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NO TELEGRAMS.

As the line has been down since Saturday between Hay Lakes and here, we are without telegrams for this issue. A man will leave to-morrow to repair it, and by next week we hope to be able to give the latest news from the East up to date.

"HEWALD" EXTRA.

The following extra from the "Saskatchewan Herald" office arrived here by last mail:—

BATTLEFORD, NOV. 22, 1880.

By Cable to the "Herald,"—LONDON, Nov. 15.—Hanlan beat Trickett by three boat lengths, winning the championship of the world.

From Winnipeg.—Garfield, Republican, has been elected President of the United States.

A provisional contract has been signed by which the syndicate binds itself to complete the prairie Section of the C.P.R. in three years.

It is said there is great trouble among the people (original copy too indistinct) have been shot, and should there not be a change in the aspect of affairs a revolution is imminent.

REDUCING THE FORCE.—Eastern papers say that the Department of the Interior, having concluded to reduce the number of officers in charge of the Mounted Police by six, the position made vacant by the death of the late Superintendent Dalrymple Clarke will not be filled. There are to be no immediate dismissals, but as officers are removed by the hand of death, or voluntarily send in their resignations, their respective offices will be abolished, and the work divided up among those remaining.

The Government has relieved Mr. Ryan of the contract for the first hundred miles of the C.P.R. west of Winnipeg, and will proceed with the construction in a more substantial manner than his contract called for—and, it is to be hoped, a little quicker.

The Scott Temperance Act has been carried by a large majority in Marquette County, Manitoba. The people of Portage la Prairie have entered a protest against it. They don't know what is good for themselves.

Track was laid on the C.P.R. east of Winnipeg to within three miles of Rat Portage at last accounts.

The weekly mail service has been extended to Bird Tail Creek settlement.

Sitting Bull is again talking of going south.

LOCAL.

MR. A. LANG has captured a young silver grey fox. A SPECIAL CONSTABLE is to be sworn in for duty around Edmonton.

REV. MR. STRINHAUER, of White Fish Lake, lately addressed the Methodist conference in Montreal.

MR. CUST has the contract for the Indian Department flour at \$7.50 for Edmonton delivery and \$8.50 for Victoria.

GEORGE GAGNON lately killed a very large wolf which, after disposing of one of his sheep, came back for another.

THE sheep lately imported from Montana by J. Volier, and sold in this district are doing much better than was expected.

ALEX. McDONALD and Albert Boyd left for Bow River to-day. The former expects to return to Edmonton next April to start farming.

MR. GLASS has started a subscription list for the purpose of supplying the Methodist Mission church with firewood, oil, etc., for the winter.

ABRAM SPLEYN and others from the Battle River settlement 50 miles from here, brought the first grist to the Edmonton Mills to-day—31 bushels of barley.

NEW YEAR'S DAY is drawing nigh, and we have not heard of anything, being done about the grain show. Would it not be advisable to start the ball.

A BIG LAKE resident wants to know why the Government potatoe contract was not awarded to him, seeing that his offer was 20 cents lower than that of the party who secured it.

MR. LUCAS, Government farmer at Peace Hills, has been supplied with his share of that band of crows. They are reported to be the sickest looking lot of animals in the country.

THE following are the ruling prices for produce in this vicinity:—Oats \$1.00 per bushel of 34 lbs., wheat \$2.00 to \$2.50, barley \$1.00, pease .25 per lb., potatoes \$1.00, onions \$2.00, and butter .50.

LAST Saturday morning the thermometers at Ft. Edmonton and Saskatchewan registered 47 below zero. This cold snap, which set in last Tuesday, is much more severe than the corresponding one last year, but appears to be about over.

MR. WM. CUST is in a bad fix about his threshing. Lamoreaux threshed out 1,000 bushels on his Sturgeon River farm, and quit, leaving two stacks unthreshed, and says that he will set fire to his machine rather than thresh another bushel, while Smith is going to quit threshing, on account of the cold, and make shingles for the rest of the winter.

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ABOUT OURSELVES.

Last winter, after the telegraph line had been extended to Edmonton, and an office established, an arrangement was made by which a weekly bulletin was sent over the line, so that the people here might be informed at the earliest possible date of whatever notable events were transpiring at the time in the world at large. But this plan was found to be expensive to a few and, for various reasons, unsatisfactory to all. It was thought to be a better plan to have the bulletin printed so that every subscriber to the fund could be supplied with a copy. To this end a hand press and a quantity of printing material has been procured, a special correspondent has been engaged in Winnipeg and every Monday morning from this issue until the 1st of May we will issue a small sheet in newspaper form, which will contain a bulletin, giving the most notable occurrences in the world at large and matters concerning the North-West Territories in particular, local news from all parts of the Upper Saskatchewan country, opinions on matters and things connected with the North-West, and a synopsis of the news brought in by the previous mail.

A severe snow storm took place in Minnesota and Dakota about the 20th of October. Six inches of snow fell at Fargo, and the Northern Pacific trains were blockaded. Our first sleighing came on the 1st December and there is only three inches of snow yet.

A New railroad company has been organized in Manitoba called the Westbourne & North-Western. It will run (?) from Portage la Prairie north-westerly along the base of the Riding Mountains.

MR. E. McCOLL, Indian Superintendent, has got back to Winnipeg from a tour of inspection in the West and North-West. It is to be hoped that next season he may call here.

INDIANS.

Until the last few years it has been the boast of the Canadian Government that, by strictly observing the letter and spirit of all promises made to the Indians, they have, while settling up the country, preserved the most cordial relations with them. But times are changing, and the old idea that honor or honesty is the best policy is played out—at least in this district. Whether it was because the progress of the age demanded a change, or because it was more convenient for the paymaster, or because it was from a desire on the part of the Government to cheat the Indians, or because the paymaster calculated to make a good thing, or only because it was a blunder—which is more than a crime—is beyond the power of our finite minds to decide, but, with or without reason, a most immitigated swindle has been perpetrated on a number of the treaty Indians of this agency this year.

According to the terms of the treaty made between them and the Canadian Government a certain yearly payment was to be made to them forever without fail, in return for their title to the land. Until now the payments have been made in full, but this summer, on account of the short notice that was given, all the Indians had not collected at the treaty ground on the day of payment, and when the agent was asked to wait a day or two for them to come in, he said that they need not leave their hunts just then, and he would leave the money due them so that they could get it when it was more convenient. This very sensible proposition met with the approval of the chiefs, and Mr. Wadsworth, after paying those present, went on his way, but, although reminded of it, did not leave any money or make any arrangements to redeem his promise. When the Indians returned from their hunt they enquired for their shuniah, and have been enquiring ever since, but can get no satisfaction on the subject. These Indians belong to a small tribe called the Mountain Stoney, and have always been friendly with the whites, and it is a very small piece of business on the part of the Government, or its agent, to wilfully deceive them, as they would not dare to do the Blackfeet.

Let it be remembered that a smaller reason than this precipitated the Minnesota massacre, and, although there is no danger to be apprehended from these people just now, in view of the fact that there is liable to be an outbreak of the plain Indians at any moment, it would be well for the Government, instead of estranging those who are friendly, to bind

them closer by fair and honest treatment, so that if the time should come when the scattered settlements of this country would have to make head against an overwhelming force of hostile Indians, without the possibility of Government aid in time to be of any service, they could count on the help or at least the friendly neutrality, of the only Indians the Blackfeet are afraid of.

LOCAL.

EASTERN mail left on the 30th.

HAY is worth from \$3 to \$4 per cart load.

THE Sturgeon River Mill will not run for a week.

FIRST sleighing of the season on the 30th November.

LAMOREAUX' machine was laid up at Harnois' by the cold.

LOGAN'S machine threshed 400 bushels for its owners, and is laid up.

ED. MCPHERSON has sent his horses out to Abram's, on Battle River, to winter.

MR. JAMES PRICE, of Ft. Saskatchewan, received a legacy of \$1,500 by last mail.

THE H.B.C. have let five different contracts for getting out saw logs this winter.

ALEX. STEWART left on Saturday for the head waters of this river on an exploring expedition.

A REDUCTION of 45 cents has been made in the tariff on telegrams between Edmonton and Montreal.

LITTLE PAUL, freighter, left for the Bow River last Friday, with goods for the H.B. Company and A. McDonald.

A PETITION has been forwarded to the Grand Judge A.F. & A.M. of Canada asking a charter for a lodge at Edmonton.

THE little Giant threshed 2,500 bushels for the proprietors, and quit before finishing them. It has gone out of business.

DONALD McLEOD'S carts arrived yesterday from Carlton with bacon for the H.B.C. and freight for the Indian Department.

THE H.B.C. has let a contract to Alex. Robinson for taking out 200 tons of coal. It will be taken out of the bank on Mr. Groat's property.

OWING to the laxity of the Indian Department, the Indians at Lake St. Anne are without netting to catch fish. The Lake swarms with them this year.

JOHN CUTTS, freighter, arrived to-day with ten carts loaded with bacon from Carlton, for the Company. He passed McLeod's carts at Victoria road.

MESSRS. Sinclair & McLane have the mail contract from Winnipeg to here, 925 miles, for 1 year. Mr. McLane was formerly a resident of Edmonton.

MR. SMITH has threshed 11,000 bushels of grain up to date, and is at Big Lake now. On the 1st of the month he was unable to thresh in the forenoon on account of the cold.

THE noblest men are equal to the occasion now that Government has stopped their rations. Takoots a few days ago took a notion to hunt, and last night brought 400 rats to the Company.

THE Rev. Mr. Sevrigh, of Goderich, Ont., has been appointed to the Presbyterian mission of Prince Albert, the present incumbent, Rev. James Duncan, having been appointed to Edmonton.

Eighteen grape vine and seven rose bush cuttings were received here last mail, and have been divided between Messrs. Ross, Hardisty, and Reid, who will attempt their cultivation next season.

A NUMBER of Montreal capitalists are forming a company to engage in stock-raising in the vicinity of Bow River. The Hon. Senator Cochrane, the well known cattle-breeder is the principal promoter.

ALEX. STEWART, a former resident of Edmonton, and now in the employ of Capt. Moore, arrived here with Donald McLeod on the 26th ult., to look after the Captain's timber interests here.

WHEN Mr. J. Norris came in from Bow River this fall, he brought, in addition to a large herd of horses and cattle, a running horse that he called "Touch Me Not," but which other parties say is "Blackbird," a horse well known in the McLeod and Bow River country. He has since sold the horse to Mr. Labelle for \$400.

THE Montreal "Witness" says that Rapid City had the honor of holding the first agricultural show in the North-West, last October. We beg pardon. An agricultural show was held at Edmonton on the 15th of October '79, at which over \$200 was distributed in prizes, leaving a cash balance in the hands of the society of \$160, which has since been expended for seed grain.

Later details from the North-West would seem to indicate that a severer struggle than at first supposed has taken place between the Canadian and American Indians. The trouble took place at Missouri Coteau, a range of hills extending from the international boundary in a north-westerly direction toward Old Wife's Lakes. The Canadians were Ocean Man's and White Bear's band, near Moose Mountain, seventy miles south-west of Ft. Ellice, where they went down to the international boundary in pursuit of Buffalo. The Americans, composed of Mandans and Gros Ventres from Montana, opened fire on the Canadian Indians with Winchester repeating rifles. The fight was kept up all day, all the small Canadians being killed, as well as a number of women and children. One American was found dead after the combat. On their retreat he was scalped, and a war dance took place over it at Ft. Ellice.—Montreal Witness.

Prince Albert and St. Laurent have been formed into a territorial electoral division. The election will be held this winter. Two electoral divisions have also been formed in the Little Saskatchewan country.

Col. McLeod is still acting Police Commissioner.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Dominion census will be taken on Monday, April 3rd next.

The Dominion Parliament is expected to meet on the 13th of January.

The town of Quesnelle British Columbia has been destroyed by fire, except one house.

A gold nugget weighing six ounces is reported to have been found near the city of Quebec.

In New York City fully one half of the stage and cab horses are laid up with the epizootic.

The railway contractors in British Columbia offer \$1.75 and \$2.00 per day for white laborers.

A number of the expelled Jesuits from France have taken up their residence in Toronto.

Of the \$860,000 of exports of British Columbia for the quarter ending 31st August, the mines supplied \$430,000.

A company has been formed in Winnipeg for bridging the Assiniboine, and another for bridging the Red River.

A very rich lead of gold has been discovered at Tangier, Nova Scotia, and a company has been formed to work it.

The Czar of Russia, who lost his wife a short time ago, is married again. He had not been blown up for several days and was feeling lonesome.

Drunken Indians are a common thing on the streets of Winnipeg and the local papers want one or two of the liquor vendors fined, as an example.

The Lake Superior terminus of the Canada Pacific railway is to be changed from Fort William to Prince Arthur's Landing, where it should have been first.

An order was issued that all Indians within the city limits of Victoria, British Columbia, should return to their reserve. A number who refused have been arrested.

A large land slide has completely blocked up the Thompson River, British Columbia, leaving the channel dry below the dam. An immense destruction of property is expected when it gives way.

Chief Victoria, who has been making it interesting on the Mexican frontier lately, having murdered over 400 persons during the past year, was overtaken by Mexican troops on the 14th of October, and killed, with 50 of his men.

A fierce war is being carried on between the railroads running west from Chicago. The Chicago Burlington & Quincy and Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific roads are selling tickets from Chicago to Kansas City for 50 cents. The regular fare is \$14.80.

The British Government is making preparations to sit down on the Irish Land League agitators. Large reinforcements of troops are being hurried into Ireland, and the leaders of the league are to be arrested and tried for conspiracy. The hands at Woolwich arsenal are busy making buckshot cartridge for the use of the troops in Ireland. This is peace at any price with a vengeance.

A new trial has been ordered in the Biddulph murder case. The trial has already cost the Crown about \$5,000. The jury failed to agree.

The British Government is in trouble again in South Africa. A tribe called the Basutos have turned loose, and are making as good a fight as the Zulus. They are being aided by other tribes, and some of the settlements are in great danger of being annihilated.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

JAMES McDONALD, Carpenter and Joiner, Edmonton Milling Co.'s Mills. Wood Turning done to order.

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