For a local exhibition of cockneyism this surpasses all—Scene P.O. Heavy letters

for me, sir? "What name?" "Arry B—k." "Yes." Party takes it, goes outside, presently returns, "This ain't for me, my name ain't 'Arry.' 'H'm, it's address' 'Aul', all the same.

As will be seen by an advertisement in our columns Mr. J. G. Fitzgerald has entered into the Auctioneer and Valuator line of business. Mr. Fitzgerald is an old timer here and identified with the progress of our town, and so favorably known that we wish him every success.

THREE crews of extra men are on their way up from the east for the construction of breakwaters and general strengthening of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd crossings of the Bow. The C.P.R. are fully alive to another possible ice jam and wash out, so are taking time by the forelock.

MESSRS. J. G. McLEAN BROTHERS have returned and intend opening up in the fancy millinery business. Mr. J. G. McLean will be remembered as the gentleman who sold off a large stock recently and is well aware of what is wanted in our town, and no doubt will do well.

We dropped into Mr. Mark Cozner's new barber shop Tuesday and took note of the substantial improvements he is making, and when fully carried out he will have cause to congratulate himself on having such nice accommodation. The public will naturally appreciate his efforts.

The voting took place last Saturday to decide whether Calgary should be formed into a school district, 38 votes (years) were polled with no opposition. The returns will be forwarded to His Hon. the Lieut.-Governor, as per instruction, after which the election of Trustees will take place.

MR. COZNER'S shop came near being razed through fire the other evening, but owing to the promptitude of two gentlemen it was quenched before it got headway. He says they need not have poured so much water down the stovepipe as he is not anxious to turn the place into a swimming bath.

MR. T. HENRY of the Hudson's Bay Co., Winnipeg, arrived here by last train, and has been busily occupied in looking over the Compton's stock, so as to form some idea of what is required for the spring trade. He goes east on Saturday. Mr. Henry is very favorably impressed with the situation of Calgary.

LAST Thursday evening, about 9:30, when Gus Gouine, a half-breed, wended his way home across the Bow by Mr. J. Barwise's, his chargin may be imagined, to find his tent raised to the ground and nothing but the smoking embers and some frizzled bacon to call his own. He sought seclusion in a hotel to hide his woe.

The McLeod stage going south on the 12th instant was relieved of a permit at the Leavings, belonging to prices in McLeod. Mr. Johnson, the driver, with the assistance of a policeman, arrested one Dan Fraser for the theft, and took him along to the end of his trip, where he will have to answer for his actions before a magistrate.

MARTIN BEN GOVIN, son of Mr. Govin Crown Timber agent, met with what might have proved a serious accident. The little fellow whilst skating on the rink a few evenings ago, fell, striking his back against the platform. For some time it was doubtful as to what injury he had received, but we are glad to hear he is getting well.

The Dominion Land Agent at Calgary has received instructions to offer for sale at \$2 per acre all odd numbered sections remaining undisposed of north of the Canadian Pacific Railway twenty-four mile belt; and terms to be cash in all cases. This does not include school lands, or lands included in a grant to a railway or a colonization company.

MR. R. HARTSTONE, of the C.P.R., Winnipeg, paid us a visit whilst here; he came on last train returning Saturday morning. For some years Mr. Hartstone has run the different refreshment rooms along the C.P.R., and has met with general favor. He has an eye on this place but is reticent. We are ready for 10 minutes' refreshments, so come along and start her up.

MR. DONALD McLEOD pulled out for Edmonton with 150 bags of flour and 1,400 lbs of other freight for H. B. Co., Edmonton; P. Labancay from H. B. Co., 7,500 lbs; S. Berland, from H. B. Co., 7,500 lbs, for the same place; B. Boussie, from H.B.C., 3,000 lbs, for Battle River; C. Whitford, from H. B. Co., 100 sacks flour, and A. Anderson, 20 sacks, for the Blood reserve.

A RUNAWAY occurred on Stephen avenue last Friday afternoon which for the time being afforded some little amusement. The fiery and untamed steed evidently had not the confidence of his master or he would not have secured him the way he did, by lashing him to a log, but he was averse to this form of tying up, we may say as logheads, decidedly. No damage done.

It affords us much pleasure to announce the appointment of Mr. J. H. Millward as a magistrate for the Northwest Territories. His position as one of our Councillors is proof of the esteem in which he is held by our community, and in the capacity of a Justice of the Peace we have no doubt he will uphold the dignity of the law and dispense it with a firm hand. He has our well wishes.

MESSRS. SIMONS AND FEW have put up their traps and horizontal bar in the Boynton Hall, and now await the shipment here of

clubs, gloves, dumb bells, etc., etc. when they will commence giving instructions. It only remains for our citizens to come forward and put their names down and help the movement. The subscription for monthly class is very moderate and should meet with proper support.

MR. C. WHITEHEAD, who was manager for his father on Section B some years ago and took to farming near Brandon, passed up west by Thursday's train en route for the coast where he intends resuming the contracting line. He has left his farm, which is considered one of the best in Manitoba to other parties. Mr. Mathewson accompanies him to help rake in the dusts. Good luck to you, and may you return loaded.

The Grand Magistrate has thought fit to make a change in their station agents here, Mr. Farrell going east much to the regret of business men, as he has proved himself both courteous and prompt in business matters. Mr. Ludwig, of Laggan, takes hold now, and in welcoming him amongst us, feel sure he will sustain the good opinion of the C.P.R. staff here. Very few places can boast of having such efficient officials.

The Grand Scribe of the Sons of Temperance, Mr. Geo. P. Bliss, of Winnipeg, will visit our town next Thursday. On Friday, 27th, he will deliver his celebrated lecture, in the Methodist Church, on "The Advance of the Temperance Army and the retreat of the enemy." The position Mr. Bliss holds in the Order of Sons of Temperance is a guarantee of his ability as a speaker. The lecture will begin at 8 p.m. Admission free. A collection will be taken up to defray expenses.

### Hymenial.

One of those happy events that break the monotony of every day life took place Tuesday, in the marriage of Mr. J. Donohue, late of the N.W.M.P. to Miss Mary Drury. The sacred ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Lacombe at the Roman Catholic Mission, Mr. Dan McNeil acting as best man, with Mr. Lambert and Mr. Rutledge. The bridesmaids were Miss Lee, Miss Ellis and Miss Hediger.

After the solemn words of union and blessing were pronounced the party drove out to Fish Creek, and were entertained royally by Mr. Glenn. After the refreshment dancing was indulged in, the coterie returning to town about 7 o'clock, stopping at Mr. McNeil's, the Rossie House, where supper had been prepared, and the guests to the number of fifty sat down to the tables that were grouting under the weight of choice viands and the many presents to the happy pair, forming a brilliant scene, everyone enjoying themselves to their hearts content. Speeches apropos of the occasion were indulged in; but short time was given for congratulations, when dancing began, which was kept up till early morn, when all dispersed thoroughly pleased. Below is a list of the valuable presents:—

Table Cover, Messrs. Rankin & Allan; Carved Bread Plate and Silver Knife, Miss English; 1 dozen Silver Knives, Mr. Perry; Silver Crest Stand, Mr. P. McNeil; 1 pair Vases, Mr. J. Allan; Pickle Stand (double) Mr. D. McNeil; Silver Butter Dish, Mr. Neil McLeod; Silver Cake Basket, Messrs. Blake, Bond, Latimer and Percival, Messrs. M.P.; Silver Butter Dish, Miss Hediger; Pickle Stand, Mr. J. Munro; Jewellery Case Miss Ellis; Album, Mr. J. McNeil; Clock, Mrs. Fraser; Pickle Stand, Mr. J. W. Ingram; Set of Table Napkins, Mr. J. Robertson; Easy Chair, Mr. Geo. Murdoch.

### TOWN COUNCIL.

The town council met last night in the council chamber. Present—the Mayor, Councillors Hogg, Millward and Clarke. The minutes of the last meeting having been read over, the Council proceeded to business.

A letter was read from Councillor Lindsay, asking permission for leave of absence for three months.

Councillor Hogg moved that it be granted. Carried.

A letter was read from J. H. Warren, offering his house on the corner of Stephen avenue and Hardisty street for a look-up.

Moved by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Millward, that the communication be filed. Carried.

A letter was read from the Waterhouse Company, Brantford, relative to the adoption of what system of water works, and asking for particulars so as to guide them in arriving at the cost, and what was wanted.

Moved by Councillor Hogg, that the communication be filed. Carried.

A communication was read from Mr. McDonald, that he will fulfil his duties as pound keeper faithfully.

Moved by Councillor Hogg, seconded by Councillor Clarke, that his declaration be received and filed.

The account of I. S. Fozzo for two months' rent for Hall being read.

Moved by Councillor Hogg, seconded by Councillor Clarke, that the account be paid. Carried.

A communication from H. J. Stuart asking that the rent charged for the hall at the time of the awarding of it of the Councillors be considered as part payment on license fees.

Moved by Councillor Millward, seconded by Councillor Hogg, that the communication be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

A petition from the proprietors of livery and feed stables, asking that the license fee be reduced.

On motion of Councillor Millward, seconded by Councillor Hogg, it was referred to the Committee on Finance recommended that accounts of Mr. McVittie and Kamnaskia Coal company be paid.

Moved by Councillor Millward, seconded by Councillor Clarke, that the Council meet to-morrow, 26th, to consider the matter of building the Elbow bridge. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Millward, seconded by Councillor Hogg, that the penalty sections of 22, 16, 23, 31 of by-laws 2, 3, 16, 17 be amended by striking out the words with or without hard labor. Carried.

Mr. Garrett, before the Council, stated as the chairman of a committee to examine site for the Elbow Bridge, he wished to know if

the Council were going to do anything themselves in the matter.

The Mayor replied that they were in correspondence in regard to the matter with the Ottawa authorities, and they had called a meeting to-morrow for that purpose and the question was to be decided how much this Council would give towards the bridge and so the work at once.

Mr. Garrett understood that the rest of the Committee are in favor of building the bridge inside the Corporation and therefore he did not wish to clash with the Council.

The Mayor, in reply to the direct question said that they had already taken steps towards the construction of a bridge.

The clerk called the attention of the Council to the necessity of making a Health By-law.

Moved by Councillor Millward, seconded by Councillor Hogg, that the clerk be instructed to write out notices relative to Market By-law No. 20, and the Chief Constable to post same in public buildings.

Moved by Council or Hogg, seconded by Councillor Clarke that the Council adjourn. Carried.

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### A TRIP SOUTH.

To the Editor of THE NOR-WESTER:—  
Sir,—As the winter wears along to its close great interest is manifested by many persons as to the condition of the stock in Alberta, especially as the winter is the most severe the territory has experienced in many years. During last week your correspondent visited a large number of the ranches in the settlement of Pine Creek, Sheep Creek and High River and made special enquiries about the condition of the stock, and in every instance the reports were most cheering. The cattle are looking well and the sheep are doing famously. Your correspondent as he drove along saw horses in their hands playing and skipping like lambskins in May. The general opinion among the settlers is that this winter by its severity has been a test one as far as the stock interests are concerned, and present indications are so encouraging that no one need have any doubts about the safety of wintering their stock even in our most severe winter.

We found the settlers hopeful and happy. Some of them already making arrangements for spring work by getting fence poles drawn and other winter work finished, so as to have a clear breeze for spring ploughing and seeding.

The religious services at Mr. McMillan's Sheep Creek, and Mr. Bunce's, High River, were well attended and much appreciated by the settlers. Your correspondent did not hold services at Pine Creek on his return but will do so next time he goes south.

J. DYKE.

Feb. 24, 1885.

### OUR TOWN COUNCILLORS.

To the Editor of THE NOR-WESTER:—  
Sir,—I think it time to make some reference to the doings of the town council. I do not wish to pose as a captious critic, but feel at liberty to criticize in a fair manner the public acts of our representatives. The town of Calgary has been only for a short period incorporated from a strip of the prairie into a town. A few months ago the present town site was worth very little; it has not acquired any material value by being incorporated. It is true we have a number of buildings and a quantity of surveyed lots, but have no large resources. We have a beautiful town site and splendid prospects for a town if our municipal affairs are only managed economically; but in order to prosper a firm hand must be kept on the expenditure. Is this being done?

We think not? But for one thing, we were not in need of incorporation greatly, and the most of our citizens would have opposed it on the ground of expense; it, however, seemed a general desire on the part of all to secure a system of fire protection, and the citizens to secure this supported the idea of incorporation. Now the town has been incorporated for some months and as yet no move has been made to secure us against fire except the passing of a bylaw for fire protection, which will never be enforced uniformly, and which would be an injustice to enforce uniformly. There are a number of objections to the bylaw; I do not propose to discuss them now, but will make a passing reference to one or two. For instance, in clause 9, stovepipes are prohibited from passing through a roof. This I presume shuts out the saddle tin chimneys. Now, the most of the houses in town have this kind of a chimney and in most cases when they are properly put on they are fully as safe or safer than any other chimney used in town. It is therefore clear to be seen that public sentiment will prevent the enforcing of this clause in so many instances and at such an expense as it would entail. It is true that there are a number of small alleys in the place with only a pipe run through the roof and with such places the Committee on Fire, Water and Light cannot be too strict or severe, as it is from one of such places that we will have a disastrous fire if there is any.

There is no more merit for the organization of a hook and ladder company or any kind of a fire preventative company; no bucket brigade or apparatus of any kind proposed, or proposed to be procured, for the prevention or extinguishing of fires, and so far as we can see there are no other improvements carried out or contemplated. Yet our councillors do not seem willing to learn from the experience of other towns the disastrous effects of a young and rising place in the hands of officers at liberal salaries; in fact, there is hardly an office mentioned in the Municipal Ordinance but has been appointed here, and it is estimated that it will require a moderate heavy assessment on all the taxable property in town to pay salaries and the expenses of running the town machinery. I make no charge against the officers. They may be all good men, but the town ought not to be taxed to pay them. The Mayor with a hired officer ought to be able to do all the business that the town will require to transact for a year.

or two, outside of the ordinary duties of the council. It is done in other towns in the Northwest, and these towns seem to manage their affairs as cleverly as we do in Calgary. Regina paid \$500 last year for her municipal expenditure, and it will be ascertained before the year is out, unless a severe curb is put on our generous expenditure, that ours will fall little short of \$4,000 or \$5,000.

A council chamber has been rented at a good rental from one of the councillors, by-laws which are really not needed yet are being passed and these have to be printed, and then the rates for licenses are fixed too much in the interests of the saloon-keepers. Who ever heard before of granting a license to keep a saloon for the nominal fee of \$10? We might just as well have free trade in saloons. It is argued that the fee is increased by the billiard tables. This is true when tables are kept at saloons also, but in these cases they have a double means of making money, and I know of no place in Calgary in which there are more than two tables, the licenses in which would be only \$30, so that for a saloon and two tables only \$70 in licenses would have to be paid. Then consider for a moment what benefit, what value, to a town is a saloon or billiard table. They are not producers, they don't add to the wealth of a town. They merely occupy the doubtful position of being consumers or absorbers of a great quantity of money in circulation, for which they return no real value. If this is the case the return should be got at a large license. It is not so with a drayman or liverman. People engaged in such business give a fair return for the money they receive. Yet, a drayman with a double team is taxed \$25 for each team. If he wants to hire out a horse he must pay \$30 for the privilege, and if he wants to take in a horse for feed he must pay \$20 more. Now, a large number in this business in town wish to engage in all these separate lines, and to secure licenses to that end they must pay no less than \$65. Mr. Mickle thinks this too much in the jug handle line and has decided to move his property out of town. He has bought or purposes buying lots on the mission property, outside of the Corporation, in consequence of this act on the part of the Councillors. This is only one of many others who will do likewise. In this way we are losing good citizens and valuable taxable property from the town, and the mission property is being built up and increased in value at the expense of the town. If any more short-sighted or suicidal policy could be adopted it has yet to be suggested.

RESIDENT.

Billy Hawkins' challenge to the light weight pugilists of Canada has brought out replies from George Fulljames, Harry Gilmore and Sam Hirtle. All are anxious to meet the Winnipegger, Hawkins has a card in the Mail offering to meet any lightweight for stakes as high as \$4,000. Fulljames has issued a card offering to fight Hawkins for \$500 a side and the lightweight championship. If Hawkins does not accept the challenge is open to any man in Canada for one week. If nobody will accept, Fulljames says he will retire from the ring forever.

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