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Saturday, April 29th, 1882.

VICTORIA REFORM

CONVENTION.

Mr. George G. Keith Nominated.

The Reform Convention of North Victoria met in the school-house at Kirkfield on Saturday last, according to advertisement; and although, in consequence of the shortness of the notice and the state of the roads, the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been, the different municipalities in the riding were fairly represented. Dr. P. H. Clarke, Vice President of the Association, officiated as chair man, and Mr. A. A. McDonald acted as secretary. After a few prefatory remarks from the chairman, the following gentlemen were proposed and seconded: Robert Armstrong, of Kirkfield, John A. Barron, of Lindsay, George G. Keith. of Fenelon Falls, A. C. Campbell, of Woodville, James Dickson, of Fenelon Falls, Wm. Mulock, of Toronto, Donald Jackson, of Eldon, Dr. Clarke, of Woodville, Joseph E. Gould, of Coboconk. and H. W. Greene, of Fenelon Falls. On the mention of Mr. Mulock's name the Hon. S. C. Wood, who was present accept the nomination if offered him. effect that, in consequence of sickness in his family, Mr. Mulock was compelled to decline, but that he hoped to be able to assist the nomince of the con-Clerk. | vention-which announcement was received with cheers. The names of all the parties nominated having been written on the black board, five out of the I General Commission Agent. Collect- nine resigned, and it having been ascering accounts a specialty. Office, Fenelon | tained that Mr. Dickson was in Manitoba and would not return until the 1st of June, if then, his name was erased. with the consent of his mover and seconder. The three left were Messrs. Donald Jackson, John A. Barron and George G. Keith, and on the first ballot being taken the vote stood 6 for Campbell, 7 for Barron and 18 for Keith, and the nomination of the last named gentleman was therefore declared and unanimously endorsed. The Hon. S. C. Wood then took the floor, and commenced a brief but able speech by congratulating the convention on its choice of a candidate, but pointed out the necessity of conducting the canvass in the most economical manner, as Mr. Keith, though an able man, was far from a rich one; and then rapidly enumerated the principal enormities of the present Do-Nix Cancer Cure Depot, Coaticook, P. Q., minion Government. Mr. Keith followed with a few remarks, not thinking it necessary to make a formal speech on that occasion. He thanked his hearers for the nomination, which he had not

ed Streams Bill, and maintained and comfortably situated and making a litasserted the inst rights of Ontario in the headway will be wise to stay where regard to the territory allotted by the they are. Boundary Award.

Resolved. That this convention views with alarm the reckless expenditure of the present Administration, by which several millions have been added to the ordinary annual expenditure. The Convention particularly desires to condemn the manner in which large public contracts are managed by Sir Charles Tup per, as developed in the recent Pacific Railway contract which was awarded to Onderdonk instead of McDonald & Charlebois, involving a needless loss to the country of over \$200,000.

A vote of thanks to the chairman

have learned not to count our political | that traffic. chickens before they are hatched; but we have no hesitation in saying that we never yet prepared for a contest with as strong an assurance of success as we feel at the present moment, and that assurance is general among the Reformers of the constituency. The prejudice entertained by both political parties in this riding in favour of a home candidate will be of immense benefit to Mr. Keith, and it is admitted even by some of his opponents that there is probably no other local man who would better or more creditably represent us in the Dominion Parliament. There are plenty of better educated men in the constituency and plenty better posted on various subjects; but we nevertheless say, without fear of successful contradiction, that it would have been almost impossible for Sir,the convention to have nominated a candidate better fitted for the position in which his friends wish to, and almost assuredly will, place him. We have known this for some years and felt assured that, sooner or later, his turn would come, but did not anticipate that it would be at the next election, though we are much pleased that such is the case. Mr. Keith is not only a stanch Reformer without a stain on his record but he is a born politician, thoroughly posted on the leading question of the day, and can make a better speech than many men who have gained no inconsiderable fame as amateur orators. As there will be plenty of time between now and the election-even though it come as soon as it possibly can-to point out the merits and eligibility of our candidate, we will spare his blushes for the present, and conclude by predicting that if elected, as we confidently expect, he will soon prove to the satisfaction of his constituents that they have, as the saying is, put the right man in the right place. Mr. Keith was nominated by Donald Jackson, Esq., of Eldon, and seconded by H. W. Greene, Esq., of Fenelon Falls, and is daily receiving the most encouraging assurances of support from all parts of the rid-

Mr. Cameron Condemned.

The Woodville Advocate, though free from political proclivities, cannot forbear expressing its disapproval of Mr. Hector Cameron's appearance in parliament as the paid advocate of a measure awaiting legislation, and in its last issue thus gives utterance to its sentiments in the House of Commons of Canada, at

on the subject : " For some time past we have been sadly impressed with the fact that the moral rectitude of our legislators has been undergoing a serious deterioration. and from the shameful expose made before the Railway committee of the House of Commons last Thursday night we may be excused for our belief. Alfrom the commencement of the proceed- though the Advocate is non-political we ings, said he had written to that gen- feel it our duty to condemn the course tleman, asking him whether he would taken by our representative, Mr. Hector Cameron, in the matter above menand read the reply, which was to the tioned. The people of North Victoria did not send Mr. Hector Cameron to Ottawa with the view of advocating the interests of a telegraph monopoly, and it must certainly disgust them to think that their member has been guilty of the Dominion House of Commons. accepting a fee for his influence in its behalf. Evidently Mr. Cameron has but little care for the interests or dignity of his constituency when allowing himself to be so bribed, for we do not recognize much difference between a fee to a lawyer in parliament for his support and influence to a measure than a John F. Copp. bribe to any other member for the same. and it is deserving of the condemnation of every right thinking man, be he Grit or Tory. When the influence of our legislators can be so easily bought as was shown on Thursday, it proves a very deplorable and alarming state of things. Mr. Cameron evidently is not the only one to whom the accusation last year. applies, for even his accuser, Mr. Thos. White, was retaliated on by the same charge. We do not know what the people of North Victoria may think of the matter, but we are of the opinion that this constituency has been degradand sold by the action of its

The Other Side.

In another column will be found long communication headed " Manitoba sought, and said if they elected him they from Another Standpoint," and publishwould have a representative who was ed in the Port Hope News. In the and always had been a strong Reform- Kingston News is a letter from a garer. He thought he would also meet | dener who went to Manitoba a short their requirements in another respect, | time ago with the intention of settling. as they wanted either a farmer, a mer- and who is fully as much dissatisfied chant or a mechanic, and he was all with the country as the correspondent three. He had two failings, one of of the Port Hope paper. Statements which was that his memory of faces was such as these, coming from well known bad, and consequently he might not re- | and reliable persons, are calculated to elsewhere, and the other was that he consider before they abandon their comwas a strong temperance man and there- fortable homes in search of sudden its strong confidence in the Hon. Mr. permanent institutions. There can be ed was about \$12. Barrister, &c. Blake, and its hearty approval of his but little doubt that the "Manitoba course as leader of the Opposition in fever " is on the decline, and that peothe House of Commons; and especially ple are beginning to believe that, while St. Louis man named Cook for his

Speaks for Itself.

The following curt and almost derisive letter was received by Mr. J.C. Craig. of this village, in answer to one which he wrote asking whether the customary arrangement with reference to freight via the T. & N. Railway and steamer proved.

Coboconk would be continued: DEAR SIR,-

Replying to your favor of the 10th, addressed to Mr. Upton, it is not our intention to send any traffic whatever between Coboconk and Fenewas then passed and the proceedings | lon Falls by water. I thought you would understand that the amalgama-We have been through many an elec- tion with the Midland Railway would tion (on other persons' account) and have done away with the necessity for

Yours truly, A. WHITE, Gen'l Traffic Ag't Peterborough, April 13th, 1882.

A Letter from Philadelphia.

The following letter, which we received a few days ago from an old residept of this village, Mr. James A. Kennedy, will no doubt be read with interest by his numerous acquaintances, and especially by any who may be thinking of leaving here for the purpose of bettering their condition, and will be glad to hear of the prospects in other places besides Manitoba :-

To the Editor of the Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Please find enclosed one dollar for the Gazette for another year, as I want to have it to know when all the people in Fenelon Falls go to Manitoba; for I see by it that the most of them are likely to go there or some place else before long. I think that I left in time and that I did just as well as going to Manitoba; it is too cold there for me. We have had a nice mild winter here, no wearing mitts nor mufflers. I have been working steadily all winter at \$2 50 a day, and we are to have \$3 from the 1st of May next. The family are all working and in good steady places. They like this city well. Times are very good here now, and likely to be for some time. I was sorry to hear that you lost some of the subscribers to your paper by your outspokenness in regard to them; but I den't think you will be any loser by them, as you will be likely to gain more than you lose. I don' hear much about school matters now in the Falls. I must take a trip over to see you soon, but there will not be anybody left in the Falls that I know in short time. Give my respects to all enquiring friends; tell them we are all well and doing well.

J. A. KENNEDY Philadelphia, April 20th, 1882.

Grange Meeting.

The following resolutions were passed at the regular monthly meeting of Love-

ly Grange 472: Resolved,-That we, the members of Lovely Grange, are of the opinion and desire that the candidate or candidates for the representation of North Victoria the ensuing election, shall be bona fide residents of the county, and also that the said candidate or candidates shall be either an agriculturist, a mechanic back again. or a merchant.

Resolved, - That Bros. I. Knight and E. Smitheram be appointed agents of this grange to attend the political conventions of each party, and convey the desire of this grange to the said conventions; Bro. I. Knight to attend the Lib-E. Smitheram the Reform.

Resolved,-That we, the members of Lovely Grange, pledge ourselves that we will not support a resident or nonresident lawyer as a parliamentary candidate to represent North Victoria in

Moved by Thomas Moynes, seconded by Gilbert McKenzie, That the secretary or master be requested to forward the said resolutions to the masters of the subordinate granges in the riding, asking their co-operation and assistance. -Carried.

T. Surmson, Secretary. Master.

Bury's Green.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.) SEEDING .- The farmers of this vicinity have commenced seeding, but are five days later than the commencing of

VISITORS .- Mr. Louis Battersby and Mr. James Newby, who reside at Burnt River and who are only a few weeks from England, are visiting their friends least twice during the present week,

horse "Comet" is the first on the road here this season. The looks of the animal will inspre success. Mr. Wm. Fell are excellent looking.

in this square mile ten young men and twelve young women between the ages of 17 and 21. From this deduct which is the prettiest quilt and which will last the way to Cobourg for early vegeta-

Notes.-L. Newhouse is burning a cognize those present if he met them | make intending emigrants pause and | kiln for S. Pogue...Mrs. Lamb has returned from a visit among her numerour friends...On Monday last was held tore could not "treat." (Applause). wealth; and the accounts which all a party in honor of Miss Dobson's birth- bay on Tuesday evening. The Cobo- morasses. Perhaps they console them-Mr. A. A. McLauchlin, Mr. J. E. newspaper readers must have seen of day... Snow fell on the 20th inst... An Gould and one or two others spoke snow blockades, blizzards and inunda- exceedingly large bald eagle was seen last, and will make three regular trips | Venice may be built on the spot briefly but pertinently, after which it tions are very discouraging. Good land on Saturday ... Mr. P. Barker is prepar. from Fenelon Falls to Coboconk and There is a great deal of low, wet at a nominal price and free from stumps | ing to build Mr. Pogue's house... The | back every week, towing on alternate | land in this country, and those intend-Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by and stones is very attractive; but stumps collectors appointed for St. Peter's days. Mr. Craig, who has chartered ing to purchase should not go it blind. Mr. Austin, That this Reform Conven- and stones once removed are got rid of church did their work creditably. They her for the season, has expended no end but endeavor to see the land before tion of North Victoria desires to express forever, while floods and tornadoes are knew what to ask. The amount receiv- of labour and paint in improving her buving. There are three classes of land

Guiteau has received an offer from a of the able and elequent manner in there are thousands of farmers and oth- clothes. He is offered \$200 for the which Mr. Blake and other members of ers in Ontario so circumstanced that suit he wore when he shot the Presithe Opposition have upheld Provincial their condition would probably be im- dent, and \$150 for the clothes he wore

Village Council Proceedings.

Fenelon Falls, April 24, 1882. The council met for the transaction of business. Present, Messrs. Fitzger ald, Sandford and Smith. In the absence of the reeve it was

take the chair .- Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sandford, seconded by Mr. Smith, That Mr. Fittal be paid the sum of \$8 85 for collecting Fenelon township's school moneys for the village of Fenelon Falls, and that the chair-

man give his order for the same -C'd. Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sandford, That the following accounts be paid, and the chairman give his orders for the same :- Wm. Routley, fixing sidewalks, 65c.; Thos. Levis, digging drain on Bond-street west, \$8. -Carried.

Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sandford, That this council do now adjourn .- Carried.

Condensed News.

-Mr. Goulais's new hotel in Bobcaygeon is to be opened on the 1st of anticipated.

\$300 a year and fees. The local paper, to some scruples about swearing to the the Herald, thinks he would be cheap identity of the boys they were not prosat five times the money.

den Hill, in the township of Hope, has been arrested on the charge of stealing | sucd the School Board, of which he is a a heifer. When taken he was in his | member, for \$15, the alleged amount of cellar skinning two sheep which it is his expenses in travelling to and from thought had also been stolen.

at Uxbridge a few days ago, celebrated | us that early in the year Mr. Jordan his 105th birthday on the 12th of Feb. and the chairman, Mr. Fielding, asked ruary last. He was born in the island | to be repaid their disbursements and to of Islay, Scotland, in 1777 and emigra- | be granted some compensation for their ted to Canada in 1832.

Outario last fall as usual, but remain- was not done, but at the last meeting ed all winter. The Port Hope Times but one Mr. Jordan produced a letter would like to be informed how they from Mr. Barron, expressing the opinknew it was going to be an open winter, | ion that he (Mr. Jordan) was entitled but not a duck of them will tell the to \$15 and advising the payment of

of obtaining a witness whom defendant | never present it again, but would place sent away, the costs came to more than | it in court for collection, and this threat the fine, so that the total penalty ex- he has now carried into execution. We Toronto branch of the Ontario bank, who shot himself last week, is said to

have been a defaulter to the amount of \$33,000, but it will be more than covered by real estate, life insurance and aroused by a knocking at the door, and guarantee bonds. -The conductor of a train got left strangers who had just arrived in a behind at the Hastings station a few buggy from Bobcaygeon. With some days ago. After running and shriek- reluctance, if not with many blushes. ing until exhausted, he took a freight | they imparted, by degrees, the cause of

train, which he succeeded in overtaking and Bacchus, they visited a house of after a lively chase. -The wife of Mr. Henry Puytz, a their reception, or from other causes, respectable German who lives near Pen- the more violent or less sober of the two etanguishene, eloped recently with a commenced to show his displeasure by man known as "Dutch John." She is cleaning out the establishment, and was the mother of eleven children, and took | proceeding with the work of demolition two of them with her-one a babe in when the proprietress produced a re-

-The juvenile thieves of Port Hope | ion, fearing that they might get into have taken to stealing the nuts off bug- further trouble, went to a livery stable, gy axles, and the Guide very properly | hired a rig and commenced a midnight remarks that the dealers in old iron | flight to Fenelon Falls. The wounded ought to make a careful examination of hero, whose name we have not heard, what is offered them for sale. The appeared but slightly incommoded by boys also enter unprotected houses, steal | his hurt, and, although he got a doceral Conservative convention, and Bro. all sorts of light articles and dispose of tor to look at his leg, no attempt was

them at the junk shops -At the Simcoe assizes last week a | ing from the size of the orifice it made, farmer named Bruce got a verdict for \$1,200 against a neighbour named Burns who set fire to some brush during the hot weather last summer, and the fire spread to the house of plaintiff, who lost everything. It was proved that Burns had said, before setting the fire, that if Bruce got burned out it would serve him right.

PROMOTED.—We are pleased to learn that Lieutenant A. A. McDonald has been promoted to the captaincy of No. 2 Company of the 45th Battalion of Infantry, rendered vacant by the resignation of Capt. J. W. Kennedy, Mr. McDonald understands bis duties well. and will no doubt make an efficient commanding officer.

THE WEATHER. -- Since Saturday morning the weather has been fine and dry, and now field and garden work is proceeding merrily. The night frosts. however, are hardly yet over, and ice of considerable thickness has formed at but we are glad to hear that the fall GOOD STOCK .- Mr. Isaac Walker's | wheat, as a general thing, has suffered very little injury. This (Friday) morn-

ing a heavy rain is falling. EARLY RHUBARB.—Having occasion has purchased a thorough-bred bull. It to eall at the McArthur House, last is the second of such animals here; Mr. Wednesday, in pursuit of an item, the John Lamb owns the other, and both landlord, Mr. Pauwels, placed in our hands a nice bunch of rhubarb, cun-DATA .- Since Jan'y 4th there have ningly secreted in the folds of a sheet been fourteen quilting bees within a of wrapping paper. Mr. Panwels is desquare mile. There are also living with. termined not only to provide his guests with "all the delicacies of the season ' but to procure them as soon as they can possibly be had, and so he sends all py recipient of came from that town.

appearance, and she now looks almost offered for sale-the Syndicate, the as well as she did when new. Her time Government, and the Hudson Bay Com table will probably appear in next week's | pany's. The latter is the only kind

is a rumour to the effect that the late and their terms are such that one re-Dr. Bigham (whose death was recorded | quires considerable money to get a fair

cide by poison, we are glad to be able stocked and equipped with implements. to state, on the authority of Mr. Wm. | and a house must be built; all these E. Ellis, druggist, of Manilla, who was cost money. Everything is dear here; with him when he died, that there is people seem to think that things are Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by using to cause sleep, told his wife that Mr. Sandford, That Mr. Fitzgerald he had done so, and asked her to arrange the bed for him to lie down; but Minutes of last meeting read and ap- whether he took more than usual or whether the ordinary dose proved too much for his enfeebled constitution is not known. The doctor, who was 56 burying ground at Inniskillen.

PETTY THEFTS .- Mr. Thomas Robson tells us that when, a few days ago he went to get a dozen shaft collars, which had been left outside the foundry, they were not to be found, and he naturally infers that they were stolen, perhaps to be sold as old iron. Mr. Robson himself buys scrap iron, but refuses to deal with boys, who are tempted to dishonesty by the prospect of ob taining a few pence. The collars in question, which weighed some 40 lbs. were newly cast, as would be apparent on the slightest inspection, as some of the sand was still adhering to them. Mr. Robson has also missed several porcelain nest-eggs out of his fowl house, June, and a good summer's business is and a short time ago Mrs. Robson saw two boys run off with one of her hens, -The village of Campbellford has which they sold to a man who returned appointed a constable, with a salary of it when he found it was stolen. "Owing ecuted, as they otherwise would have -James Alexander, butcher, of Gar- | been.

More Law .- Mr. Wm. Jordan has Lindsay on affairs connected with the -Mr. Angus McDonald, who died | Keith suit. One of the trustees tells services, and were told to make out de--The wild ducks did not leave Lake | tailed statements of their claims. This that sum. The board still refusing to -E. C. Edwards, of Cannington, consider the claim until they were furwas last week fined \$20 for selling li- nished with the items upon which i quor on Sunday. Owing to the expense | was based, Mr. Jordan said he would express no opinion as to the merits of -Mr. A. Fisher, manager of the the case, which will be tried at the Div-

ision Court on Wednesday next. A WOUNDED HERO -About three o'clock last Wednesday morning Mr Pauwels, of the McArthur House, was upon opening it found ontside two engine that happened to be at the de- their untimely journey. It appears that. pot and started in pursuit of his own under the combined influence of Venus unsavoury reputation, and, not liking arms. Her husband says he would not | volver and shot him about four inches care much if he only had the children above his right knee. This brought him to terms, and he and his companmade to remove the builet, which, judgwas fired from a very small pistol.

Manitoba from Another Standpoint. CURED OF THE NORTH-WEST FEVER BY

EXPERIENCE. (From the Port Hope News) So much has been written about the North-West, of a glowing character, that we have decided to publish the following, from an old resident of this district. It may be considered that he takes a gloomy view of the country, but as he claims to have penned his views after personal observation, the points explained are worthy of consid-

eration While so much is being said and written about the " Great Lone Land," t may not be out of place for one who s living in the country to offer a few remarks about the same subject. It is an easy matter to misrepresent things in any case, but it has been nicely done in regard to the Canadian North-West. This country has been spoken of as the " Land of Promise," and in such glowing terms that many in Ontario and elsewhere are almost, if not quite, wild with excitement over it; so that the " Manitoba fever " has become exceedingly prevalent. The boom in real estate has induced many to come here for the purpose of speculating, but, of course, they are not all becoming wealthy. For a man to go into a real estate office in Winnipeg and purchase town lots in a place he has never seen, is a risky business. The map looks well enough-it shows churches, school-house, courthouse and other fine buildings. But let the purchaser go and see if he can bles, and the rhubarb we were the hap- find them. Many in Ontario, who stayed at home and speculated by wire, NAVIGATION .- At last navigation has have been defrauded. Buying fine dry opened, and some steamer-the Ontario, land, rich and fertile, they have found we think-was up as far as Momry's themselves in possession of ponds and conk commenced running on Monday selves by the thought that some day a

that can be bought for speculation. THE LATE DR. BIGHAM .- As there The others require settlement duties, in last week's Gazette) committed sui- start. The purchased larm must be

no evidence in support of that rumour. | really worth three times as much as in A short time before his death he took a Ontario. If a man has a cow to sell he dose of the drugs he was in the habit of will ask sixty dollars for it. The same can be got in Ontario for twenty dollars. Even wild land is considered by many more valuable than the cultivated land of Ontario and the eastern Provinces. Hence, men in the east are selling excellent farms and coming out here, exchanging their social advantages there years of age, was interred in the family for a lonely and isolated life. Just think of a settler, away out on the prairie; no house but his own within four or five miles; a wild and stormy night, with intense cold; the prairie spreading in every direction, an ocean of ice and snow. The fierce winds are driving the snow in blinding sheets over the level plain. The settler in his bed is dreaming, perhaps, of his once happy home in the far east. Suddenly he awakes and finds his dwelling on fire. The flames are beyond his control: whither shall he flee? He must either perish in the flames or freeze to death; for there is no place where he can find shelter. A case of this kind actually occurred, not many miles from the town of Portage la Praire, where the inmates of a house perished miserably. One poor woman wandered off on the prairie, thinking, perhaps, to find shelter somewhere; but the cruel wind breathed its icy breath in her face, and she sank, to rise no more. This event scared a number of adventurers, who started eastward for home by next train, disgusted with the country. On different occasions the railways have been blocked with snow, and the storm coming on suddenly, trains have been compelled to stop anywhere on the road, sometimes between stations. The passengers, in such cases, have had to endure hunger and cold, there being no place convenient from which to procure food. There they were, until the storm was over, and they were released with shovels. Nor is this the worst of it. Cars loaded with live stock are sometimes detained by storms, and the poor brutes

> inconvenience it puts the owners to. The want of good water is another thing that has been overlooked. Land agents and others talk about the "clear, sparkling, fresh, wholesome water," but all they can say does not alter the matter. The water is bad and unwholesome. It is a known fact that the water of any of those lands adjoining the Rocky Mountains is more or less alkaline. The nearer one approaches the mo ntains the more alkali is found, because the "Backbone of the Continent," as the Rockies are called, were thrown up by volcanic action, and it is the lava which creates alkali. It is precisely the same in Dakota, Nebraska, Moutana and Wyoming. There may be an oasis here and there, but they are few

> all but starved, to say nothing of the

The rivers and lakes are not as they have been represented. They are by no means clear and sparkling, but muddy and sluggish; nothing like the pretty lakes and streams of Ontario. In short, the country is not so well waterered as the eastern Provinces. Any one can see this, by examining a true map of the country. We must bear in mind, that many of the so-called rivers are narrow streams, which people in the

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east would call creeks.

cities? This is a question which time will determine, but we give it as our opinion that there never will be any such. Much is said about Winnipeg. and its growth and prosperity. True, it is growing and prospering at present, but how long will this continue? The boom " can't last always. Property has already gone up to extravagant prices. One may purchase real estate in New York city as cheap as in Winnipeg. This shows the absurdity of the thing. We don't think Winnipeg will ever be a Chicago. Will a "forest of masts" ever be seen about its quays?" Or will the "white sails of commerce" ever visit its shores? If we look at the great cities of the world, we will find that each has the advantages of navigation and foreign trade. Railways are certainly a great advantage, but they are not all that is necessary for a city's prosperity. Therefore, we think that the cities of the North-West will ever occupy a middle place, being neither great nor small. We speak of those the most promising. Doubtless there will be towns of some importance, as elsewhere; but there is no use in, prospecting too much. Let each examine things, and then see the result. Let them not be carried away by the wave of excitement which is at present rolling over this country. They should be calm and considerate before drawing their conclusions. A man coming out herefor a short time, and watching the whirl of excitement, will return with the impression that things are rushing in the North-West. This is the way that most of those who have spoken, or rather written, so many good things about the North-West have done. But if one will only stay long enough to experience its disadvantages he will, if honest, tell a different tale. Men come here with great fur overcoats, and clad in warm furs, ride about on the cars, and walk the streets of the rising towns awhile, and then go back and tell their friends how the cold of Manitoba is not fels more than that of Ontario. The cold here is intense, and far more penetrating than that experienced in Ontario, It seems to go through and through a person. Frozen ears, noses and faces are common, and the strong breezes which sweep over the prairies make it

far more enjoyable inside. We may say in conclusion, that we have endeavored to show what disadvantages the country possesses. It has been our aim not to praise and laud, as many have done, but to speak truthfully, so as to leave undeceived those who may read our remarks. "Experience is the best teacher," and those who are coraptured by the pen pictures that have been drawn by excited individuals. whose short stay in the " Lone Land " rendered them unfit to write accurately about the place, will find in the long run, that all is not gold that glitters.

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