

## NORTH-WEST BOOMS.

Facts About the Great Country of Interest to all Our Readers.

### How Things "Boom" up There.

Lake Winnipeg is to have eight steamers next season.

Some West Lynne people are talking about going further west.

There is a pork famine imminent in Nelsonville. There is nothing hoggy about that aspiring city.

About 6,000 artisans will be needed in Winnipeg this coming season in consequence of the building boom.

One unmistakable evidence of the boom in Manitoba is that the Winnipeg Free Press spells opulent with two p's.

The Nelsonville Mountaineer shrewdly suspects that "a mild sort of land craze" has invaded the neighborhood of that city.

John Williams of Rockwood, was killed by a stone from the blast near Rat Portage recently. He leaves a wife and six children.

There are objections raised to the Sewell station on the C. P. R. It is not centrally situated for the agricultural part of the country.

James N. Macdonald, a prominent citizen of Winnipeg, died recently from erysipelas, caused by a scratch on the neck inflicted by a collar button.

The Winnipeggers can't settle as to whether a certain property in the neighborhood of the city should be called Winnipeg South or St. Boniface West.

Real estate booming. Manitoba speculators are picking up pieces here and there in a very shrewd manner. Pembina feels especially honored by the proximity of their investments.

Pembina men are coming over here to invest in Emerson property, while Emersonians and Manitobans generally are picking up wild lands through Dakota. A fair exchange is no robbery.

The land speculators of Emerson appear to regard the spring emigration as the great means by which the boom is to be kept going. They expect the said emigration to continue at least till August.

Last week the people of the Portage had to "hold their noses on parade." This was partly due to the cold snip, and partly also to the well-malodored raised by the two local papers in their attacks on each other.

Pembina will be the terminus of the C. P. R. L., and two other roads are expected to terminate there next summer. Pembina has a boom in real estate, and many real estate agents are very busy just now. Some very large sales have been made in the last few days.

A cruel parent in Leamington would not bestow his daughter's hand on Mr. Quigley, of Winnipeg. However, the young lady was willing and the pair fled to Detroit, where they were spliced in spite of the storm, and they are now happy in the Mid-tropolis.

Emerson has crossed the river, greatly no doubt to the disgust of its detractors, and the lots are selling in "West Emerson" like the proverbial hot cakes. Within the last three lawful days the proprietors have disposed of over \$30,000 worth of lots. The site is unexceptionable in situation, and will be speedily in great request for building purposes. We do not know of a better investment round the whole country than West Emerson.

Since March 1st, the St. P. M. & M. are running a new express train from St. Paul to Winnipeg. The train leaves St. Paul in the morning and arrives early the next morning in Winnipeg. It then starts from Winnipeg in the evening and arrives in St. Paul the following evening. This arrangement gives us four through express trains every day, which is a great convenience to the travelling public. The business of the road makes these additional trains absolutely necessary, and the new arrangement will undoubtedly be a permanent one.

### MORSELS FOR SUNDAY CONTEMPLATION.

Every man is the child of his own deeds. Perseverance is the best school for manly virtue.

A fool is one who never has made an experiment. He who lives without folly is not so wise as he thinks.

Poverty is in want of much; but avarice of everything.

A wise man is not inquisitive about things impertinent.

Wit is a merchandise that is sold but can never be bought.

It is the distinctive mark of genius that it lights its own fire.

The winner is he who gives himself to his work body and soul.

The iron out of which true manhood is forged is the power to resist.

According to the security you offer to her, Fortune makes her loans easy or ruinous.

There are two sorts of fools about advice—those who give it and those who will not take it.

Gold can buy nearly everything in this world except that which a man wants most—viz., happiness.

There is nothing that so goads a spirited woman to madness as the realization that any man controls her husband.

In peace patriotism really consists only in this—that every one sweeps before his own door, minds his own business, also learns his own lesson, that it may be well with him in his own house.

INFERNAL.—Said Brown to Fogg, who had been indulging in some of his vagaries: "Excuse me mentioning it, but now that we are alone, let me remind you that there are always a fool and a critic in every company." "Two is a small company," replied Fogg, "but why do you call me a critic?"

## JOHN JACOB ASTOR'S START.

The Stream of Wealth that Began with a Free Permit from the East India Company.

A business acquaintance of Mr. Astor once asked him what particular transaction, or peculiar kind of business, first gave him his great start. He said, in reply, that at one period of his life he had accumulated a large quantity of furs, such as beaver which were unsalable in the American market, and they were packed away in whiskey barrels, down in the cellar. He had no correspondent in London to send them to, and no disposition to do so if he had. After talking the matter over with his wife, they concluded it would be advisable that he should take the furs to London himself, and he did so. The prospects of the venture were very uncertain and therefore, in order to economize as much as possible, he went out as a steerage passenger. On arriving in London he found a ready market for his furs, and sold them at a very high rate. He then made a list of such goods as he thought would sell to advantage in the New York market, and purchased and shipped them. After he had transacted all his business he was detained in London for a couple of weeks in consequence of the ship not being ready to sail. He employed the time in looking about London and picking up all the information possible, especially such as he thought would benefit his business in New York. Among the places he visited was the great East India house, and the warehouses and offices of the Company. On one occasion he asked one of the porters what the name of the Governor was. The man replied, giving a German name very familiar to Mr. Astor, who then asked if the governor was an Englishman, and was told that he had come from Germany when a boy. Mr. Astor thereupon determined to see him, and watching for an opportunity, sent in his name and was admitted. On entering he asked the governor "Is your name Wilhelm?" "Did you not go to school in such a town?" The Governor replied, "I did; and now I remember you very well." A long conversation followed, old school days were talked over, and the Governor insisted that Mr. Astor should dine with him. He declined for that day, but on the next day they met again. He asked Mr. Astor if there was nothing he could do for him. Mr. Astor said no; he had bought all he wanted, and needed neither cash nor credit. They met several times after that, and the Governor continued urging Mr. Astor to name something he could do for him. He asked what present would be acceptable, and Mr. Astor declined accepting anything. Their last meeting took place two days before the sailing of the vessel on which Mr. Astor was to return to New York, and for the last time the Governor asked him if he would accept any present he made him. Mr. Astor, seeing the anxiety of the governor replied "yes." The Governor, who was much affected at parting with his old German schoolmate, handed Mr. Astor two papers, saying: "Take these, you may find their value." One of the documents was simply a Canton price current. The other was a carefully engrossed permit or parchment, authorizing the ship that bore it to trade freely and without molestation, at any of the ports monopolized by the East India Company. Mr. Astor returned to New York, without giving the documents a second thought. He had no ships and never had any trade with the East Indies, and at that time never expected to have. He then, of course, little imagined that the parchment would be the foundation of vast shipping operations and a trade amounting to millions of dollars and embracing the Pacific Ocean.

The permit was No. 68. On arriving home Mr. Astor showed the document to his wife, and asked her advice, and he always did in all matters relating to his business, as to what disposition he should make of them. "I have no ships; it is no use to us," he said. At that time there was in New York a merchant named James Livermore, who was largely engaged in the West Indian trade, particularly with Jamaica. He owned several vessels, some of them a good size, and Mrs. Astor advised her husband to go and have a talk with him. Mr. Astor went, showed the East India Company ship pass and the Canton price current, and "Now," said he, "if you will make up a voyage for one of your largest ships, you can have the pass and the prices current on one condition. You are to furnish ship and cargo, but I am to have one-half of the profits for my pass and for suggesting the voyage." The West India merchant laughed at the proposition, and would not listen to such a one-sided operation. Mr. Astor returned home, reported progress, and for a time the matter rested. Mr. Livermore, however, thought it over. All that time no vessels traded to Canton from New York. The Revolutionary War had just ended, and the East India ports were as hermetically sealed to American commerce as if it had not existed. Only a few weeks elapsed before Mr. Livermore called at Mr. Astor's store and asked: "Were you in earnest the other day when you showed me the pass of the East India Company?"

"I was never more so," was the prompt reply, and again they talked over the matter. Mr. Livermore finally thought he saw his way clear, and an agreement was signed by which Mr. Astor was to receive one-half the profits, and Mr. Livermore to furnish vessel and cargo. The ship was selected and loaded partly with specie, Spanish milled dollars, about \$30,000; and the other half was ginseng, a root somewhat resembling licorice, which is highly valued as a medicine by the Chinese, and lead and scrap iron. The ship sailed for Canton, and the pass enabled her to anchor at Whampoa, a few miles below that city, and she loaded and unloaded her cargo the same as if she had been a vessel belonging to the East India Company. The ginseng, which cost twenty cents per pound in New York, was sold for \$3.50 per pound in Canton. The lead and scrap iron also brought enormous prices. The vessel was then loaded with tea and sold in New York at \$1 per pound profit on cost in Canton. When the return cargo was sold and the accounts made out, Mr. Astor's half share, which was \$55,000, all in silver, was packed in barrels and sent up to the store. When Mrs. Astor saw the barrels she asked what was in them. "The fruits of our East India pass," replied her husband. Mr. Astor got his pass back, bought a ship, loaded her with an assorted cargo, and dispatched her to Canton. On her voyage out

she touched at the Sandwich Islands to take in water and fresh provisions and a large stock of firewood was also taken on board. On the arrival of the vessel at Canton a Mandarin came on board, and noticing the firewood, immediately asked the price of it. The captain laughed at such a question, but signified that he was open for an offer. The Mandarin offered \$500 a ton and it was all sold at that price. That was sandal-wood. For seventeen years Mr. Astor enjoyed the lucrative sandal wood trade without a rival. No other concern in the United States or Europe knew the secret, and it was only discovered when a shrewd Boston ship owner detailed a ship to follow one of Mr. Astor's and observe the events of the voyage. Then for some time that house was a participant in the trade. Captain Whetten commanded one of Mr. Astor's ships, and he married the captain's sister. Mrs. Astor knew more about the value of furs than did her husband and she could select a cargo for the Canton market and never make any mistake. When they became very wealthy she demanded, as an expert, \$500 an hour for using her judgment and knowledge of fur to promote his commercial plans; and he paid her whatever she asked.

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## MANITOBA.

The Town of Garfield.

A letter from Manitoba says this town is beginning to attract attention. It is not like some of the towns that have been offered in Ontario, without either railway or definite location. The census of 1881 gives it a population of 789 inhabitants, is the midway station on the Canada Pacific between Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie. It is about thirty miles west of Winnipeg, and has a regular train and postal service between Brandon to the west and Winnipeg to the east. By an act of the provincial government it has been made the county town of the county of East Marquette. Marquette is a rich agricultural district and it is on its trade with the farmers in this and surrounding counties that Garfield looks for its permanence and prosperity. But Garfield is to be a railway centre too. Application has been made for a charter for a road from Garfield to the town Macdonald on the Portage, Westbourne and Northwestern railway and thence to Rapid City, and another road is projected from Garfield to Oak Point on lake Manitoba.

A syndicate of Toronto capitalists who have lately purchased a large quantity of real estate in this town, have also purchased the water power on the river and are going to erect large factories. Among the many to be erected are grist and saw mills, also a paper mill of no small dimensions, the whole to cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000. This town appears as if it was going to be the manufacturing centre of a large district. Farm lands are held in this county from ten to twenty dollars per acre.

Since the syndicate's purchase of one-third undivided interest in the balance of lots held by the founder of this town, James Fraser, prices have jumped up enormously. Lots that were offered and sold for from \$50 to \$100, are now held at from \$150 to \$500 each. It is also supposed that the establishing there of Masonic, Orange and Odd Fellows' lodges has something to do with the boom, because this town is to become a kind of head centre of these societies for the section of Manitoba in which it is located.

Is to have a Railroad. The coming summer it is expected will be a very busy one here, no less than five Companies are asking for charters to run through this district.

In an extended article in the Washington (D. C.) Star, we notice that among others, Senator James G. Blaine, who has suffered in the past with rheumatism now keeps St. Jacobs Oil on hand in case of any future attack.

The Economist says: "We understand that the Government has now received what France declares are her final proposals relative to the commercial treaty, and they are such as cannot possibly be accepted. Lord Lyons, the English Ambassador in Paris has already intimated that decision. It is just possible that there may be a treaty on the 'most favored nation' basis, or that a partial arrangement may be made on those points concerning which the two Governments are already agreed."

The morning sun shines brightly for that man cured of that relentless tyrant—Dyspepsia. Briggs' Botanic Bitters were never known to fail when faithfully used.

Many sink into an early grave by not giving immediate attention to a slight cough, which could have been stopped in time by a 25-cent bottle of Dr. Wistar's Pulmonic Syrup

Attention is called to the advertisement in another column of this issue of Mr. A. H. Dixon, 307 King street west, Toronto, who claims to cure Catarrh absolutely and permanently, by a method peculiarly his own, in from one to three treatments. Mr. Dixon scents the idea that Catarrh is caused by a cold in the head (as most people imagine) but claims that it is a parasitical disease and treats it accordingly. He says that he has used his remedy successfully in thousands of cases in Canada and United States, and has shown us many complimentary letters and certificates of cures effected by him to verify his statement. Mr. Dixon sends a treatise on Catarrh free on receipt of stamp. Sufferers should give him a trial.

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are getting overheated in hot rooms or crowded assemblies, sitting in a draught, or cooling out rapidly after exercise, muffling up warm and changing to lighter wrappings, cold or damp feet. No matter what is the cause Haggard's Pectoral Balm is the cure for all throat and lung diseases that induce consumption. 3

We should not suffer from a cough, when a few doses of Ayer's cherry Pectoral will cure. Time, money, comfort, health, all are saved by it.

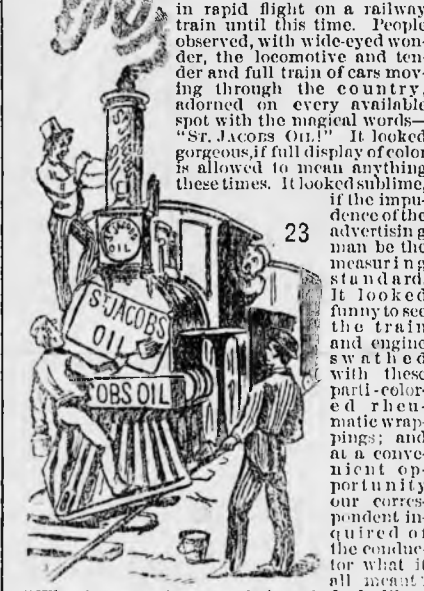
Forty Years Experience have tested the virtues of Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, and it is now generally acknowledged to be the best remedy extant for pulmonary and lung diseases; embracing the whole range from a slight cold to a settled consumption. Were it not for its merits, it would long since have "died, and made no sign."

Ayer's Cathartic Pills are the best of all purgatives for family use. They are the product of long, laborious, and successful chemical investigation, and their extensive use, by physicians in their practice, and by all civilized nations, proves them the best and most effectual purgative Pill that medical science can devise. Being purely vegetable no harm can arise from their use. In intrinsic value and curative powers no other Pills can be compared with them, and every person, knowing their virtues, will employ them, when needed. They keep the system in perfect order, and maintain in healthy action the whole machinery of life. Mild, searching and effectual, they are especially adapted to the needs of the digestive apparatus, derangements of which they prevent and cure, if timely taken. They are the best and safest physic to employ for children and weakened constitutions, where a mild but effectual cathartic is required. FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS. A. P.

### A Surprised Locomotive

The people along the line of the railway from Tramway Landing, La., to the inland towns were surprised and amused at a recent occurrence. So many strange things, however, are constantly presenting themselves to the attention of the people now-a-days that genuine surprises are few indeed. This was the exception. We have read of the "painted ship on a painted ocean," and witnessed the "poetry of motion," as shown in dancing, but had never heard of decorative art in rapid flight on a railway train until this time. People observed, with wide-eyed wonder, the locomotive and tender and full train of cars moving through the country, adorned on every available spot with the magical words—"St. Jacobs Oil!" It looked gorgeous, if full display of color was allowed to mean anything these times. It looked sublime, if the impudence of the advertising man be the measuring standard. It looked funny, too, the train and engine swathed with these parti-colored and rheumatic wrappings; and at a convenient opportunity our correspondent inquired of the conductor for what it all meant?

"Why, it means that my whole train looks like a traveling menagerie," said the conductor. "I had up my train at Tramway, as usual, and during the hours of 'balmy sleep' I suppose some of those advertising wretches backed up their 'kit' and posted it from front to rear. I don't know why they did it; but there stands the elongated, red and yellow fletts staring you in the face, and just as prominent as a rabbit's ears! It's hard luck stranger, but I guess it's all right."—Galveston (Tex.) Daily Journal.



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### WHAT IS CATARRH?

Catarrh is a mucopurulent discharge caused by the presence and development of the vegetable parasite ameba in the internal lining membrane of the nose. This parasite is only developed under favorable circumstances, and these are: morbid state of the blood, as the bilged corpuscle of tubercle, the germ poison of syphilis, mercury, toxemia, from retention of the effete matter of the skin, suppressed perspiration, badly ventilated sleeping apartments, and other poisons that are germinated in the blood. These poisons keep the internal lining membrane of the nose in a constant state of irritation, ever ready for the deposit of the seeds of these germs, which spread up the nostrils and down the fauces or back part of the mouth, causing ulceration of the throat; up to the eustachian tubes, causing deafness; burrowing in the local cords, causing hoarseness, usurping the proper structure of the bronchial tubes ending in pulmonary consumption and death. To effect a cure the parasite must be removed or destroyed, hence inhalants and snuffs are worthless. Some time since a well known physician of 40 years standing, after much experimenting, succeeded in discovering the necessary combination of ingredients, which never fails in absolutely and permanently eradicating this horrible disease whether standing for one year or forty years. Sufferers should, without delay, communicate with the business manager, Mr. A. H. Dixon, 307 King St. West, Toronto, and get treatise free by enclosing stamp. Ask your druggist for it.

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## MANITOBA!

Those going to Manitoba will find it to their advantage to correspond with me. Subscribe for the Colonist News, a paper giving just the information you require: Sample free, Pamphlets with maps, sent free. Holbrook's Second Party, with sleeping cars attached, will leave on 14th of March, and continue every other week during the season, preceded a few days before by their fast freight train. Please address with stamp for reply.

D. A. HOLBROOK, North-west Emigration and Real Estate Agent, 64 King-st east, Toronto.

## SEEDS

My Illustrated Catalogue for 1892 will be mailed free to all intending purchasers on application. Farmers wishing a reliable change of Seed, Grain, &c. should order early. Prices on application. W. M. ZIMMIE, Seedman, Toronto, Canada.

## GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

### MANITOBA!

A SERIES OF Special Colonist Trains this Season For Fargo, Grand Forks, Emerson, Winnipeg, Portage La Prairie, Brandon, and points in the North-West will leave the line of this Railway on WEDNESDAY of each Week.

And will be accompanied by a responsible agent of the Company through to Winnipeg. These trains, which have been specially arranged for the convenience of intending settlers in the North-West, will be continued during the months of March and April, leaving on Wednesday of each week, and will be run through on express time, reaching Winnipeg, it is expected, on the following Saturday. Freight trains for general merchandise and settlers' effects will leave Windsor on Fridays during the same months previous to the starting of passenger trains. For further particulars as to passenger and freight rates, time tables, maps, &c., apply to any of the Company's Station Masters and Agents. W. M. EDGAR, F. BRIGGTON, Gen. Pass. Agent, General Manager



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## GRAND EXCURSION

### MANITOBA!

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## THEN AND NOW.



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