ALBERTA

Within the short space usually allotted to an editorial, it is not possible for us to draw but a mere outline of the picture which presents itself to the mind's eye at the mention of the name which is the heading of this article. Upon the map of the North-west territories the District of Alberta whether viewed with regard to its size or position in the territories suggests that it must soon take the lead, if not for population in the near future, at all events for wealth and population in a few years to come. In area it compares favorably with the other districts, being greater than Assiniboia and as great if not greater than Athabasca which lies to the north of it. The wealth of this fine district, the northern boundary of which is nearly identical with the 55th parallel of north latitude and whose eastern boundary is a little west of the 111th meridian, lies in its mineral, its grazing and farming lands, and its timber and its varied climate. The southern position of the district has a winter c'mata that is tempered by chinooks being in this respect the envy of the people of all other districts. The western boundary of this future province is formed by the bend of the Rocky Mountains, leaving within its boundaries a very large district which contains valuable deposits of gold, silver and copper and iron and a large .. quantity of marketable timber. besides a water power which is not surpassed in any part of the North-west.

These are not inventions merely to fill up space. They are facts which are already attracting the attention of the capitalists of the world. The Canadian Pacific Railway which has already pierced the great Rocky chain, and Which is doing a herculean work which every Canadian to the manor born readily admits is the great highway from the far east and in spite of enemies and obstruction it is overcoming them all notwithstanding the morbid fancies of men who vant 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 it is established beyond newspaper that the coals of the Bow and Belly district are similar to the class of fuel now largely used on the western part of the Union Pacific Railway line, and it is far superior to the lignites and brown coals of Europe. It has been de-Rivers occupy a position similar to the coal of Iowa. It is of much better quality than the Souris lignites and it must not be confounded with them.

The anthracite coal which has been discovered in the Rocky mountains and within this district is a matter which must be looked upon as cf the utmost importance. There is no district in the north upon which nature has lavished such a variety of resources as she has bestowed here.

Nature here opes her door -The latch string hangefh out Here is health along with we lth For him who walketh stout.

We did not have an opportunity last week of calling the attention of our-readers to the communication of "Cow Boy" which appeared in the last issue of this journal. That letter is well worthy of a persual by those of our esteemed read ers who are rather unqualified in their condemnation of the lease system, and it was penned in auswer to certain strictures published over the signature of "Observer" in the Gazette. "Cow Boy" writes with a personal knowledge of his subject the only kind, we may say in passing that is really worthy of respect and consideration. He shows (1st) That the lease system has been in vogue in the United States for ten years, and he instantances the Dominio Cattle Co., who own 244,000 acres in Texas as one of one hundred others. He also mentions Poindexter and Orr, who of the Rockies, and their snow-capped snmown over 100 000 acres. He says that in Idaho and Southern Monof Old Sel. Calgary, not a year old, beasts of tana "cattle have been nearly if not quite driven out of the country by grangers fencing up the water, by the water, by grangers fencing up the water, by the water and water, by the water, by the water and water the water and water the water that water are about two hundred in reply to a question in the Commons by the water the water and water the water that water the water the water that water tha and allowing sheep on the cattle ranges." These assertions are backed up by the actual facts, and as the Nor'-wester is desireus of taking an impartial not a prejudiced view of this question and as it is not depending upon hearesay for its information we have no hesitation whatever in saying that 'Cow Boy' makes his point forcibly and unanswerably.

"Cow Boy" makes point No. 2 when he quotes from the Benton River Press and refutes "Observer's and statemenrs that stockmen on the

other side are perfectly satisfied with the free range system. the Benton River Press is an author, ity on stock matters in Montana that 'Observer' cannot successfully dispute. "Cow Boy" shows that the Press says: "The matter range right is receiving more consideration from stockmen." the gist of the quotation is there is no more selfishness in efforts of the pioneer stockman to protect his moral rights than there is in the precautions that sagacious men in every business take for the security of their investments. Because of their general wealth and intelligence the stockmen are an important element in our population and have the good will of all other desirable classes of people."

There is a would of truth in this as the honest settler himself must admit and does admit when we sit down with him and talk with him upon the broad basis of the whole question. Vested interests must not be tinkered with, nor is it desir-able that the stock interests must ter to the Gobe and he blames the Canadian be left to vulgar caprice. We have alleges it was the "boom". The Red already taken the ground that River did the business when it overflowed there is room for the settler as well its banks two years ago. The flood broke as the stockman, but not in the its back and it is r diculous to attribute way of interfering so much with the ranchman as to destroy his business and drive him out of the

perly and unanswerably when he says: "The stockmen of the exerable. Hendricks is a war-horse, try. and every year pay out thousands of dollars in wages most of which is spent in the country by theopen handed cow boy.'

We will not join in any hue and News. cry against the stockmen unless there are good and unanswcrable reasons for it nor shall we defend the exclusion of bona fide settlers train service to Moose Jaw. This is as it from those tracts in our district should be, and much to the satisfaction of which we know Tare best adapted to mixed farming. Much good sense is needed in order that both interests may be fostered, and that the country as a whole rendered prosperous. Certainly "Cow Boy" bis crop prospects, The binder was purchas ed from Mr. Alexander agent for the puts the matter clearly and readily disposes to our mind of much of the prejudice existing against the stock

### EDITORIAL NOTES

"Permits having been issued without any definite time in which they were to be used "and returned, have been used as a cloak for smugglin. A. large number of permits From the Gazette: uals and the amount of liquor called for by these permits brought in. Great care has been exercised lest the Mount d Police should find the parties, and if the permits could be lodged safely in a hiding place the permits could be used in this manner ad infinitum. Should the persons be discovered the permits were presented and they pointed to the Presbyt rian mission at Mac-were allowed to go free. Wirisky cliqu's Leod, arrived on the coach last Friday. On have been organized for protecting the e smugglers. When any of the interested parties have been seized and fined according an earnest and impressive one, We monstrated by practical tests that to law the clique raises the amount of the trust the abundant success may crown his the soft coals of the Bow and Belly fine and the detestable whisky smuggler is effort at MacLeod. set free, There are gross evils in existence arising, not from the system itself but abuses flowing from dishonesty to the spirit of the law in issuing them:"

The above is from the Herald of this town and it is a specimen brick of the average misrepresentations which are maliciouly set affoat by those who upon the permit que tion have made it their business to deal in misrepresentation. Now the best proof that the above extract is a tissue of fal ehoods is that we challenge the Herald to produce an instance when a permit has been issued without a definite time. If there is

is such a permit it is a forged one:
Along the line of railroad the time specified is made as short as possible in order to prevent the very occur ences which the Herald writer alleges have taken place. We happen to know that the limit in the north is three months. When Mr. Lind was Lt.-Governor it was twelve months, It is just as easy to state the truth as to utter a falsehood, but persons having no responsible connection with the press are permitted to contribute articles to the Herald labourers landed in Guaynas, Mexico, under Chicago, as editoriats, and the truth seems to be the a lab r contract. far:hest object from the intentious of these scribblers. Let it accept our challenge if it can and the puclic will see how far its utter ances are to be depended upon.

WESTER of a recent date. Writing of our pictulesque locality, he says:
"Calgary is a representative town. 1t contains the mountain and plain element.

from here diverge the trail routes south to the International boundary and north to the Edmonton and the Peace or McKenzie Rivers, or to the North Pole if you choose to go. The situation of Cal ary is most beautiful—on a level plain which looks more like a well mown lawn than a wild prairie. This plateau is enthroned among beautiful green hills, and surrounded as if with a silver cord by the Bow and Elbow Rivers, whose wat- tician. ers are composed of the melting snow of the mountains, which fell ages and ages ago, From my tent door I have a beautiful view boast of good congregations. All trades are | als at the Foreign Office yesterday that the represented oven to a dentist's shop. Goods Government had proposed a comprom se of every description can be purchased here with the Lords on the franchise bill. The

"quarter sections during the past season tation, Lord Churchill said that he deeply tamounts to 27 000,000 of acres, equal to "165,780 farms of 160 acres each. In other done so under the influence of vexation. He "words the season's operations, when the "returns of survey have been examined and "approved as required by law, will have "rendered available for settlement an extent of a compromise. Gladstone said he was "of agricultural land, exclusive entirely of satisfied with Churchills explanation. "capable of accommodating a pure y agri"cultural population of 506,230 allowing an "average of only three souts to each farm—a between Earl Salisbury and Earl Granville-'result I venture to submit, never before A meeting of the Cabinet is to be he "attained within a similar period of time in "the history of any can try and one which "is well calculated there or lify the deter-"mination of the Gover ment and the readi "ness of the people of Canada to spare neith"or energy nor money in order to open up
"the fertile lands of the Nor h-west and "make them available for settlement."

The North-west grumbler will hardly be satisfied with this because it cuts the ground from under him. He is as fertile in doub as ne is in discontent. Mr, Burgess's facts are however, most stubborn and they are ready to speak for themse ves.

The Winnipeg papers have been editori-ally discussing the bankrupt condition of Emers on and Mr. William Fairbanks, one of Emerson's failure to anything else.

The Democratic party in the United States have never displayed the same cohesion as the Republican p rty. Hen-"Cow Boy" himself puts it- pro- dries's was entitled to the nomination for Vice-President, but Convention, are north-west from a financial point of view are the back bone of the counfor the party they think is the strongest

## NOR-WESTERS

The rai way authorities have reconsidered their proposal to run only semi-weekly trains west of Brandon, and have issued all the people of Assiniboia, Showers almost daily in the "aril

Mr. J. V. Carroll, whose sample of wheat Minneapolis twine binder.

The News editorially advocated the formation of a Farmers' Club and the planting of trees in that district. Both are good suggestions and we hope the people of Mouse Jaw will act upon them.

### MacLEOD.

Quantities of hay are being hauled into

. The sale of Indian Department horses, as previously advertised, took place at the Agency buildings on Monday. Mr. J. H.

Rev. Mr. McKenzie, who has been ap-

Hon. M. H. Cochrane, and Mr. F. White, returned to town from the ranche on Sunday. On Monday they again started for Hillhurst, accompanied by Mr. W. Kertoot, who had arrived from Calgary. Messrs. Cochrane and Ke foot will start from there for Montana to purchase the sheep for t e British American Co. Mr. Cochrane is so weil pleased with t e new location, that he will probably put up a summer residence, and bring out his family to spend the sum-

## General News.

The National Artillery association of Great Britain intend to send out a team of three offic rs and twenty two men to compete in a match to he held at Quebec next Sep. B.w River. Terms \$2) season: \$5 00 each service Apply to KING CO, Calary

The Collector of Customs in the District of Arizona has notified the Treasury Depart-

The Supreme Court of New York recently granted an order directing a summons to be served upon John C. Enc. by publication in the suit against him for \$3,185.000.

A Varseilles despatch of July 11th says In the Portage Progress of the 12th inst, that there are more deaths there from cholera there is a long and interesting letter from that day, and the number of persons who Mr. J. D. Vanbuskirk who came a few weeks had left there on account of the cholera was ago and who left for the coal oil country of Tthabasca about ten days ago. Vanbus-kirk's visit was duly chronicled in the Nor.'-

General Cleveland got the nomination on the 2nd ballot; Tammany was knocked higher than Donaldson's baloon every struck.

Governor Cleveland was born in the town of Essex. New Jersey, on the 18 h March 1837. He is a descendant of a New England tami'y who have been in the country for 200 | years. He is a lawyer by profession, He is the present Governor of New York.

Thomas A. Hendricks was born September 19, 1819, on a farm near Zanesville, Ohio. Hendricks is also a lawyer and an able poli-

Prime Minister Ferry is disposed to sonstanding, and the in-lemnity demanded China will probably be reduced to #800.000, and

at nearly as cheap a rate as at Winnipez"

Mr. Vanbuskirk is one of a hundred visitors who have come here to see us this summer so far and who have gone away delighted with our Canadian Denver.

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Proposal was made through Earl Granville,
Foreign Secretary of State, to Earl Cairns,
but it was declined. G'adstone admitted
that the Marquis of Salisbury had not used
the words, "He declined to discuss the Franchise Bill with a rope around his neca". It is well worthy of recollection that the area of land sub-divided into sections and Stafford Northestes stated that he had the quarter sections during the past season authority of Lords Salabary and Earl Cairns amounts to 27 000,000, of acres, a quantity that represents 168,650 farms of 160 acres each. This extent of and surveyed in one year has never been equalled in any one year in the United States year in the United States the same time charging G'adstone with have ing used a private communication with which At this office to learn he printing trade. A really remembered, some allowance should be made to traduce his opponents. Harcourt, Home, good opening for an ive or ambitious youth.

for delays occasioned by the absence of Secretary, defended Gladstone. The motion maps. In his report for last year Deputy Minister of Interior Burgess says:

'The area sub-divided into sections and opponents. It was a disgraceful imputapelled the charges that he had traduced his

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