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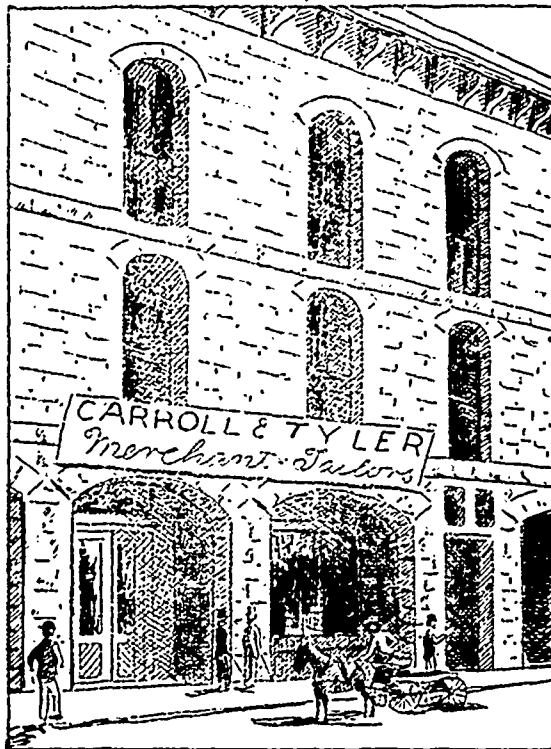
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(Items Gleaned from Our Exchanges)

THE cattle in the Kootenai River district are looking in fine condition. The calves are not coming very fast as yet.

MR. R. B. BARNES is one of the happiest looking men in Macleod this morning, says the *Gazette*. Reason—twins.

THE work of testing for oil in the Kootenai oil fields will be commenced as soon as the snow, which is pretty deep in there, goes off the ground.

Last Saturday was the day on which tenders closed for the Macleod bridge. It now only remains for the government to let the contracts and go on with the work as speedily as possible.

DR. DEVEBER'S many friends in Macleod district will hear with sincere regret of his intention to leave Macleod. He is not, however, going very far away, for he intends to practice his profession in Lethbridge. Dr. DeVeber has been in Macleod for a good many years, and is a universal favorite.

THE Lethbridge *News* says that lately several of our citizens have made complaints of the action of the N.W.M.P. at stations along the C.P.R., in breaking open parcels of goods, destined for Lethbridge, in search of liquor. A very annoying example of the way the law is being carried out came to our notice this week. A firm of druggists in town received a consignment of patent medicines a few days ago, which, when it reached Lethbridge was found to have been opened at some eastern point. The bottles were not securely repacked and the result was that a number were broken, and the remainder damaged by the spilled medicine so as to be unsaleable. This is a matter that calls for investigation, and the above mentioned would be perfectly justified in making a complaint to the department. This is only another instance of the bad results of the present Northwest liquor law.

## A CENTENARIAN

AMONGST the multifarious extravagances of cranks it has been maintained that human nature does not furnish such a phenomenon as a centenarian. The most obstinate of these ingenious persons would, however, scarcely deny the evidence in the case of a distinguished Naval Officer who to-day completes his hundredth year. Sir Provo William Parry Wallis, G. C. B., is the senior Admiral-of-the-

Fleet, and has been specially permitted to remain on the Active List on account of his unique services and position. This gallant officer was born at Halifax, N. S., on April 12th, 1791.

To the distinction of being one of the few survivors of the wars of 1812-14, Sir Provo Wallis adds the absolutely exceptional one of being, as Second Lieutenant of the Shannon, the officer on whom devolved the duty of taking into his native port that victorious frigate and her prize, the Chesapeake. As everyone knows, Capt. Brooke was disabled by severe wounds and the First Lieutenant was accidentally killed. We were not long ago reading the Halifax papers of that date and it is safe to say, that even to this day that old city has never seen such an excitement—for this was the famous action that after several reverses, due to great disparity of force re-vindicated the prestige of British Seamen.

Survivors of the great war time must now be very few. One of the last and most distinguished, George Keppell, Earl of Albemarle, who was an Esquire at Waterloo, died last month. He would have been 92 in June.

The next senior officer in the Navy is (Retired) Admiral Sir William Fanshawe Martin, Bart., G.C.B.; "Rear Admiral of the United Kingdom," an honorary rank which will cease with Sir W. Martin's life, as did that of "Vice Admiral of the United Kingdom," with that of the late Sir Michael Seymour. Sir Provo Wallis, commissioned as a Captain date, from August 12th, 1819,—72 years! that of Sir W. F. Martin, from 1824. There is a gap of ten years between the date of the latter officer's Captaincy and his next senior on the Retired List the Honorable George Grey, and five years again between him and Lord Clarence Paget, G.C.B. the third on the list.

We believe the veteran Admiral is hale and hearty for his great age.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1891.

THE article in the Calgary *Herald* about a fortnight ago on the necessity of a new Northwest Territories Act being framed in conformity with the opinions of the very large majority of the people here, is being most favorably criticised by the press of the Territories. No thinking man in the country attempts to deny that the laws governing the Territories, whatever they might have been at the time of framing, are now thoroughly inadequate for our requirements. On those well worn subjects—the Liquor law and the Dual Language question, we have nothing to say. Public men of all denominations have expressed their views on it strongly and frequently. One of the most important matters dealt with by the *Herald* is that of immigration. The amount voted by the Dominion government for the maintenance of the Territories (the money to be expended by the North West Legislature) should be sufficiently large to enable us to carry on an active policy to people our vast possession. We should have agents in England and in Eastern Canada, we should be in a position to send agents to the States if required. The Territories are slowly—too slowly—becoming known; but once let the marvellous fertility of our soil become known; once let the drivelling nonsense about our terrible winters be knocked on the head; in a word once let our climate, our soil, our natural resources, our mineral wealth become known to the world and we should have such a stream of immigration pour into the Territories, as no other country has ever known. We dare affirm that not more than one man in fifty in England knows where the Northwest Territories are situated. As for such names as Alberta, Saskatch-

ewan, Assiniboia—they have never even heard of them. As long as such a state of things exists we can only expect our settlement to come in dribbles. At present there are only five agents in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales to direct immigration to the Dominion of Canada. The fatal policy of such a state of things is self-evident. The other questions dealt with by the *Herald*, we shall take up on a future occasion.

A SUM of \$21,000 was borrowed by the corporation of Calgary for the purpose of putting in a first-class sewer system in the town. This has been done, but as far as we know, operations have not been commenced. Is the money borrowed to be sunk, literally sunk, in sewer pipes, and nothing else done? Calgary cries with a loud voice for improved sanitary arrangements. There has been considerable sickness in Calgary this year, and unless something is done in this direction before very long, we shall have considerably more sickness, when the warm wet weather arrives. How many months or years is the town expected to wait before water is laid on. If there is no agreement on this important point between the town authorities and the water-works, then there ought to be. We have the sewers, but they might be laid in the Great Sahara, for all the good they are at present. We hope to see some action taken in this all-important matter before very long.

SINCE writing the above we learn it is from no fault of the Waterworks company that the system is not working. All machinery was in position and work about to begin, when a portion of it broke through bad construction. The whole piece of machinery had to be sent down to Hamilton to be mended. It has arrived back again and is now in position. Water may be expected by the end of the present month.

FRONT PAGE

NO wonder the aged Premier has night-mare. Just think of being in his shoes, with such a trio of issues to face. It will take all the experience of the veteran statesman to steer through the dangerous straits of the "Dual Language," "Separate Schools," and "Liquor" questions in safety.

OUR CARICATURES



GENERALLY with hands deep in pockets, the above well-known figure is frequently seen on the streets. The artist has depicted him with a bat under his arm, probably because he was recently elected vice-president of a cricket club. He may be seen occasionally smoking a very short, black clay pipe, for which he has a deep affection. He is a 'Varsity man and will talk rowing, cricket, football and "records" by the hour. Known by everyone, and respected by everyone who knows him.



AN ADJOURNED general meeting of the Calgary C. C. was held in the secretary's office on Monday evening. The following officers were elected for the present year:—President, Judge Rouleau (re-elected); Vice-president, Mr. J. P. J. Jephson; Secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. C. B. Cave; Committee, Messrs. T. Stone, J. B. Smith, A. W. Johnson, P. McCullough and Mr. Wilkins. An offer was received from the Calgary A. A. A. for the use of their grounds, which was accepted with several modifications. The following new members were elected:—Active, Mr. Turnock; Honorary, Messrs. G. Alexander, T. S. C. Lee, E. Cave, A. Burgess, R. Bell and Col. Irvine.

Mr. Prothero was unanimously re-elected as captain. The Calgary C. C. starts its present season under better auspices than probably ever before. The number of members has considerably increased, there being several very good cricketers amongst them. The club should make an early endeavor to arrange as many foreign matches as possible. Regina, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and other towns seem all to be strongly organized. Then again I hope to see the country send in a strong team to try their metal against the town club. I am glad to see that Mr. Prothero reconsidered his intention of resigning the captaincy. He is by long odds the best man in the club for the position, and as this year he will have better material to work with, his duties will not be so severe as they were last year.

THE DOMINION Artillery Council has decided not to send a team to Shoburness this season.

AMONGST other of Col. North's friends, Lord Randolph Churchill won \$125,000 over the City and Suburban race.

THE second general meeting of the Lethbridge Rugby Football Club was held on Wednesday evening last at the Lethbridge House. The following officers were elected:—Mr. E. T. Galt, Patron; Mr. H. Bentley, President; Mr. J. H. Cavanagh, Vice-President; W. D. Cleveland, Captain; J. Ashcroft, Vice-Captain; T. W. Clarke, Secretary-Treasurer; Committee:—W. Colman, L. B. Latimer, Inspector Chalmers, Constables Smythe, Smith, Barclay and Wylie.

COL. NORTH'S lucky star is still in the ascendant. Last week at the Epsom Spring meeting he won the City and Suburban handicap by the aid of his five-year-old gelding Nunthorpe. It will be remembered that the previous week Nunthorpe finished third in the Lincoln handicap, being second favorite in that race, which was won by Lord Cole. In the City and Suburban Nunthorpe started at a long price and his connections are reported as heavy winners by his victories.

THE Annual Meeting of the Assiniboia Rifle Association was held on April 2, in the reading room of the Alberta Hotel, Regina. The following officers were elected:—President, Major Hayter Reed; Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. E. Forget and Major W. P. Bell. Council—Major D. Mowat, Major Gagnon, Captain Harris (Moosomin), W. Laurie, F. Nash, W. G. Pettingell, R. J. Steel, J. T. Stemshorn, Dr. Willoughby, W. M. Williamson, John Carson, (Moosomin), W. Cousins, (Medicine Hat) C. A. Gass and G. Holdsworth, (Moose Jaw). Treasurer, W. Chisholm; Secretary, Jno. W. Jowett; Asst.-Secty., J. A. Mitchell; Auditor, A. T. Abbey.



THIS year's University Boat Race is memorable as one of the closest and best fought out all over the course, of all the contests that have taken place. When first the crews came to Putney, there seemed to be no doubt among rowing men and the water side folk that Oxford would win easily; but the Light Blue crew came on so rapidly under the coaching of the famous S. D. Muttelbury, and showed such good time over the course on practice that for some days before the race none but extreme partisans of Oxford expected anything else than a close race; nor were the expectations of the general public at fault. Cambridge led slightly at the start, but were soon overtaken and passed by Oxford, who with a varying lead of never more than three-quarters of a length until the soap works were reached, were then gradually passed by Cambridge, who led by a few feet only through Hammersmith Bridge. Cambridge increased their lead by three or four yards and so the crews raced nearly level along Chiswick Eyot, Cambridge palpably leading at Chiswick Church. As Barnes Bridge came in sight, Oxford on the Middlesex side, which having won the toss for choice of stations they had chosen, had a distinct advantage of station and led at Barnes Bridge by half a length. Still served by the station Oxford at the White Hart led by three quarters of a length; but the Light Blue stroke quickening and being well backed up by his crew, reduced Oxford's lead when the winning post was reached, to what Mr. Fenner the judge called a short half-length. Neither boat was clear of the other during the whole race. This has only happened once before in the history of the race, viz., in 1850, when Cambridge just managed to make their lead barely a length at the winning post. Thus ended the race of 1891; and its result was to such an extent in the balance that it is stated that only the advantage which the choice of stations gave, pulled Oxford through and saved them from defeat. The record now stands: Oxford 25 victories, Cambridge 22 and one dead heat in 1877. Cambridge though beaten, were by no means disgraced. In fact, the last lines of some verses which appeared in *Punch* on the race of 1875 apply well this year, though they applied with greater force in that year, when the famous oar of H. E. Rhodes of Jesus, stroked Cambridge and J. P. Way of B.N.C. stroked Oxford:—

"Dark Blue once more Light Blue rides o'er and Cambridge beat may say  
"We took our rowers to honour, but they found victory's way."

"I have always wondered," said the newly-arrived missionary to the genial cannibal, "what became of my predecessor." "Oh, he's gone into the interior," was the sufficiently ambiguous reply.

### THE LATE P. T. BARNUM.



MR. Phineas Taylor Barnum died at Bridgeport, Conn., on the 7th inst. He was in his eighty-first year, having been born in Bethel, Connecticut, on July 5th, 1810. He became a resident of New York in 1834, and in 1841 embarked in the business in which he made his fame and money by purchasing the American Museum of that City. He soon began developing those qualities of enterprise which made him the greatest showman of the century, and in a few years had acquired an immense fortune. In 1885 he retired and removed to Bridgeport, Conn., where he engaged in real estate operations and manufacturing industries. The following year Jenny Lind visited America and sang in 93 concerts under his auspices. His Bridgeport enterprises proved financial failures, and he resumed his management of the Museum, which soon earned another fortune for him; and in 1868 he again announced his retirement from his business. A quiet life was an impossibility, however, to one of his activity, and in a few years he was out on the road with his great circus which has been seen in all the leading cities of this continent and of Europe. Though three times burned out, suffering heavily each time, Mr. Barnum will leave a large fortune to his family. Mr. Barnum served a term in the Connecticut legislature in 1855, but was defeated the following year in running for Congress. He is also the author of a number of works, mostly autobiographical, recalling the strenuous struggles of his youth and his successes in after life. He was an ardent temperance advocate and frequently lectured on that topic.

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There is nothing a loving parent is so proud of as a child that is asleep in bed.

Crabs, it is said, are never troubled with illness. They have so many claws that they can always feel well.

"Have you a large staff of reporters to gather the news for you?" Country editor: "No; we have a wife."

Bees are said to be possessed of wonderful memories. So are all the people to whom the bee introduces itself.

"What is the cause of the sudden coolness between Tom Jones and Susie Brown?" "Tom sold her father a horse"

Another good saying gone wrong. "Nature abhors a vagabond," said a young lady speaker at a recent Glasgow meeting.

She (piqued)—"I don't know exactly what to make of you, Mr. Bland." He (eager to suggest): "Er why not try a husband?"

It has been definitely laid down by a writer on fashion that the length of a lady's dress should be a little above two feet.

Miss Faustique: I flatter myself that I can write about as bitter a letter when I choose as any girl living. Miss. Caustique: Yes? you generally wet your pencil with your tongue at every second word, do you not?

Patient (woefully): Oh, doctor, I'm all twisted up with the rheumatism and neuralgia. Oh, do you think, doctor, you can get all the pain out of me? Doctor (kindly): Well, I will try to get all out of you I can.

Railway Official: "You had better not smoke, sir." Traveller: "That's what my friends say." Railway Official: "But you must not smoke, sir." Traveller: "So my doctor tells me." Railway Official (indignantly): "But you shan't smoke, sir." Traveller: "Ah, just what my wife says."

THE SMITH FAMILY.—A yankee orator named Smith thus held forth to an amused audience in praise of his cognomen: "Gentlemen, my name is Smith, and I am proud to say I am not ashamed of it. It

may be that no person in this crowd owns that very uncommon name. If, however, there be one such, let him hold up his head, pull up his dickey, turn out his toes, take courage and thank his stars that there are a few more left of the same sort.

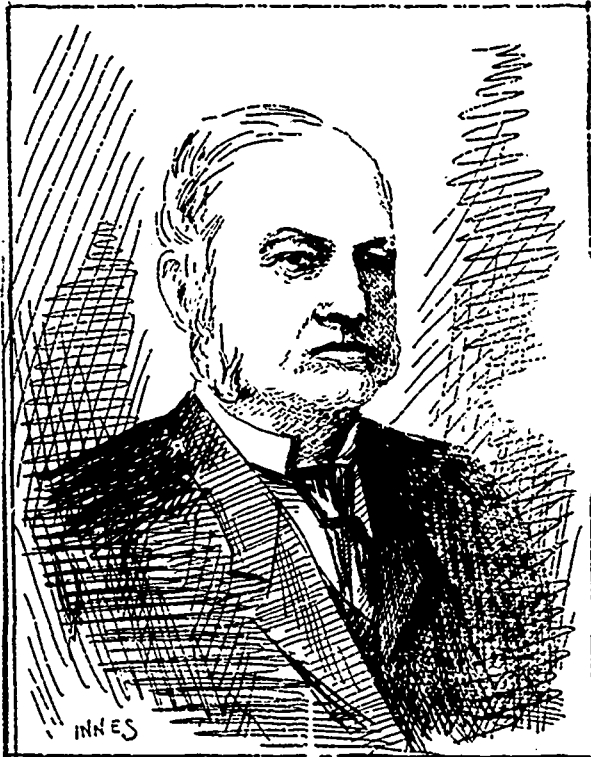
'Smith, gentlemen is an illustrious name,  
And stands ever high in the annals of fame,  
Let White, Brown, and Jones increase as they will,  
Believe me, that Smith will out number them still.'

Gentlemen, I am proud of being an original Smith, not a Smithe nor a Smyth, but a regular, natural S-m-i-t-h—Smith. Putting a "y" in the middle or an "e" at the end won't do, gentlemen. Whoever heard of a great man by the name of Smyth or Smithe? Echo answers who? and everybody says nobody. But as for Smith, plain S-m-i-t-h, Smith, why the pillars of fame are covered with that honoured and revered name. Who were the most racy, witty, and most popular authors of this century? Horace and Albert Smith. Who the most original, pithy, and humorous preacher? The Rev. Sidney Smith. And who, I ask—and I ask the question more seriously and soberly—who, I say, is that man, and what is his name, who has fought the most battles, made the most speeches, preached the most sermons, held the most offices, sang the most songs, written the most poems, courted the most women, kissed the most girls, and married the most widows? History says, I say, you say, and everybody says, John Smith.



## MEN OF THE DAY

## WIDE WORLD WIDE WONDERS



HON. JOHN CARLING.

OUR subject this week, the Hon. John Carling, was born in London, Ont., on January 23, 1828. He was a member of the firm of Carling & Co., and director of the Great Western Railway and of the London and Port Stanley Railway. He was returned as member for London in the Canadian Assembly, which seat he held until Confederation. He was Receiver-General of Canada in 1852. In August, '67 he was elected for the Commons and held the seat until the general elections in '74. He was also returned to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in '67, holding the portfolio of Minister of Public Works and Agriculture, until '71 when the Government was defeated. He was sworn of the Privy Council and was Postmaster-General from May 1882 to September 1885 when he became Minister of Agriculture. He was re-elected to the Commons at the general elections in 1878, 1882, 1887, but was defeated at the last general election for London. He will probably be appointed Lieut.-Governor of Ontario.

THE UPPER HOUSE in New Brunswick has been abolished.

NEWFOUNDLAND refuses to allow Canadian fishermen to buy bait, but sell to Americans.

BREMNER is at Ottawa, waiting for the House to meet. When are these claims to be finally settled?

AN EXPLOSION occurred in a nitro-glycerine factory in Petrolia and three men were blown to pieces.

RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA are making warlike preparations. Both nations are concentrating troops on the frontier.

THE HON. JOHN CARLING is soon to retire from the Cabinet and will be appointed Lieut.-Governor of Ontario.

THE LOYALTY of the Ameer of Afghanistan towards Great Britain is suspected. Great excitement exists in India.

EMILE ZOLA has written a new novel "Money," a story of a huge Parisian banking swindle. It is a most powerfully written work.

A MAN in Indiana fell in a swoon and was shockingly mutilated by rats. The detective's theory was, however, that he had been clubbed to death.

PARNELL'S cause is said to be waning; a convention of the National League is to be held shortly, which will virtually be solid against Parnell.

THE CATHOLICS in Eastern Canada prophesy annexation as the result of the Government not disallowing the Manitoba "School" and "French" bills.

A VALUABLE gold mine has been discovered in Marmora. Free gold as big as wheat kernels is sticking out of the rocks, and the vein is 20 feet wide.

THE DEATH of the great showman, Barnum, has been received with universal regret. The verdict of the press throughout the world is that he was a great public benefactor.

A WELL-KNOWN society woman in Connecticut obtained large sums of money by making piteous appeals through the press under a *nom de plume*, and she has been arrested.

JUSTICE STEPHEN, about whose increasing incapacity for the office so much has been written in the English papers, and who summed up so bitterly against Mrs. Maybrick, who was charged with poisoning her husband, has retired from the Bench. The occasion of his retiring was most affecting.



SPORT is not much in my line, but I cannot help saying that I am sorry to see that the various clubs are not giving that support to the Association which it deserves. At least I except the Cricket Club, who is making very liberal arrangements.

IT WILL be a great pity if sufficient funds are not raised to improve the grounds. The members of the Association have put their hands in their pockets and bought the ground. It is for the clubs to help now by every means in their power.

I HEAR that the much-talked of amateur performance in aid of the Calgary hospital is again "off" owing to the illness of two of the ladies who were to have taken part in them.

Thank goodness I am a very ordinary individual, and nobody cares a jot who I married. Now, there's poor Parnell,—the papers are teeming with such headlines as "Is he married!" "No! He's not!" "Who's His Wife," "Parnell, married to the Daughter, and not the Mother," and all such tommy-rot. What on earth does it matter whether Parnell is married or not, or whether he's married to both of them.

THE EDITOR has asked me to state that the result of the word competition in this paper which closed yesterday will be announced in the issue of the 25th. There are a number of lists to go through, some of them being very close.

A NORTHWEST town east of Calgary has passed a resolution that none of the town officials must drink intoxicating liquors. Heavens, what a town to live in! Was the result that all the officials were sacked? Carry this out throughout Canada and nearly all the officials would have to go.

SPEAKING of liquor—the *Herald* had a most sensible article on this question in Thursday's issue. The article very aptly pointed out that the Town Council issued licences for permission to sell whiskey, otherwise called liquid refreshment, and the next minute the Mounted Police can come down on saloon-keepers for illegally selling whiskey. What a farce it all is to be sure!

SUCH things as these surely must show the authorities at Ottawa what utter rot our present liquor law is. That they will alter the law during the coming session, there can be little doubt.

THE QUESTION of houses of ill-fame is a somewhat delicate one to touch on, but however distasteful a duty it may be, it is none the less a duty. Some time ago our town council decided they should not exist in town, and the half dozen houses on 16 were shut down. Of the wisdom or otherwise of such action I am not prepared to express an opinion. I would merely point out that the law is now a dead-letter.

Several such houses have been recently opened again within the town limits. Now who is running this town, the women who keep these houses or the Town Council? If the latter, then they should either say that the action of the former council was wrong, or that it was right, and the law strictly enforced.

This is a matter for the Police committee to deal with. The duty is there for them to perform and that duty they cannot shirk.

IT IS SAID that Villard's backers have gone back on him, but nothing, however, is definitely known.

LA GRIPPE is raging in the States. New York and Chicago are suffering terribly, the death rate being very high.

THE MORMONS in the States find it very hard to accept the manifesto stopping polygamous marriages. The question is, what is to be done with the plural wives?

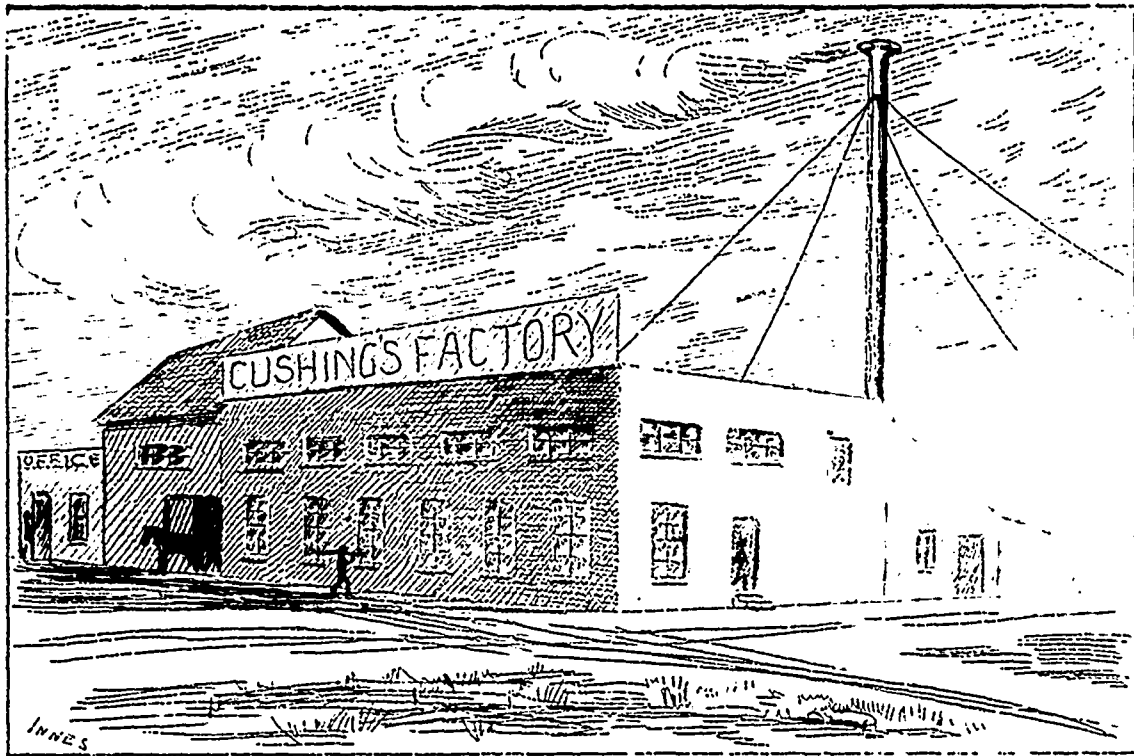
AN ENORMOUS meeting of male and female employes was held at Stafford, Eng. lately, and certain resolutions were proposed restricting female labour. The women who were in a large majority, threatened to lynch some of the men, and the meeting ended in a riot.

### MEN OF THE DAY.

Under this heading sketches have appeared in our columns of the following gentlemen :

- No. 1—Col. Herchmer. \*
- " 2—Lieut. Gov. Royal.
- " 3—The Hon. J. A. Lougheed, Q. C. \*
- " 4—Nicholas Flood Davin, M. P.
- " 5—D. W. Davis, M. P.
- " 6—Dr. J. D. Lafferty.
- " 7—Mr. Jas. Reilly. \*
- " 8—Dr. Brett, M. L. A. \*
- " 9—Hugh Cayley, M. L. A.
- " 10—Hon. Justice Rouleau.
- " 11—Mr. T. B. Baker, Moose Jaw. \*
- " 12—Mr. J. L. Livingston.
- " 15—Hon. E. Dewdney.
- " 16—Captain McIllree.
- " 17—Hon. Wilfred Laurier.
- " 18—Professor Tyndall.

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### OUR INDUSTRIES.

Under this heading we propose from time to time to give illustrated accounts of industries which flourish in the North-West Territories. The quantity of machinery already in use will be a surprise to even those living in the Territories, and will open the eyes of the outside world to the vast possibilities there are in this country for the outlay of capital.

The oldest factory in the Territories is that started by Mr. W. H. Cushing, in January, 1885, south of the railway track. That over six years ago this gentleman should have had the pluck to start such an undertaking, speaks volumes for him personally, and also for his faith in the country. That his faith was not misplaced is very evident. Six years ago a small building, a few hundred dollars' worth of machinery and two or three hands comprised this factory, and to-day we see a large shop 40 x 95 feet, with boiler room, offices, outbuildings, etc.; we find the factory stocked with expensive machinery of a high order, which is worked by from 15 to 20 employes, all more or less skilled. Mr. Cushing says that things are looking brighter to-day than ever since the factory started, and no doubt a highly successful future is before it. On entering the main door we find ourselves in the first storey of the factory and in the midst of the buzz and whirl of the machinery. The first thing noticed is a combined planer and matcher

for making flooring and siding; then we come to a surface planer for surfacing lumber, next a rip-saw; further on a moulding machine which turns out mouldings of every description; we then examine a turning lathe, and the handsome pillars, inlaid casings, etc., which have just been made, and then we are then taken up-stairs where we find ourselves in the midst of doors and sashes in various stages; the hum of the machinery makes talking a difficulty, but we manage to catch from Mr. Cushing that the following are the names of the machines we see working on all sides: power mortises, fitted with chisels of various dimensions; tenoning machine; sash and door stick-er; door cramp with sash attachment; band saw, which is used for scroll work, brackets and all kinds of ornamental work; combination saw and dado head; shaping machine; buzz planer and joiner; boring machine; rip saw; blind-slotting machine; sand-paper machine for giving a polished surface to work; two large grinding stones, and a foot power scroll saw, which is used for extra fine work.

Of the machine shop is a large room for bench work and here we have a chance of hearing our voices and the proprietor gives us the history of a door from the time it enters the factory until it is ready for the market. The lumber arrives in the rough from British Columbia, and is put in the drying-rooms, where it remains for about two weeks for the purpose of getting all the moisture out of it, and thus preventing any shrinkage when it goes out into

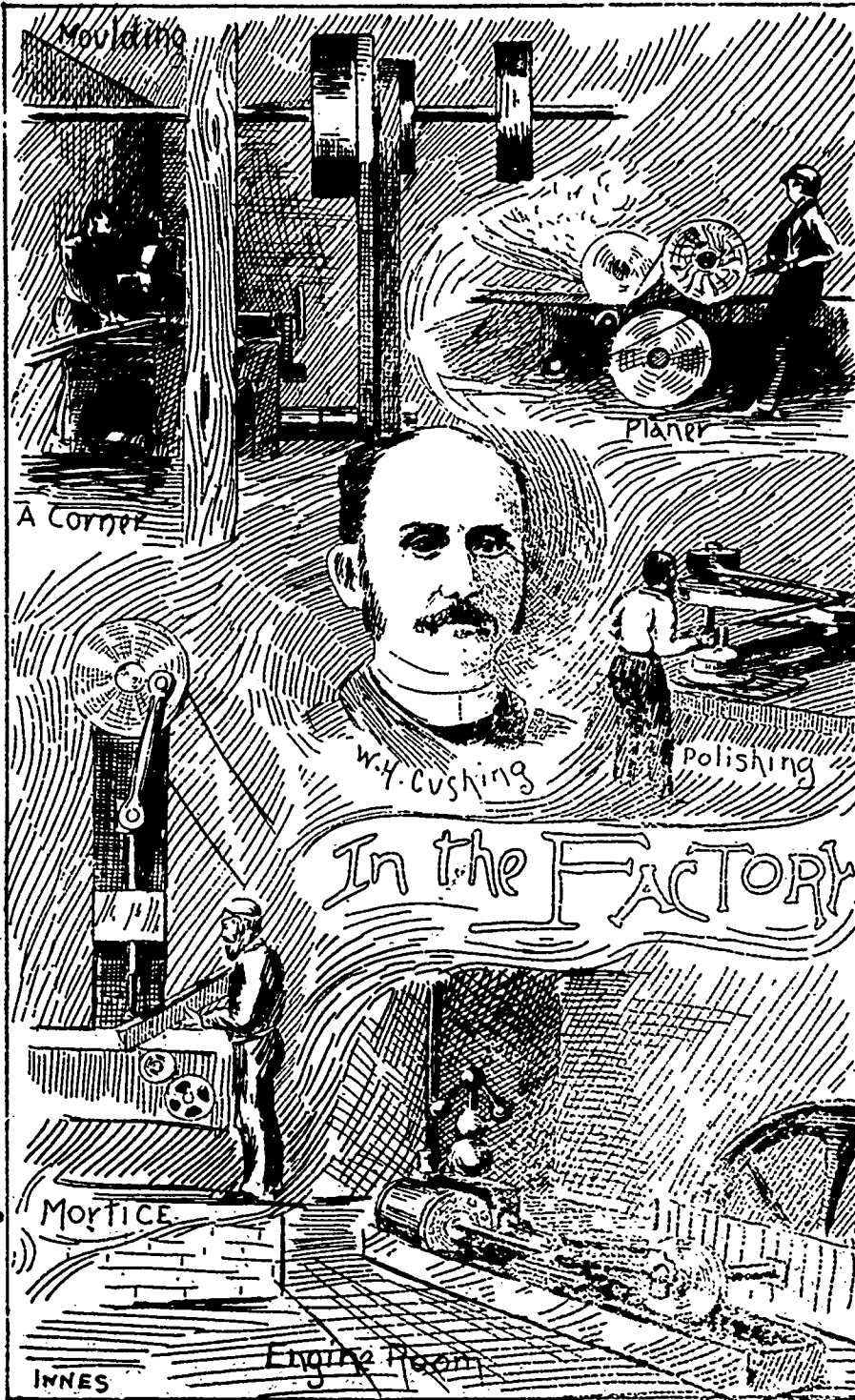
the word as a full-fledged door. The lumber is then taken to the planer, and afterwards to the rip-saw, where it is mutilated by being ripped into proper widths; then it is cut into proper lengths by another saw; some parts go to the mortiser and some to the tenoning machine; they afterwards are taken to the sash and door moulder, and at last the lumber assumes the shape for which it is intended and is put

together and taken to the "cramp," from which emerges a door, which after a good sand-papering, is ready for the market. Mr. Cushing said that if necessary he could make a door in less than five minutes, but at present the demand hardly calls for such expedition.

We then descend to the boiler-house, where a 25 h. p. engine with a large driving-wheel, 6 feet in diameter, is hard at work. The fuel used for the furnace is from the refuse of the factory and wood, and costs about \$2.00 a day. The machinery, which is by Cowan & Co., Galt, cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Attached to the factory is a glazing room and a store room, and going through the office we find ourselves once more on the street.

The visit was one full of interest and education. We learnt that every kind of builders' supplies were manufactured to order; that doors, window sashes, blinds, mouldings, scroll-work, turnings, frames of all descriptions, store front and fittings, stairs, etc., were manufactured in large quantities. Every visitor to Calgary should be taken to Cushing's factory, and we are sure the respected proprietor will be equally courteous in showing them over the building, as he was to ourselves.

Our artist gives a few sketches of what we saw on our visit.



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"My dear friend, I do not know why, but I think I am going to die," and he thoughtlessly quoted the lines from the death scene in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

"I have saved quite a little fortune from my popular appearances before the public, and I shall now be glad to let my father if I die."

A quiet sob came from the lower berth occupied by Mr. Henshall.

"Nav, nav, my dear," she said to herself, "if eyether die, let it be for me, if that sounds better. O., let me die!"

With that she made a pitiable, like a person who does not feel it.

"Yes, dear lady," said Bill, hauling her a crumpled purse containing \$8. "This will lift the mortgage on the old farm and wipe out the personal indebtedness of my father. I am a poor, persecuted girl, followed at all times by either a wild-eyed hypnotizer who is out of a job, or else a spitz-whiskered artist who bars my ears on a regular basis, intending to follow me about like a nut on the head of Nemesis all the while. I shall die content, dear lady. Good night."

I can't go to any great length to describe that horrid night. It was a wonder that one human being came forth alive from the terrible wreck—and awful hell, I was going to say.

Henry Henshall was struck on the head by a fresh train fly, and for a time lay unconscious, but the sound of his burning trousers aroused him, and he got up and went out of the car.

Strangest of all, the blow had cleared his intellect and brought out the laudable pus out of his mind, as it were, and "Lena" was the first word on his lips. The awful picture seemed to bewilder him a moment, and then he set to work. From the window of a burning car a white and beautiful arm extended through a broken window. On the hand, though spotted with bright red blotches, he recognized his wife's well-known ring.

With a cry of agony he dashed into the crushed and burning wreck, and just as the flames were beginning to creep upon her he jumped from the hungry flames with his fainting but happy wife in his arms. Again and again he blessed the happy blow on his head which had cleared his vision and made him see how near he came to losing a good, true and desirable wife.

Lena's hair turned snowy white, and so yet, but she makes a beautiful matron, a kind mother and a good wife to the cashier of her father's bank, Mr. Henry Henshall, who has a big fortune now worth \$25,000 in his own and vicinal rights.

Etna was never fully recovered. Aside from the hinges of her violin case, her remains were never found. I hated to write this, but I am no here to be sentimental. I must be truthful. Her nose was used, or a portion of it at least, to relieve her father's indigestion, and with the other she was founded a conservatory of music in Boston.

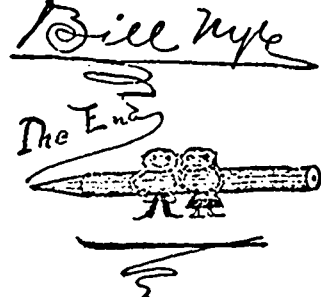
Dr. Watson was pinned to the wreck by the ear and slowly ended to death. Before he died he said he was sorry for what he had done, but yet with his last breath he tried to be a preacher who was praying for him. He was a low creature. He was a disagreeable person, and his death utterly failed to cast a glow over the calamity.

Mr. Crawford and his bride returned to Chicago and remained there quite awhile.

They were very, very happy in bed.

Mrs. Dr. Watson went on the stage and did well. She receives good wages, and also got \$25,000 just a year or two ago, whose life she had insured the year before. With this money she bought two beautiful dresses, which she now wears on the stage and which make a great hit.

Mr. and Mrs. Henshall are real happy in the home. Henry is a good provider and Lena can construct a cake which will make one's hair curl. They have a good income in any case to see them, and almost without exception each one says, "Oh, going away, we have had a real good time."



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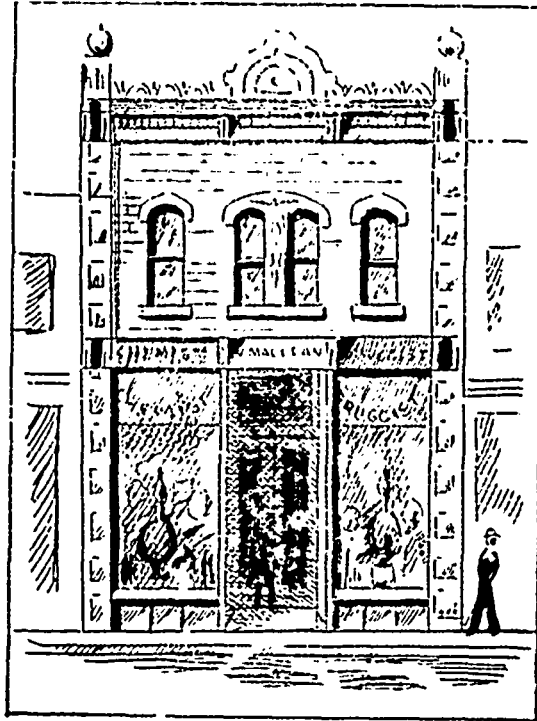
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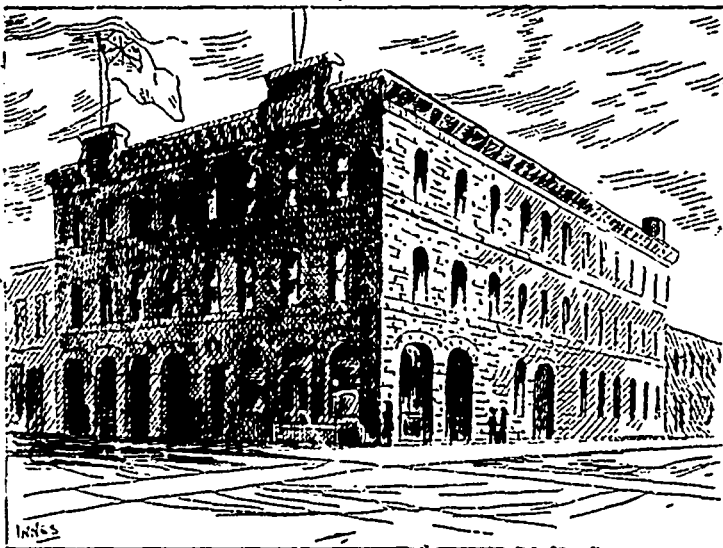
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