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CALGARY, TUESDAY, DEC. 23, 1884.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Time which is said to overthrow the illusions of opinion and establish the decisions of nature has made another revolution with its wheel, and once more we are on the threshold of the festive season; "when the Christmas chimes of the good old times" will gladden the hearts of the old as well as of the young, and "happy voices" will awaken the echoes of the days back towards which we may all look with feelings of the fondest recollections. Not only do we wish our readers a MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS, but we hope they will live long enough to see the infant town develop into the full stature of metropolitan manhood.

URGING THE MATTER.

Because Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin has been boring Sir David MacPherson in the matter of territorial representation the exiguous local sheet has discovered that the Government "is considering the matter." This is an important discovery, and no doubt the writer thinks that it is original. Ay, immense! He should secure the patent without delay, else the McLeod *Gazette* will frustrate the business and fye a caveat, and there is no dependence to be placed on the *Bulletin* which has now a Calgary special telegraphic correspondent, aiming in the direction of being the *Globe* of the North-West. The *Herald* writer, however, betrays an ignorance of the North-West Act that is refreshing as well as charming. For instance he falls foul of the *Bulletin* and knocks its pet project of "one territory one province," higher than Guy Sussac ever ascended. Hilar him and let the *Bulletin* heed. The idea of forming the Territories into one Province with a Legislature similar to those of the other Provinces is not a bad one as ideas go. But the idea that any Government will undertake such an experimental and gigantic a piece of legislation without trying less laborious and risky measures first is one in which we do not share." The *Gazette* has also been nursing this project, but it will now have to take it all back and trot after the gymnastic organ which by the way is capable of giving a few lessons in the acrobatic art, as the *Gazette* is proficient in learning them. The writer continues "the other suggestion which has been made, that the provincial districts shall be made separate Provinces right off is injudicious, because we have no revenue and are not likely to have one for a good many years." An "injudicious suggestion" is a mild phrase even to idiocy, but is the scribbler aware that when the number of elective members in the North-West Council becomes twenty-one, that body becomes the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories, though the provincial districts remain as such?

The fact is all those journals in the North-West which have undertaken to howl about North-West matters are betraying an ignorance as to the existing act which is not surprising when it is remembered that few if any of them have really studied their subject. This state of things must continue so long as newspaper proprietors allow their columns to be under the control of irresponsible writers seeking their own individual advancement while posing as North-West patriots.

MUTUAL YUM YUMMING.

The *Gazette* quotes the *Herald* and that perfunctory journal quotes the *Gazette*. That is a game of mutual admiration which we would prefer to witness than those epithets the *Gazette* used to hurl at the *Herald* in anti-NOR'-WESTER days. But in all earnestness and in the name of real journalism, not the amateur articles, if the *Gazette*, desires to convey facts to its readers instead of fiction—it should know whereof it writes. Its last issue contains what professes to be a leading article on what it calls the mass meeting, (there were just seventy-one present) and it proceeds to extract comfort from the fact that there was nothing in the speeches made which can be construed as incendiary. No doubt it would have suited the *Gazette* better if there had been a display of demagogism and flap-doodle, and its disappointment at least finds expression. The *Gazette* had no reporter present at the meeting, and its editorial is written on the strength of its own prejudices and the *Herald's* report, which, by the way, was a cooked up affair, as it, too, had no reporter present, or if present he took no notes, and this amounts to the same thing. The organ speaking of the absence of delegates from McLeod, and of the mission of certain resolutions says: "All this shows that there was no desire to run things, and that no advantage was taken of the absence of delegates from this district to pass measures which they did not feel sure would be acceptable. This mark of courtesy is entitled to an acknowledgment, and we hereby acknowledge it."

That ought to be a sufficient receipt, and we presume it is, provided always that the *Gazette* voices the respectable element of its district which we very much doubt, but in the little paragraph quoted we have the cue to the eloquent silence upon the lease question. The *Gazette* should know that the Calgary agitators were afraid to touch this subject. It is no doubt left to the McLeod *Gazette* to get up a sweeping resolution denouncing the leaseholders, because Mr. FitzCochrane and Mr. Bleeker both declare that Calgary has nothing to do with the lease matter. Settler Livingston, Councillor Geddes and Councillor Glen are yet to be heard from. So that there is a strong probability of there being considerable discord in the music. The more we view this petty agitation business the plainer it appears to us that the agitators will yet trip themselves.

UNCALLED FOR.

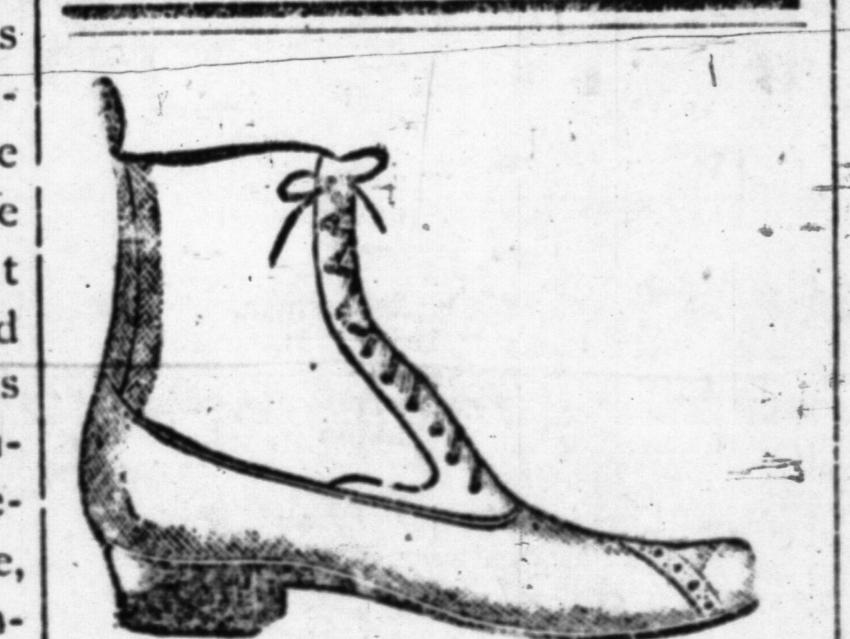
Among other things asked by the local agitators is the abolition of the nominated feature in the North-West Council, and the establishment of a purely elective body. The resolution to this purpose was moved by Mr. Oswald and seconded by Mr. Leech. The preamble to this resolution cites, "That the Constitution of the North-West Council being partly elective, and partly nominative is anomalous in the extreme and entirely unsuited to the wants and requirements of the country." Therefore, Mr. Oswald asks, "that the Dominion Government be respectfully requested to pass such amendments to the North-West Territories Act as will make the North-West Council a purely elective body with fuller and larger legislative powers than these now enjoyed by the Council, until the time shall arrive when the different provincial districts shall be erected into separate provinces with their own local legislatures." Mr. Oswald is the same gentleman who was defeated last summer by Mr. Geddes when he ran for member for this district. He is also the same gentleman who has been materially assisting to get up a petition to the Dominion Government, praying that the C. P. R. be compelled to plow several furrows on each side of their track, the whole distance, in order to abolish prairie fires. Mr. Leech, we believe, has gone to Nebraska for the winter

where no doubt he will be able to study up the question of territorial representation from an "American point of view." The resolution which was placed in the hands of these gentlemen to move by the "resolution" committee is uncalled for and for the very good reason that there has been no especial complaint in this district against any of the nominated members. Mr. FitzCochrane himself knows this however much it may not suit him to admit it in the press, besides we pointed out in last week's issue, "that when the number of elected members in the North-West Council amounts to twenty-one the appointed Council shall cease and be determined, and the twenty-one members so elected shall constitute the Legislative Assembly of the North-West territories, and all the powers vested in the Council shall thenceforth be vested in and exercisable by the Legislative Assembly." What could be fairer? During the present year two new elective members were added to the Council, so that just as soon as population demands it, the purely elective principle will prevail. To force matters is not only wrong but it is manifestly unfair. Mr. Bleeker has undertaken to state in public that it will take ten years to have a purely elective Council. Mr. FitzCochrane has reiterated this. Both gentlemen are in error. The elective members in the North-West Council already number seven. Another year is likely to add three or four more, so that these gentlemen must have patience and wait not ten years, but perhaps less than three years. It is, however, unfair for them to misrepresent and mislead. Both these gentlemen personally may be in a hurry, but they will have to wait a little until the country is able to catch up with them.

A prominent North-West lawyer of our acquaintance through reaping a rich harvest from cases adjudicated by Stipendiary Magistrates and Mounted Police officials, etc., for the good time, comin, when there shall be no mounted police, no fines, and consequently no fees. This is an instance of legal unscrupulousness that ought to make the shades of Judah P. Benjamin fairly shite. It is, however, due to our North-West legal acquaintance to say, that he has already reaped a rich harvest in defending the poor devils who have been fined, taking his fees whenever the wealth was to be got and claiming glory when glory was the only circulating medium to be had—ad utrumque pars us.

The new Town Council are taking time by the forelock. They have passed a fire by law the provisions of which, if put en force cannot fail to be more than an ounce of protection. Mayor Murdoch is a worker, a good stickler not only for rules, but for wholesome hygine, and what is more, their strict enforcement.

The people of the Provisional District of Assiniboina are moving in the direction of Provincial Organization. There is sense in the movement—far more than there is the blind groping after the alleged territorial representation which has been defined as being on the "American" plan.



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A Glasgow engineer approached us for eight years from America, and Captain Pim in the main export 5cts. per lb.

The Captain is alive to the vast cattle business of money can buy kind, when it is a man of well-known

Captain Pim's connections and services to the state, and the most notable achievement of the most popular lands' public men, oil by him is a person. Besides, all investments have America, and England eager than cattle and ranch stock companies, honestly managed Stock Journal.

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New Feature in Cattle Ranching.

The celebrated Englishman, Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., who was recently in St. Louis attending the cattlemen's convention, has only lately returned from a visit to the Panama Canal, where he has been for the last month. The result of his examination of the French works there is for the use of our State department, and may be relied upon as correct and substantial. The gallant Captain, in spite of a service record full of hardships and dangers, not only before the enemy, but north, south, east and west, is still, healthy and vigorous—for more than his age, fifty-eight years, would lead one to suppose—and notwithstanding the dangers and laborious work he has just completed on the isthmus, has started on a lengthy tour through the ranching districts of the west. He was very interested in the affairs of the convention just closed, and, at the citizen's banquet, in response to a toast, delivered a vigorous speech, filled with clear cut and pithy ideas upon the cattle trail and cattle disease, subjects of vital importance to the cattle men of the future.

The Captain will be remembered by most of your readers as the gallant naval officer who seventeen years ago made himself conspicuous by saving the lives of the passenger and crew of the wrecked steamer Santiago de Cuba, near Atlantic City, and more recently by his warm and cordial recognition as the oldest Arctic navigator of the young Lieutenant Greeley, who has just succeeded in planting the American flag nearer the north pole than any other. Lieutenant Greeley was for some time the guest of Captain Pim at the Windsor hotel, in Montreal.

Captain Pim left St. Louis in a special car, the gift of the directors of the New York and Boston Cattle company, among whom we notice the Hon. Geo. W. McCrary, ex-secretary of war, and president of the M. Y. & B. C. Co.; Captain Sir's Bent, of St. Louis; Mr. H. C. Baldwin, of Colorado; and Messrs. W. H. Hubbard and J. R. Bancroft, of Philadelphia. The party will visit the ranches and holdings of the company in Colorado and Montana.

The Captain's object is to perfect a plan by which no cattle can be slaughtered on the mountain range and shipped frozen direct to the London markets. The company's present herd of 50,000 head of cattle will also be disposed of 1,000 head per month; but Captain Pim's arrangements can be carried out, and shipping facilities had, he proposes to interest British investors so as to encourage the company's herds to 150,000 head. Upon this basis 500 head of the cattle per month can be shipped to the London market. To provide shelter for the frozen cattle between the date of arrival and a convenient time for sale, chambers of large capacity will be constructed at Victoria, Esquimalt, and the temperature kept constantly below freezing point by the latest improved apparatus. The profits of such a business will be simply enormous. The beef can be sold in London by the car or 13 cts. per lb. With graded cattle selling 1,000 lbs each, the company's profit will be fully \$500,000 per month.

A Glasgow company has fitted up a refrigerator apparatus which will in 250 cars a month \$14,500,000 worth of meat from America, and \$1,000,000 from the Colonies. The cost of raising and handling beef in this manner it is thought will not exceed 5 cts. per lb.

The Captain is thoroughly in earnest and alive to the vast importance and profits of the cattle business, and this is any amount of money can be had for an enterprise of this kind, when it is managed as in this case by men of well-known and world-wide reputation.

Captain Pim's high and influential family connections, who have for generations done service to the state, together with his personal achievements, have made him one of the most prominent and best known of England's public men, and any opinion expressed by him is a positive endorsement of success. Besides, all kinds of English cattle movements have proved very successful in America, and Englishmen of wealth are far more eager than Americans to invest in cattle and ranches through the medium of stock companies, the larger the better, if honestly managed. —Nor'western Live Stock Journal.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Met Again and Discuss the Civic Situation.

Adopt and Pass certain By-Laws without much hesitation.

The town council met on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Present—The Mayor, Councillors Hogg, Millward and Clark, Dr. Lindsay.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Councillor Hogg reported, as chairman of the by-law committee, that the committee had met and had framed a by-law which they submitted to the Council for its consideration.

On motion of Councillor Millward, seconded by Councillor Hogg, the by-law was read a first time.

On motion of Councillor Hogg, seconded by Councillor Clark, the by-law was read a second time, and the Council went into the committee of the whole to consider the same.

The committee reported the by-law, third reading for the next meeting.

THE SEAL.

Councillor Millward asked for an extension of time of one week to complete the design of the seal.

Councillor Lindsay asked what the design was. He said he would like to see something a little more modern than an Indian on a broncho. He thought a train of cars

coming through the gap of the Bow River would be more appropriate.

Councillor Clark laid upon the table a number of accounts against the town.

On motion of Councillor Hogg, the bill committee were given one week's extension of time to report.

Dr. Lindsay enquired what had been done in regard to the bill.

The Mayor said one week's extension of time had been given, and at the end of that time he expected the committee would report.

The Mayor then appointed the balance of the standing committees as follows:

Finance and Executive—The Mayor, Councillors Hogg and Lindsay;

Public Works and Property—Councillors Millward, Hogg and Lindsay;

Fire, Water and Light—The Mayor, Councillors Clark and Millward;

Health and Markets—Councillor Lindsay, Hogg, Clark, Millward and the Mayor;

Licence—Councillors Hogg, Millward and the Mayor;

Police and Relief—Councillors Clark, Lindsay and Millward.

The Mayor stated that the first named on each committee would be chairman.

He submitted the following as a communication which had been sent to the Civic Committee:

Calgary, January 24, 1884
Chairman Civic Committee:

Sir—I have the honor to state that whenever action is taken by your committee to any providing a school for the town, I will gladly do my part to your committee's end and for the purpose in the Do. y. e. state.

Yours, etc.,
C. STEWART.

On motion of Councillor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Clark, Capt. Stewart's communication was referred to the proper committee to report on.

The Mayor stated that when Mr. Smith was here Mr. Swan and himself had called upon him, and he told them had two lots for a fire or oil tank, or any purpose for which the town might need them.

Moved by Councillor Hogg, seconded by Councillor Clark, that the memo of lots handed in by the Mayor be referred to the public works and property committee.

A number of petitions which were signed were not read.

A number of papers relating to the corporation were handed over to the clerk.

Councillor Hogg said it would be wise to encourage a fire brig.

Councilor Clark returned thanks to the Council for the reason of the opportunity to be at the last meeting. He said it was certainly a pretty hard thing to be injured, but it was pleasing to know that he had the sympathy of his fellow councilors.

The clerk stated that he had written to Mr. Forget, clerk of the Northwest Council for half a dozen copies of the same as requested, also to the Lt.-Governor in reference to an appointment of a mayor as a J. P.

The council then proceeded to discuss the question of fire protection in its various aspects.

Councillor Millward gave his views at some length. He thought the town should have a properly organized hose and ladder company; he thought that it would be good service in the meantime; he thought something should be done to encourage a volunteer brigade; and the town should furnish the apparatus and coat and cap to each member. He thought something like what he suggested would suit the town.

Councillor Hogg asked who would make a good captain.

The Mayor said that that was a matter exclusively belonging to the brigade itself. They certainly had the privilege of choosing their own officers and passing their own laws.

Councillor Lindsey said the only way was to add the brigade in every possible way that was reasonable.

After a protracted discussion on the subject, the Council adjourned.

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THE NOR'-WESTER.

CALGARY, TUESDAY, DEC. 23, 1884.

SANTA CLAUS.

MERRY 'XMAS.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

COLD SNAP.

MANITOBA DIP.

CLEAR CORIOLIN.

COAL famine.

XMAS trading lively.

THIRTY-EIGHT below.

THURSDAY next is Christmas Day.

SWEET oranges at Claxton's Star Bakery.

TURKEY and the inevitable cranberry sauce for Xmas.

Florida Oranges at Fraser's.

CAPT. STEWART returned from Winnipeg on Thursday last.

MAYOR MURDOCH received by last week's mail his commission as a J.P.

CALL and see Claxton's stock before purchasing.

CLERK BOYES has received a number of copies of the Ordinances for 1884.

YARDLEY has been awarded the contract for the Pincher Creek school house.

CLEAN, cloudless and cold to-day. Thermometer registered 34 below this morning.

Go to Fraser's for your Xmas supplies.

THE masons intend having a ball about the end of the present month in their new hall.

THE new fire-by-law is pretty stringent. Look out for it and that salemander the Fire Inspector.

MESSRS. SMITH & BUCK have been awarded the contract for the erection of Mr. Borradaile's residence.

MR. STEWART has kindly given the use of Calvary Theatre Hall to the young folks for a dance Xmas night.

THE public examination of the pupils of the school takes place this afternoon at half past one, at the school-house.

We have received Waghorn's Diary for the present month. This useful little visitor is always a welcome guest at this office.

Fraser's car load of fruit just arrived.

SOMEBODY lost a small sum of money yesterday on Stephen Avenue. Mr. Hambly found it, and he will return it to the rightful owner.

THAT old settler who said it would be a mild winter has left for the sunny South. He travel fast, fearing the wrath of a shivering public.

LARGE quantities of beef continue to pass this office on the way to Sparw's warehouse, from which it is being shipped to Winnipeg and other points east.

A MEETING of Oddfellows will be held on Friday evening in the Town Council room for the purpose of initiating a Lodge. All holders of cards are particularly requested to attend. George Murdoch, B.D.G.S.

Boys and girls go and see the Xmas tree at Claxton's Star Bakery.

MCINTYRE & DAVIDSON are now as genitierous as we were going to say the big Republic, but we will say Mex co. They have just got in a stock of sieware that takes the entire shop, baker included.

Eggs by the barrel or dozen, at Fraser's.

MAYOR MURDOCH is determined that the code of rules and regulations adopted by the Council shall not be considered as a mere ornament—a thing of beauty—they will be put into practice, so that they will not rust.

A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT in aid of the prize fund for the public school will take place at the Methodist Church on next Wednesday evening. Admission 15 cents. Every one should go as it is for a good object.

THERE will be Services in the Methodist Church on Christmas morning, at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Dyke will preach a sermon suitable to the occasion and music will be rendered by the choir. All are welcome. Seats free. No collection.

Choice Table Raisins by the box, Fresh Ceranial, Cream and Taffy, manufactured weekly at Fraser's.

JACQUES called us yesterday and showed us some of his gold rings. We tried one on our right dexter, and it was hard to get off—at least we thought it was. He further initiated us into the secrets of some bracelets and sleeve buttons. He continues to increase his assortment each week, so that it will take a good pace to keep up with him.

MESSRS. BEGO & HIERS, photographers, are offering some fine photo frames at low figures.

A NUMBER of gentlemen interested in the formation of an Historical and Scientific Society met the other evening in Mr. McCaskie's office and discussed the feasibility of forming the Society. Mr. Hughan, Secretary of the Manitoba Society, has been communicated with, and in a few days another meeting will be held for the purpose of materializing the project.

Buy your Xmas and New Year's cakes at Claxton's

THOMAS SWAN, Esq., known all over, and until last summer a resident of Calgary, arrived from Regina on Thursday's train. Mr. Swan is Inspector of horsesteals at Regina. He was not at the station by a number of acquaintances who gave him a cordial welcome. He is the guest of his son-in-law Councillor Millward. Mr. Swan will spend the holidays in Calgary, which he thinks has greatly improved since he left here.

OUR thanks are due to C. H. Bell, Esq., for a copy of Our Northern Waters. Less than a year ago we had the pleasure of giving this work an extended notice in the British press, but this is the first opportunity we have had of referring to it in the NOR'WESTER. Mr. Bell has shown himself a thorough master of his subject. Mr. Bell possesses a good talent for research and compilation, and the favorable notices which have been given hardly need any confirmation on our part.

THE largest and best assorted stock of Xmas Candy in Calgary at Claxton's Star Bakery.

YESTERDAY was the shortest day. The length of it, that is to say, the duration of darkness was eight hours and forty-five minutes. It is however known as the shortest day more by courtesy than anything else, for Sunday the 21st the sun rose at 7:45, and set at 4:45 p.m. This morning that mutual servant of a work rose at the same hour 7:40, and he will set at 4:45. Tomorrow there will be a difference of two minutes in the sun's duration. He will rise at 7:50, and set 4:46. As the days begin to lengthen the winter should begin to strengthen, according to the old adage.

Messrs. Lammert & Co. have also a choice Xmas stock, and their show case reveals an assortment that would make eastern people open their eyes.

Linton has also a good assortment for the holidays. Here and there evergreens are to be seen. No doubt the hotel people intend no do the fashionable.

A NOR'WESTER representative called at Sarrow's and was informed that the display of beet wood will not be made until ten o'clock this morning.

The general stores not much preparation has been made except at King's, where we noticed yesterday a busy trade going on.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

silver gets a chance nearly to freeze, Pugat sound zephyrs will rush down the Bow like snow off the Devil's head. Looking over our office table we find that the festive fly is frozen to the Winnipeg Times and the contents of the paste pot are as solid as the ice on Fraser's Skating Rink, still it will be seen by consulting our advertising columns that oranges are plentiful at Fraser's.

FRASER'S FUN.

CALGARY SKATING RINK.

Description of the Place,

Anxious to give our readers a description of Fraser's Skating Rink recently erected on Stephen avenue, nearly opposite the NOR'WESTER office, a representative of this paper called on Mr. and Mrs. Fraser yesterday afternoon, and they very kindly entered into particulars regarding the latest enterprise in the town.

We entered the ladies' and gent's dressing room by a side entrance from the store. This room is 16 x 24. There is also an entrance from the street—the main entrance. From this room we entered the rink. The building is a frame one, 150 feet long and 50 wide. The rink itself is 12x50. There is a platform in front for skaters and there is ample room for a gallery or orchestra. There is a good well and force pump with complement of hose. The well with pump and attachments cost \$100. The rink was erected at a cost of \$2,400. The sides are well sustained by wrought-iron rods running from side to side. Mr. Fraser intends next summer to convert one half the space into a roller rink, as he has already ordered 200 pairs of skates from Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser are deserving of every credit for their enterprise.

Christmas Views.

A representative of the NOR'WESTER made his customary Xmas round-up yesterday and e-mailed a number of interesting items.

Thomas Bros. have undoubtedly the best Xmas display of tric-a-brac. Their collection of wild grasses and flowers (New York good) besides being aesthetic is rare. The "Castle in the Air," composed chiefly of papier-mâché is well worth a peep. The garden is also a natty collection truly implying what it is. The collection was not beaten last year in Canada. The show case contains a choice assortment of ladies' and gent's tric-a-brac. On the counter is a good display of animals and picture book.

On the opposite side from the counter is a choice collection of desks, work baskets, fancy chinaware. A box labeled the "Liqueur grise" attracts our attention. It is base ball on a parlor table scale, and ought to take amazing y.

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Mr. Borradaile's Residence.

As showing the improvements of buildings in Calgary we have great pleasure in giving the particular of one of the plans which has just been prepared by Messrs. El. McCaskie & Co., architects, for Mr. Borradaile, Esq., of Halifax, N.S., being the plan of a number of houses to be hereafter erected.

The site is upon the hillside property belonging to the Mount Royal Ranch Company, and all persons are forbidden to deal with same unless through the said Mount Royal Ranch Co.

A. CHEWSON, Sec. Treas.

OCT. 22d, 1884.

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Two persons found, one boy and one buckskin—my get white hair, one in left ear, buckskin brand—The owner can have him my property or party and paying expenses, 16th of November that is come in.

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W. W. McLEOD, P. O. Inspector.

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