

Late North-West News.

The Pacific Railway—The Land of Booms—Lucky Speculators—Interesting Items.

MANY private sales of real estate are being transacted, mostly in farm lands.

Ex-Lieut.-Governor Cauchon lately sold for \$24,000 three blocks at Brandon, Manitoba, which six months ago cost him about \$6,000.

DWELLING houses are extremely difficult to get in Emerson at present. One gentleman has been hunting all over town for rooms for his family for a couple of weeks without avail. This is a sign of a coming building boom in the spring.

THERE is some talk of a colonization company being formed in Emerson, to take advantage of the recent land regulations, and we are not without the hope of the project finally coming to a head. The chances of success are to say the least, attractive.

Mr. T. B. Collins, of Millbrook, returned this morning from Winnipeg. He says the fortunes that people have made in the North-West during the past few months are incredible. One man, an acquaintance, who had to borrow \$20 to buy his ticket to Winnipeg last spring, showed him his deposit check in the Bank of Montreal last week for \$50,000, and he had real estate for which he was offered \$25,000. This was all made since last spring.—*Port Hope Guide.*

THE tenders for the contract of the Enroy and Port Moody section of the Canada Pacific were as follows: Mr. Montgomery, of Portland, Oregon, put in a tender for \$3,500,000; McMullen & Co., San Francisco, tendered an offer of \$3,200,000; Purcell & Ryan, of Perth, Ont., made an offer to construct the work for \$2,900,000; Captain Murray & Co., of St. Catharines, sent in an offer for \$2,864,000; Messrs. Onderdonk & Mills, of New York, offered to do the work for \$2,680,000; and Charlevoix & Duncan, of Montreal, sent in a tender for \$2,480,000. There was a bid for \$2,800,000 which was withdrawn.

PEMBINA is booming, several pieces of property changed hands within the last few days. The chief attraction seems to be in South Pembina, where Mr. Geo. McTavish purchased a quarter section of land, a few days ago, between the Pembina River and the Port, from Mr. Frank Colombe, for the sum of \$10,000. He says he would not take \$40,000 for his bargain. Next spring it will be surveyed into town lots, and valuable improvements made thereon. As Mr. McTavish is the brother of the Land Commissioner of the C. P. R., and is, or was, largely interested in the proposed townsite at Smuggler's Point, his purchase here is considered confirmatory of the rumor which has prevailed here for some time past, viz., that the Grand Forks branch of the St. P., M. & M. will run direct into this place from the vicinity of Bathgate, and that the graded road from that place via Smuggler's Point to the Emerson junction 15 miles north of the international boundary line, will be abandoned. It is claimed that this movement on the part of the Grand Forks branch will, in connection with the Emerson branch of the C. P. R., will save the building of 12 miles of road, and that by bringing the Red River near the St. Vincent elevator, a saving of three miles additional can be made between that place and Emerson. Besides that, the railroad shops, round houses, depots, etc., and the same corps of officials can be made to do the work of the Grand Forks branch with very slight additional expense.

Watermelons in January.

The family of Peter Matson, living near Burlington, N. J., eat watermelons for dinner every day, and expect to do so all winter. Matson laid away 250 melons during the season preserving them by a process which he professes to have invented. He varnished each melon all over, and then sealed up the stem. Not long ago he invited a number of his friends to dinner and brought out three large watermelons for dessert. His guests all united in saying that they never tasted more delicious melons even in the regular season. The news of Matson's preserving powers reached a large fruit dealer in Philadelphia, and a representative of the dealer went to Burlington and requested the privilege of tasting some of the fruit. He pronounced them delicious, and at once negotiated for fifty of the melons. Matson hesitated some time, but at last concluded to part with a portion of his stock, as the price offered was very large. They are to be placed on sale at fabulous prices in Philadelphia in a few days. The dealer wants Matson to preserve several thousand for him next summer or else sell him his process. Local physicians declare that the varnish used to prevent the melons from spoiling is sufficient to have poisoned all those who have partaken of them, yet the members of the family never enjoyed better health.

A Noble Thief.

M. Rennde Pont-Jest has recently been condemned by the Criminal Tribunal of Caen to three months' imprisonment and a fine of 300 francs for stealing a watch chain and wearing the insignia of an order of chivalry to which he was not entitled. For many years past M. de Pont-Jest has belonged to the editorial staff of the *Figaro*. He was in receipt of an income amounting to over \$10,000 a year when he committed the offence laid to his charge. The famous Maitre-Lachaud, his counsel, called several of the leading French writers of the day, friends and collaborators, of Pont-Jest, to bear testimony of the uprightness of his character. Among others of European renown, Adolphe Belot, Emile Blavet, and Ernest Daudet successively entered the box and recorded, upon oath, their conviction that Pont-Jest was incapable of a dishonest action. In spite, however, of all that these eminent men could say in his favor, the Tribunal found him guilty.

Bursting of the Reservoir in Calais—Many Lives Lost.

The reservoir in Calais, France, burst on Monday. The torrent destroyed a school-house and two other buildings which were occupied. Few of the inmates escaped. The number lost is unknown, but twenty-seven bodies have been recovered from the ruins.

LATE FRENCH NEWS.

The Financial Disturbances—Government Notes—Cabinet Matters, &c., &c.

M. Say announced that the budget presented by his predecessor would be withdrawn.

The Senate concurred in the bill for the three months' prolongation of the commercial treaties.

Troops guard the offices of the Union Generals in Lyons to prevent the populace sacking them.

A grant of 60,000,000 francs for military expenses in Tunis during February and March, 1882, was voted.

The deposits on which the Union Generale was obliged to pay interest exceeded one hundred million francs.

Brokers in Paris on Tuesday received deplorable accounts from provincial clients, entailing heavier losses than was expected.

A despatch from Oran says the French column operating in Southern Algeria captured 10,000 sheep, 6,000 camels and killed 90 tribesmen.

M. Andrieux gave notice that he would, on Thursday, submit a proposal looking to the amelioration of the condition of the Paris and Lyons bourses.

The extreme Left intend to interpellate the Government with regard to shelving the Revision bill. In the Senate, the Government's declaration of its policy was applauded.

The French Government learning that the Supreme Court of Guatemala had acquitted the soldiers charged with assaulting the Secretary of the French Legation, on November 7th, refused to receive the Envoy of Guatemala. A frigate has been ordered to Guatemala to demand satisfaction, 100,000 francs indemnity and the imprisonment of the assailants.

It is believed that legal proceedings will be commenced against the Union Generale. It is stated that the suspension was caused by the refusal of the Lander Bank to pay 7,000,000 francs, which had been deposited upon to enable the Union Generale to meet its liabilities. Thirty-one strong boxes in the Union Generale's vaults were found empty, and an examination of the books proves that when Bontoux stated its profits were 57,000,000 francs there was a deficit of 96,000,000 francs.

Almost all the newspapers of Paris speak in very favorable terms of the new Ministry. The Paris correspondent of the *Times* says: "The new Cabinet cannot fail to be welcomed by Europe. It will be hailed with general satisfaction in France. Its object will be to restore tranquility, which the country wishes and needs. The delay in M. Say's acceptance of office was in consequence of his objecting to new loans, compulsory conversion and state purchase of railways. M. De Freycinet felt considerable hesitation in yielding his views on these points."

In the Chamber of Deputies on Tuesday M. De Freycinet read the programme of the new Cabinet. It says the policy of the Government will be one above all calculated to establish peace in the minds of the people, and at home and abroad it will be firm and conciliatory. Liberty and progress are necessary for France. The Government will apply in a liberal sense the laws relative to the press and the right of public meeting. A bill will be submitted sanctioning the right of association while maintaining the rights of the State. The revision of the constitution ought to be postponed until the expiration of the term of the present Legislature. The judicial, military and educational reforms initiated by the late Cabinet will be persevered with. The efforts of this Cabinet will be directed to giving an impetus to labor. Nations do not live by politics, but by business. The Government does not intend to propose compulsory conversion of the debt or the purchase of the railways by the State. No efforts will be spared to arrive at a definite solution of the tariff questions, and for the moral and intellectual improvement of the people. M. De Freycinet appealed to the Chambers to give the Government their confidence. The speech was received with cheers.

A Submarine Cable for Lake Superior.

The Thunder Bay *Sentinel* proposes a scheme for the laying of a submarine cable between Thunder Bay and Marquette, in other words, connecting the north and south shores of Lake Superior by telegraph.

The scheme, if carried out, says the *North Shore Miner*, would revolutionize the telegraphic system of the Northwest. It would give an almost air line between Milwaukee, Chicago and other large cities and Thunder Bay, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, and on the completion of the Canadian Pacific railway there will no doubt be direct communication between British Columbia and Japan, China and all parts of Asia.

But its most direct benefit would be to the people of Canada, for not only would it afford the residents of the Northwest a direct line to the principal cities of the United States, but would also give a much shorter line to the residents of Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces in their messages to the Northwest, this of course only on the completion of a proposed line from Marquette to the St. Lawrence.

Such points as Prince Arthur's Landing, Fort William, Silver Islet and Isle Royale would derive the greatest benefit from such a means of communication. At present the only wires connecting Prince Arthur's Landing with the principal parts of Canada go by way of Winnipeg through the States, round by Chicago and thence to their destination, at such a high rate that it almost prevents any business being done over the wires except local or western.

The able bodied ones of the Battle River, Pigeon Lake and Peace Hills Indians are off to the Plains after buffalo, which are said to be in the neighborhood of the Hand Hills on the Red Deer River. Some of them went off eight weeks ago and have not been heard of since, while others are going all the time, so that it is pretty certain they are getting at least enough to live on. It was reported that they had sent in for the destitute ones of the bands, who were left at home, but this is not so, for they are still there, and in a destitute condition.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

How to Run.

THEO. B. WILSON, ST. NICHOLAS FOR FEBRUARY, 1882.

Very few boys know how to run. "Ho, ho!" say a dozen boys. "Just bring on the boy that can run faster than I can!"

But, stop a moment. I don't mean that most boys can't run fast—I mean they can't run far. I don't believe there is one boy in fifty, of those who may read this, who can run a quarter of a mile at a good smart pace without having to blow like a porpoise by the time he has made his distance. And how many boys are there who can run, fast or slow, a full mile without stopping?

It hardly speaks well for our race, does it, that almost any animal in creation that pretends to run at all can outrun any of us?

Take the smallest terrier-dog you can find, that is sound and not a puppy, and try a race with him. He'll beat you badly. He'll run a third faster than you can, and ten times as far, and this with legs not more than six inches long. I have a hound so active that he always runs at least seventy-five miles when I stay a day in the woods with him; for he certainly runs more than seven miles an hour, and if I am gone ten hours, you see he must travel about seventy miles of distance. And then, a good hound will sometimes follow a fox for two days and nights without stopping, going more than three hundred and fifty miles, and he will do it without eating or sleeping.

Then, you must have heard how some of the runners of the South African tribes will run for long distances—hundreds of miles—carrying dispatches, and making very few stops.

I make these comparisons to show that our boys who can not run a mile without being badly winded are very poor runners.

But I believe I can tell the boys something that will help them to run better. I was a pretty old boy when I first found it out, but the first time I tried it I ran a mile and a quarter at one dash, and I was not weary nor blown. And now I am going to give you the secret:

Breathe through your nose!

I had been thinking what poor runners we are, and wondering why the animals can run so far, and it came to me that perhaps this might account for the difference, that they always take air through the nose, while we usually begin to puff through our mouths before we have gone many rods. Some animals, such as the dog and the fox, do open their mouths and pant while running, but they do this to cool themselves, and not because they can not get air enough through their noses.

I found once, through a sad experience with a pet dog, that dogs must die if their nostrils become stopped. They will breathe through their mouth only while it is forcibly held open; if left to themselves they always breathe through their nose.

So, possibly, we are intended to take all our breath through the nose, unless necessity drives us to breathe through the mouth.

There are many other reasons why we ought to make our noses furnish all the air to our lungs. One is, the nose is filled with a little forest of hair, which is always kept moist, like all the inner surfaces of the nose, and particles of dust that would otherwise rush into the lungs and make trouble, are caught and kept out by the little hairy network. Then the passages of the nose are longer, and smaller, and more crooked than that of the mouth, so that as it passes through them the air becomes warm. But these are only a few reasons why the nose ought not to be switched off and left idle, as so many noses are, while their owners go puffing through their mouths.

All trainers of men for racing and rowing, and all other athletic contests, understand this, and teach their pupils accordingly. If the boys will try this plan they will soon see what a difference it will make in their endurance. After you have run a few rods holding your mouth tightly closed, there will come a time when it will seem as though you could not get air enough through the nose alone; but don't give up; keep right on, and in a few moments you will overcome this. A little practice of this method will go far to make you the best runner in the neighborhood.

Good Taste Among the Mighty.

The more I think about the elephants, the more wonderful they seem to me. The great, clumsy creatures are so very knowing, so very loving, and so like human beings in many of their qualities. They know their power well, and they also know just when they must not use it. Deacon Green tells me that keepers and trainers of elephants often lie down on the ground and let the huge fellows step right over them; and that they feel perfectly safe in doing so, because they know the elephants will pick their way carefully over the prostrate forms, never so much as touching them, still less treading on them. Yet the mighty creatures can brush a man out of existence as easily as a man can brush away a fly. And what delicate tastes they have—delighted, I'm told, with strawberries, gum-drops, or any little dainty of that kind! They are fond of bright colors, too, and travellers tell wonderful tales of seeing elephants gather flowers with the greatest care, and smell them, apparently with the keenest pleasure.

It is true they eat the same flowers afterward, but dear me! I've seen girls do the same thing! Many a time I watched a little lady pluck a wild rose, look at it a moment, sigh "how lovely!" then open her pretty lips and swallow the petals one by one.

Why shouldn't an elephant?—*Jack in the Pulpit, St. Nicholas for February, 1882.*

Mexico.

There are said to be now in Mexico 10,000 Protestant Christians. The Presbyterian Church began its work there in 1872, and numbers 4,000 members. The Methodist Episcopal Church sent missionaries in 1878, and now has 337 members in full connection and 378 on probation. The Protestant Episcopal Church has 3,500 members. The first introduction of the Bible into the country was by the soldiers and chaplains of the United States army in 1847.

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The Grand Duke Constantine, uncle to the Czar, has taken a house in Paris, and it is probable that he will reside there in future, as he has no intention of returning to Russia, nor is his august nephew particularly desirous of his company.

A CARD.

During the next 6 months there will be a large number of people out of employment on account of the drought; in some parts of the country there is a great deal of suffering. There are plenty of men and women in this country, who, some friend would put them in the way of earning two or three hundred dollars during the winter months, would be grateful for a lifetime. A large Manufacturing Company in New York are now prepared to start persons of either sex in a new business. The business is honorable and legitimate (no peddling or book canvassing) \$30 per month and expenses paid. So, if you are out of employment, send your name and address at once to The Wallace Co., 60 Warren St., New York.

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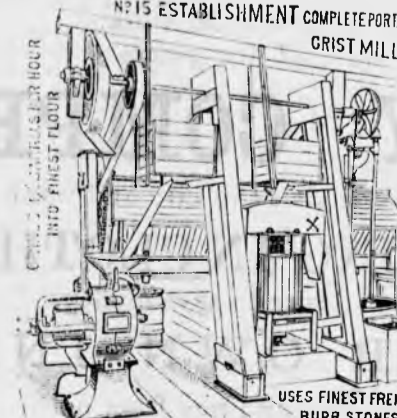
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