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THE NOR-WESTER.

CALGARY, THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1886.

Five years of Lord Beaconsfield, of decision, firmness and foresight, in a word of statesmanship. Five years of Imperialism and Tory government. England in her rightful place among the nations of Europe. A general war credited by one bold and skillful stroke of English policy. Five years of triumph at the council board and victory in the field, of peace with honour. Five years of power gained by hypocritical denunciation, promises forgotten as soon as made and threats recanted when put to the test. Five years of Liberal rule, the only English party with a sincere love of peace and economy. Five years of incessant war without honour and expenditure without gain. Five years of Mr. Gladstone, the only English statesman with a political conscience. Five years of shuffling and vacillation, disgrace and disorder, massacre and muddle.

Truly, when Lord Dufferin called this country "The great lone land," he had that forensic insight and belief in its future greatness as his brief designation indicates. Considering, we may say, the comparatively short time this country has been opened up, it is astonishing what wonderful discoveries in minerals and oils have been found. Coal oil, beyond doubt, has been found in this section of the country and great importance must naturally ensue in the development of an article that will always be in great demand, irrespective of the wonderful advances of electricity and to whatever its large adoption as a luminary power may occupy in the future. There is no doubt that coal oil will ever remain in the foremost rank of valuable minerals, as the many purposes to which it is put, fully demonstrate, so that it naturally invites capital, and those who have our country at heart must feel proud that we can offer substantial inducements to "Croesus," for to him must we look in our desire to develop such resources. The decided steps now taken in this matter, is only the commencement to the building up of one of a series of industries. That this country will eventually take the lead in—attraction is our hold, for properly and truthfully explained, this country can outvie most of them—and our sole desire in giving publicity to a matter of vital importance, is the advance of this place.

It is a pity, perhaps, that the Imperial Government did not see their way to accepting the services of the Canadian militia. They might certainly have raised among them a battalion or two of picked men, all of whom had already served in the regular army. Naturally their refusal will cause a certain amount of sore feeling. But it must be remembered in the first place that there are two reserves in the old country, the militia and the volunteers, either of which can furnish men quite as well equipped, armed and drilled as anything in Canada. A few months of garrison duty would render men taken from these bodies capable of taking the field with regular soldiers. Again in India Great Britain has a recruiting ground of practically unlimited extent, among nations, whose only profession from youth up is war, and who would of course be particularly well fitted to stand the heat of the climate. Another point may be touched upon. We hardly think the Canadian volunteers, who offered their services, knew exactly what they were in for. The annual drill-pic-nic gives about as much idea of actual service in a campaign under army

officers, as a Methodist camp-meeting does of heaven. It is a pretty hard thing to obey a peremptory order, which may appear to be totally unnecessary, without looking crosswise about it, and to know that if you do not obey, the provost marshal is waiting for you. Habits of discipline are not formed in a day. And they are founded on innate feelings of deference and respect to those in authority, parents, teachers and masters, with which young Canada has dispensed, as old fashioned and ridiculous. On the whole we think it is just as well that the volunteers were not accepted.

Little less than two years ago this portion of the country had very few settlers, perhaps hardly more than could be counted on one's fingers. But reviewing our position to-day, it is surprising inasmuch, we hear a good deal said about no one taking up land owing to the government not opening up west of the 5th principal meridian, and those who have taken up land in this neighbourhood not allowed to make entries, but proper enquiry into the question places us in a position to say that, this will be shortly remedied, and the fault will lay at the doors of those who do not fulfil, or have not fulfilled the requirements of the settlement clauses, by occupancy and improvement. There is no doubt workers will be recognised, when the number of settlers around this district is taken into consideration anyone may see that it is impossible the government can ignore their rights, but that it takes time to arrange matters.

Now what has taken place in these two years? Are there not between four or five hundred ranches or farms taken up? We find so upon investigation and enquiry, and out of this number there is a very small percentage that are not devoting all their time to the cultivation of their respective claims. Then again, it must be borne in mind that eighteen months is the extent of the majority of these settlers arrival here. Yet we hear the proverbial grumbler cry down this section of the country is not open to settlement. And right before us stands the fact of these five hundred actually around us. Is it because they do not see elevators going up and grist mills erected that they must necessarily imagine we are not progressing. Perhaps it would be as well for them to remember that it cannot be expected there could be a big showing the first season, but the coming second and third seasons will show that we will have just as much to talk about crops, etc., as some of the eastern portions of this country that have had the advantage of earlier railway communication. Therefore we see no reason why in another year this place will not be in more flourishing circumstances and monetary stringency forever banished from us.

Reports from the south represent cattle on the range doing well. There is not enough snow to cover the feet, and the climate is not severe. Beaver county has 10,000 cattle on the range; Iron about 6,000 and Washington about 10,000. In northern Utah stock is also doing well. The snow is deep on the Promontory range, but much of the feed has been uncovered by the prevailing winds. So far there has been but little loss of stock in Utah this winter, so far as we can learn.—Salt Lake Tribune.

Ex-Prefect of police Andreux, of Paris, recently published a partial exposé of the secrets of masonry. He has received a communication from the lodge in which he was initiated, charging him with violating his masonic oath, and demanding to know whether he has any observation to make concerning the crime of which he is accused. The letter says if no reply is received by February 11, the executive committee will declare whether a penalty shall be pronounced. Andreux in reply says: "You pretend that I have violated the oath, the text of which is as follows: 'I do solemnly swear not to reveal the mysteries of Freemasonry under penalty of having my head cut off, my tongue torn out, and my body cast into the sea, where it will be forever rolled by the ebb and flow of the tide.' Permit me to observe that an oath, like a confession, is indivisible. In the first part of your formula is serious, the second part is also. If you talk about the ebb and flow of the tide merely to mock and joke, fine when you talk about your mystery. I shall not reveal anything, but if I should see fit to reveal any thing, you should, if your arrangement is serious, submit me to the torture above described. Are you prepared to do so?" From a mason's regard this as an open defiance. It has caused a great sensation.

"Your wife demands a divorce from you on the grounds that you are a dud," said the judge to a meek looking sheep's man in a paper collar. "Is it true?" "No, sir, when I heard of the henpecked individual, 'I'm only a student."

STOCK ITEMS.

Ranchers around Miola, B.C. say the cattle were never better and feed good.

It is estimated that Texas has sold more than one million dollars worth of horses during the past year.

In the vicinity of MacLeod there was early in the week a considerable quantity of snow left in low places on the Prairie. As the feed elsewhere was abundant and absolutely free from snow, this was of no consequence, as far as cattle were concerned, and the warm winds of the past week have probably taken off what little there was.—MacLeod Gazette.

A statement which will probably surprise many is that, in the province of Ontario, there are over 1,000,000 head of cattle, and over 800,000 horses. Further, that beef is cheaper there than in the range countries.—MacLeod Gazette.

D. Grier, from the north side of the river, a few miles above town, dropped into the Gazette office on Thursday. He reports the cattle in that part of the country in good fix, and rapidly filling up during the fine weather. Plenty of grass and water.—MacLeod Gazette.

It is reported that a contract was closed lately in the city of San Antonio for 5,000 yearlings, mixed, at \$10, spring delivery. Stock throughout Edmonton district in splendid condition.

Reports from all the Colorado ranges state that cattle have passed through the late storms in fine condition, and that the loss has not been noticeable. It has been confined exclusively to cows that entered the winter in poor condition, and to weakly calves, which could not be expected to pass safely through an ordinary winter on the range. Colorado seems to have been especially favored with respect to storms. The snow fall was not heavy, so that there has been an abundance of grass for stock, and the cold was not so long continued that the water holes were kept frozen long enough to produce much suffering.—Pueblo (Col.) Chief.

The practice of holding bulls from the range and the regulating of the dropping of the calves is being quite generally adopted by many heavy stockmen of the valley. The plan is a paying one.—Del Norte (Col.) Prospector.

A Mr. Buford, of Virginia City, is the possessor of a ten months old calf that weighs 600 pounds.

It is noted as a curious fact that where large numbers of cattle and sheep have died of cold in Texas this winter, there has been very little loss on the McLeod and Bow River ranges, 1,200 miles further north. The reason is not that the wind has been tempered to the lamb, as the old proverb has it, but that the lamb has become tempered to the wind and extra cold. This is a true fact.

A fatal disease is devastating the herds of fine cattle in Cameron county, West Virginia. The name of the disease is unknown. A swelling appears near the hoof, gradually extending to the body. The swelling is enormous and causes death in thirty-six hours. A thick, black fluid escapes if the part be lanced. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, and the disease is rapidly spreading.

Bella, the famous Hereford cow, has just dropped a male calf, for which the owner refused 250 guineas when the creature was three days old. A former calf of Bella sold for 1,000 guineas. The sire of these calves is the famous bull Lord Wilton, which is valued at 4,000 guineas.

The governor of Arizona says that territory has grass enough for five million head of cattle, but four fifths of it is not available because of no water. He thinks, however, that most of the country may be made productive in the cattle in terms by means of artesian wells.

News from Kootenay Lakes says that Mr. Mower band of cattle is doing wonderfully well. He is delighted with the country.

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AGENTS.

H. Martineau, L. W. Herbermer, M. Adams, J. A. Macrae, J. M. Rae, T. T. Quinn, W. Anderson, M. Egg, W. Hutchinson, Fort McLeod.	Manitoba House, E. Ric, Indian Head, Carlson, Bettiford, Fort Pitt, Edmonton, Blackfoot Crossing, Fort McLeod.
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Forms of tender giving full particulars relative to the quality, quantity and points of delivery of flour required, may be had on application to any of the above named agents, or from the Indian Commissioner for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, Regina; and no tender will be entertained which is not made out on one of the forms in the hands of the Agents or of the Indian Commissioner for distribution to intending tenderers. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque, approved by the Indian Agent for the district, for at least five per cent. of the amount thereof, which will be forfeited if the tenderer declines to enter into a contract when called on to do so or if he fails to fulfil his contract to the satisfaction of the Department. If the tenderer prefers to do so he may deposit with the Agent, in lieu of an accepted cheque, the notes of any chartered bank in Canada to an equal amount. Cheques or cash accompanying tenders not accepted will be returned to the tenderer. A successful tenderer will be retained until the satisfactory completion of his contract. Each tenderer is required to show in his tender the full value of all the flour which he is prepared to deliver under contract or his tender will not be entertained.

Each tender must, in addition to the signature of the tenderer, be signed by two witnesses acceptable to the Department, for the proper performance of the contract. Tenders will be entertained for a portion of the whole quantity of flour required at any given point.

Tenderers residing near one Agency but desiring to tender for delivery within another Agency further distant, may deposit the tender and samples for the most distant at the nearest of the Agencies specified above, or with the Indian Commissioner at Regina.

Samples of flour will be returned if desired, to unsuccessful tenderers on their application, and the sample submitted by a successful tenderer may be counted by him as a delivery on account of his contract.

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L. VAN KOUGHEN,
Dy. Supt. General of Indian Affairs.
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, 11th January, 1885.

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Each settler on a homestead quarter section not having timber on it, may, on application to the Local Agent of Dominion Lands, purchase a woodlot not exceeding twenty acres in extent, at five dollars per acre.

Any person other than a homestead settler desiring permission to cut timber, must make application therefor to the Minister of the Interior, who will deal with such application according to law.

Persons who have already cut timber without authority, must pay the dues thereon to the Crown Timber Agent at his office, on or before the 1st of May, 1885; otherwise the said timber will be confiscated under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act.

(Signed), A. M. BURGESS,
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Times.
Mr. Boucher, Dominion
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McArthur's survey party
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from an extended visit t
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