

tion of claims for Rebellion losses, which resulted happily for some, and Dr. Schultz in particular.

The importation of beef cattle from the United States had now commenced in earnest, for we hear of the Hudson's Bay Company importing 210 head in August.

The Scott Centenary was not forgotten in Winnipeg, for, on the 22nd August, 1871, a large assemblage of Winnipeggers sat down to a splendid supper in the Queen's Hotel. The chair was occupied by A. G. B; Bannatyne, Esq., and addresses were delivered by the chairman, Messrs. Dr. O'Donnell, R. Cunningham, J. W. Taylor, W. Drever, G. B. Spencer, and others. Mr. Alex. Murray, during 1871, imported several lots of sheep from the States, one of his flocks amounting to 180 head. It was estimated that there were, at that time, between 5,000 and 6,000 sheep in the settlement, and the erection of a woollen mill was spoken of. The Prince Rupert's Lacrosse Club was organized in the latter part of August, President, Sergeant Champion (now of Merchants Bank); vice, George McGinn; field captain, J. Thurston; secretary and treasurer, Col.-Sergeant Roberts; and on the 24th, the anniversary of the occupation of Fort Garry by the British troops, was celebrated by a dinner at the Queens. The first soda-water fountain imported into the country was brought in by Dr. C. J. Bird, and set in operation in his drug store, where Dr. Cowan now resides. In September, our friend, W. F. Alloway, set up business for himself, as a veterinary surgeon, the first of that useful profession in this city.

The first stage arrived in Winnipeg, on Monday, the 11th September, 1871, bringing six passengers, amongst whom was the Hon. M. A. Girard. The first arrangement was a tri-weekly stage, and this new departure was considered a great boon to the Winnipeg travelling public. Mr. Alexander Begg was the first stage and express agent in Winnipeg, and continued in charge until relieved by our good-natured fellow-citizen "Van." Mr. Begg was not at all sorry to resign in Van's favor, as in those days it was a case of being up till midnight, waiting for the arrival of stage, and at four in the morning to start it off with mails and passengers.