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THE article in the Calgary *Herald* about a fortnight ago on the necessity of a new Northwest Territories Act being framed in conformity with the opinions of the very large majority of the people here, is being most favorably criticised by the press of the Territories. No thinking man in the country attempts to deny that the laws governing the Territories, whatever they might have been at the time of framing, are now thoroughly inadequate for our requirements. On those well worn subjects—the Liquor law and the Dual Language question, we have nothing to say. Public men of all denominations have expressed their views on it strongly and frequently. One of the most important matters dealt with by the *Herald* is that of immigration. The amount voted by the Dominion government for the maintenance of the Territories (the money to be expended by the North West Legislature) should be sufficiently large to enable us to carry on an active policy to people our vast possession. We should have agents in England and in Eastern Canada, we should be in a position to send agents to the States if required. The Territories are slowly—too slowly—becoming known; but once let the marvellous fertility of our soil become known; once let the drivelling nonsense about our terrible winters be knocked on the head; in a word once let our climate, our soil, our natural resources, our mineral wealth become known to the world and we should have such a stream of immigration pour into the Territories, as no other country has ever known. We dare affirm that not more than one man in fifty in England knows where the Northwest Territories are situated. As for such names as Alberta, Saskatch-

ewan, Assiniboia—they have never even heard of them. As long as such a state of things exists we can only expect our settlement to come in dribbles. At present there are only five agents in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales to direct immigration to the Dominion of Canada. The fatal policy of such a state of things is self-evident. The other questions dealt with by the *Herald*, we shall take up on a future occasion.

A SUM of \$21,000 was borrowed by the corporation of Calgary for the purpose of putting in a first-class sewer system in the town. This has been done, but as far as we know, operations have not been commenced. Is the money borrowed to be sunk, literally sunk, in sewer pipes, and nothing else done? Calgary cries with a loud voice for improved sanitary arrangements. There has been considerable sickness in Calgary this year, and unless something is done in this direction before very long, we shall have considerably more sickness, when the warm wet weather arrives. How many months or years is the town expected to wait before water is laid on. If there is no agreement on this important point between the town authorities and the water-works, then there ought to be. We have the sewers, but they might be laid in the Great Sahara, for all the good they are at present. We hope to see some action taken in this all-important matter before very long.

SINCE writing the above we learn it is from no fault of the Waterworks company that the system is not working. All machinery was in position and work about to begin, when a portion of it broke through bad construction. The whole piece of machinery had to be sent down to Hamilton to be mended. It has arrived back again and is now in position. Water may be expected by the end of the present month.



NO wonder the aged Premier has night-mare. Just think of being in his shoes, with such a trio of issues to face. It will take all the experience of the veteran statesman to steer through the dangerous straits of the "Dual Language," "Separate Schools," and "Liquor" questions in safety.