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 ailotect to an editoria, itis not pos. outline of the picture which presents itself to the mind's exe at th mention of the name which is th
hcading of this article. Upon th the District of Alberta whethe viewed with regard toits size or posi-
tion in the territories suggests that it must soon take the lead, if, no
for population in the nea at all events for wealth and popu lation in a few years to come. In
ara it compares favorably with than Assiniboia and as great if not greater than Athabasca which lie,
to the north of it. The wealth, dary of which is nearly identica with the 55 th praallel of north lati-
tude und whose eastern boundary is a little west of the, 1rth meri-
dian, lies in its minaral, its grazing and farming lands, and its timber ern position of the district has ed by chinhooks' being in this respject the envy of the people ef all other
districts. The western boundary the bend of the Rocky Mountains very large district which contains copper and iron and a large . quanwater power which is $n$ ort in any part of the North-west. to fill up space.-. They-are facts which are already attracting the way whick has already pierces the great Rocky chain, and which is
doing a herculean work which every Canadian to the manor born read-
ily admits is the great highway ily admits is the great highway
from the far east and in spite of coming them all notwithstanding the morbid fancies of men who want
to stem the progressive spirit of the As the question of coal largely
enters into the economic value of this district we may mention that in
is established beyond newspape cavil that the coals of the Bow
and Belly district are similar to
the class of fuel now on the western'part of the Union
Facific Railway line, and it is far superior to the lignites and brown
coals. of EErope. It has been dethe soft coals of the Bow and Belly Rivers occupy a position similar to
the coal of Iowa. It is of much better quality than the Souris lig.
nites and it must not be confounded with them.
been discovered coal which has mountains and within this district
is a matter which must be looked upon as of the utmost importance
There is no district in the north such a variety of resources as she
has bestowed here.

ce did not her Jast week of calling the attention
of our-readers to the communica in the last issue of this journal.
That ietter is well worthy of a pers ual by those of our esteemed read their condemnation of the liase
system, and it was penned in ais wer to certain strictures published
over the signature of "Observer" in with a personal knowledge of his subject the only kind, we may say
in passing that is really worthy o shows ( 1st) That the lease system
hos been in States for ten years, and he instantown 244,00 acres in Texas as one rr, who that in Idaho and Southern Mans
tana "cattle have been not quite driven* been nearly if by grangers fencing up the water backed up, by the actuat facts, and
as the Nor'-westert is desireus of taking an impartial not a preju-
dized view of this question and as dised view of this question and as
it is not deperdding upon hearesay
for its information we haveno hesi'Cow Boy' makes his point forcibly "Cow Boy" mak when he quotes form the
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state Press and refutes "Observer'

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cry against the stockmzn unless
theré arè good and unanswct rease are good and unanswcrable
reasons for it nor shall we defend the exclusion of bona fide settlers
from thosa tracts in oar district which we know are best adapted
to mixed farming. Much good sense is needed in order that both the country as a whole tendered prosperous. Certainly "Cow Boy"
puts the matter clearly and readily disposes to our mind of much of the
prejudice existing against the stock prejuc
men.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

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