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Day of Month.	Day of Week.	High Water, Morn.	High Water, After.
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(Special correspondence of the Examiner.)

With many expressions of regret we quitted our generous Albertan friends, and once more set our face towards the rising sun. As everyone knows, the ground to be covered between Calgary and Regina by rail is the most monotonous from one side of the country to the other. It is the bare, brown prairie, broken at great intervals only along the limit of vision by a straggling bluff, or nearer by buffalo wallows and trails, and small lakes without an outlet, and consequently alkaline. In the last days of July those lakes were almost dry, like our own mudholes, but bordered all around with a scum of dirty white polish. Not a bird is seen but the brown hawk as he poises in the air for a swoop down upon the unsuspecting gopher, the only appearing representative of all the animals in this immense plain. One soon tires of brown heath and blue sky, and if the attention is not captivated by some outward charm the interior of the car is sought to while away the dreary hours. They tell us that this section of the country is black with game in proper season—the goose, duck, swan and pelican, gathering in immense flocks. We only saw one dead pelican near Old Wives' Lakes.

Like our own road in many parts of the Province, however, the Canadian Pacific runs generally through the poorest country here, and this accounts very often for the absence of the agreeable in nature. Back a few miles on either side are good ranching grounds, stretches of cool country and more or less timber. Indeed our strained eyes often detect in the distance the smoke-wreathed chimney of some rancher's castle which seems to speak feelingly of our own quiet home. As the shadows of evening fall and flood the soul with tender memories:—*Et jam summa procul villarum culmina fumant Majoresque cadunt altis de montibus umbrae.*

Going west we had celebrated the Glorious Fourth and had had speech-making and what not. A real-know-it-all New Englander was the centre-piece in this patriotic symposium. He had given us taffy, to use a boy's phrase, on Dominion Day, coming around Thunder Bay, and with the tariff so favorable to the consumer, it wasn't likely we were going to be mean with our sugar on the Fourth. The speeches were then highly American in their spread eagleism. So high soared some of our delegates, indeed, on the wings of eloquence that even the indulgent sentiment of the company was outraged, and a process in law for high treason followed. The culprit was, of course, a grit, and not ashamed of his disloyalty. Defended by a grit Q. C. from Cape Breton, and favored by a most liberal interpretation of the law by the bench heroes, he was acquitted by a jury of his peers, dispite the able and admirable address of the counsel for the crown and the evidence confirmatory of the charge put on the stand. Mock and all as the trial was it was able and had its serious side. But mock trial, national holiday, nothing had charms for us now. Tired out with tramping the northern districts of Alberta, and almost exhausted by the oppressively hot temperature of the steppe, some elected rather to serve Morpheus than any other of the gods, to putaside for the nonce jingoism and take it out in the equivalent nightmare The prairie was now on fire, however, and great natural gas wells added their forked and high mounting flames here and there to the widespread smoke and blaze of the burning grasses making a picture suggestive of Dante's Inferno. We could not sleep; we could at best lie there and recall the scenes just passed. A last glance at the Rockies we had stolen in the early morning. On those elevated lands passed at noon wave the cypress trees, the scene of many an adventure. Then the train set us down at Swift Current, to buy buffalo horns and change engines; another change of engine at Moosejaw, with the same opportunity to buy horns and tame gophers in the evening, and at 1 30 that morning we are landed at Regina, the queen city of the prairie, the capital of the Territory. Outside of Moosejaw, Swift Current and one or two other stops, these five hundred miles of road have little or no local traffic. Every few miles we pass stations named after statesmen or other celebrities, past, present and to come, it is true; but they are, in most cases, silent as the grave. Even Caron had no business aspect, nor worse, any telegraphic connection. What's in a name? At every 30 miles in 300 of this run we passed 10,000 bare farms of the Sir John Lyster Kaye Co. What success attends this large venture we cannot say. As we have said, the lands seemed fit only for grazing, because of the too abundant quantities of alkaline matter found in the soil. The Company has been making an attempt, however, at agriculture, and claims to be successful beyond anticipation. In a late report published by the Department of Agriculture, we are pleased to see that the Experimental Farm's chemist, Mr. Shutt, has stated in evidence before a select committee of the House of Commons that experiments were being made with the soil of this section with a view to determining what it requires to be available for plant food. Strange to say, Mr. Shutt has discovered that what has been considered salts of soda in those alkaline soils is pure epsom salts such as we buy in the drugstore. This discovery, together with the experiments in hand, will no doubt lead to a solution of the difficulty of tillage and crop raising. This is only one of the many splendid offices the Experimental Farms are doing for the country in general and the great Northwest in particular.

Regina is perhaps best known to Eastern Canada as the home of that versatile but erratic genius—Nicholas Flood Davin. Still it is really, or was intended to be, more than that. Like some of our own formally-laid-out towns, its projectors would have it become an immense city. The greatness is certainly all ahead. It is the capital of the Territories, however, and has the Government offices and officers—and that's about all can be said for it. One would think the site the most unnatural place possible for a town, planked down there in the centre of a flat plain, without a single water privilege, or a tree or bluff to protect it. Sir John A Macdonald, when he called it into existence by act of parliament, evidently had the same idea in his head that the C. P. R. Company entertains so largely now—that he had only to say the magic word, and a town would spring up anywhere. The details of such plans do not always work out. Van Horne usually looks to location—Sir John did not even mind this. Calgary and Moosejaw contended for the capital of the territories, as Ontario and Quebec, strove for the federal capital, and in both cases neutral ground was selected. The Regina site is very neutral indeed.

On the morning of our arrival we had considerable difficulty looking for the town. After much roundabout we found we were in its centre, but that it was yet to be built. "A city of beautiful distances" it might well be termed, for streets are laid out for miles into the plains without a house to grace them. In truth a few stores, a hotel, three small churches, a flouring mill, a grain elevator, a jail, post office, a drug store and a few private residences make up Regina proper. We must not forget to throw in the two printing establishments; that of the famous Regina Leader, a little hen-coop of a place that almost killed us with disappointment, seeing the character of its editor and the brilliant leaders that are manufactured within its walls; the other—the Transcript, we think,—occupying more pretentious quarters in the business portion of the city to be, and presided over by a genial Islander of Scottish extraction, from somewhere about Bradalbane. And we should mention the laundry of Ching Lang Foo, perhaps John Chinaman knows where a big town is in promise. Government House, a good mile outside the city, on the way to the mounted police barracks, is a fine, modern building occupied by Lieut. Governor Royal. The barracks make a better grouping of buildings than the whole town of Regina. Here Lieut.-Col Herchmer, Davin's friend, is in charge—or was in charge—when we called. He has charge of the police all over the territories. The training school, officers quarters, store houses and drill hall are splendidly equipped edifices. The drill hall was burned down a few years ago and re-built, causing a bitter debate in the Commons before the estimate passed. The guard-room here, a small building of one story with a yard fifteen feet square at one end, was the last earthly dwelling of Louis David Riel. The Regina scaffold, a very telling shibboleth in Quebec politics since the 10th of November, 1885, was erected in this little guard-room yard. Judge Richardson can see it always from his back window. When we called at the barracks, Col. Herchmer, unbearable as he is to the Bard of Regina, was very genial and courteous indeed. He is an Englishman of middle age, with a free-and-easy way about him, something like the junior member for Queen's, and the command of his thousand men doesn't seem to weigh heavy on him. Neither do those Davinian charges which are eternally cropping up in parliament. We tried to get at the bottom of this now historic squabble when at Regina, and could only find that it had a personal grudge for substratum. Herchmer and Davin were very fast friends till the Colonel refused to be made use of longer by the erudite editor. The waiters failed at a dinner in the leading hotel at Regina; Nicholas Flood promised to have a whole regiment from the barracks in a jiffy. He telephoned Herchmer to send his waiters in uniform, if you please. The commander replied he'd do nothing of the sort. The member for Western Assiniboia swore vengeance against the unobliging Colonel, and war has raged ever since. The position of commandant here is a very nice thing, and for aught we know the present incumbent discharges its duties as well as any other would. As we said he treated us well anyhow, taking us to his quarters for refreshments, which were certainly none the less acceptable that hot day because not served by a waiter in uniform, and giving us an officer for a guide over the post. We like to say a good word for those who treat us well. Certainly on this head Col. Herchmer deserves our best acknowledgments. Be it remarked *en passant* that besides dancing attention to Davin and Herchmer and performing some more or less soldierly offices, the duty of the Mounted Police is to look after the Indians of the Northwest and preserve order generally. They are easily distinguishable in their scarlet jackets, striped trowsers and top boots.

The Territorial House of Parliament is within a mile of the town. Near by are other buildings—the Indian Department offices, presided over by Hayter Reed, the Indian Commissioner of looting fame, and some other Government offices, and the cottages of the officers. Parliament was nothing but a common council when we were that way. There was no opposition, no trouble getting their measures through; all talked the business over in a friendly way and then passed it. Since then a change has come over that common sense assembly. They have fallen into the antiquated forms of the older provinces, and taken to making and breaking governments. We called on Mr. Jelly, M. P. P. for Regina North, at his farm, five miles out of town, and he told us this change was coming. He is a Haultain man, but was afraid of Cayley (other names for government and opposition). Cayley has triumphed since, but his triumph has not been of long duration. Mr. Haultain, a rather decent politician so reports go, is again in the lead. He is a Southern Alberta man, residing at Fort McLeod. The House is made up of 22 members. The legal experts for the Assembly are the Judges of the Territories, Justices Rouleau, McLeod and Richardson. J. C. Pope, a son of the late well known Island politician of that name, is clerk of the Assembly. There is a large industrial school in Regina, located a little beyond the barracks. It is under the very eye of the Commissioner. The specimens of farming done by the Indian boys there appeared highly creditable On Mr. Jelly's farm we saw good grain and potatoes and a successful attempt at tree-growing; but as a general thing the crops suffered from drought. Trees for shelter and moisture are very badly needed in many parts of the Northwest and west, and no place more so than here, and if they can be grown from seed or from the treelets sent out from the Central Farms at Ottawa to this district they can be grown anywhere. The Manitoba maple does well from seed, as we noticed at Mr. Jelly's farm, and some other sorts make fair growth; but most trees fail entirely. Apples, plums, or any kind of large fruit are not successfully grown. Small fruits flourish almost everywhere. A great deal of wheat is raised around Regina. The crop looked inferior to us compared with the rich straw of the north and Manitoba, but the grain yield is large and the grain superior in quality. The product of the Saskatchewan country too is sent down to Regina by rail, the road connecting the capital with Prince Albert doing a heavy carrying trade. They are clamoring for more C. P. R. patronage and connection with the south by rail also; so that, contrary to all present appearance, Regina may really some day become the Chicago of the Northwest.

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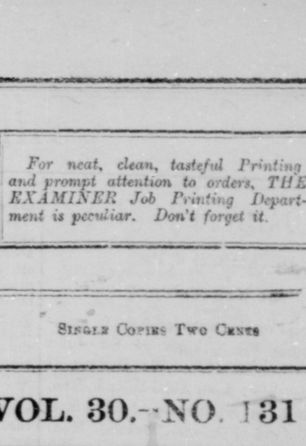

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