

THE board of trade and town council of Regina have appointed a committee to welcome new settlers to the district, and render them any possible assistance, such as furnishing a guide for land hunters, etc. This is a laudable move, and one worthy of imitation.

THE Calgary Tribune urges the appointment by the Government of a hide and brand inspector at that place. The chief duty of such an inspector would be to examine all cattle which are being shipped out of the country, and keep a record of the brands which the animals bear. It is an easy matter, says the Tribune, for a shipper to pick up cattle which do not belong to him, when he is driving in his cattle to the railway for shipment, and ship them away with his own animals, without detection. The appointment of a Government official to inspect the brands of cattle which are being shipped, would provide a remedy.

It is learned that the past winter has been a mild one away up north in the Mackenzie river country. The Bulletin, published at Edmonton, northern Alberta, says. Dr. McKay, chief factor for the Hudson's Bay Co., arrived from Slave lake on Saturday evening. The winter at Slave lake and Peace river has been quite as mild as at Edmonton. There was a snow fall in the early part of the winter, but warm weather made the ground bare again shortly. Horses have been used all winter in packing supplies instead of dog teams. The cattle on the Hudson's Bay ranch near Dunvegan have picked their living all winter and have done well. It is evident from this that there is a vast territory north of the North Saskatchewan river which is well adapted to agricultural and pastoral pursuits, and possessing a climate as favorable as more southern districts.

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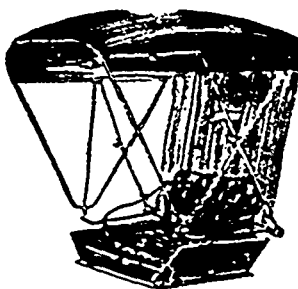
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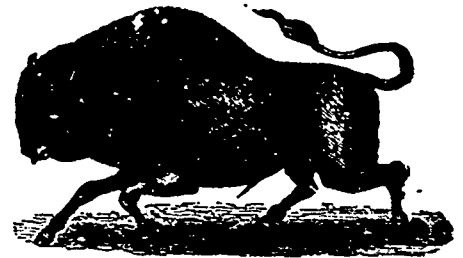
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