

Beds of marl, adapted to the use of pottery, are to be found in various places.

SALT-SPRINGS

are numerous, the brine of some being very pure, yielding upwards of a bushel of salt to thirty or forty gallons of brine—the writer having himself made salt from brine of that strength on the surface without boring, and of as good a quality as American or English productions. The North-West, which must in a few years consume vast quantities of salt, for pork and beef packing, and fish, will eventually be supplied from this source, as well as a large export trade to the Western States. The value of this source of wealth may be estimated from the fact that over ten million bushels are annually imported into Chicago alone, from New York and Pennsylvania.

GOVERNMENT.

Manitoba has a form of Government similar to that of the other Provinces of the Dominion. The Legislature consists of a Legislative Council composed of seven members (to be increased), and a Legislative Assembly of twenty-four members.

The Executive consists of the Lieutenant-Governor, a Provincial Secretary, Provincial Treasurer, Minister of Public Works, President of the Council, and Attorney-General. The Judicial power is vested in a Supreme Court, District Court, and Justices of the Peace.

LAW OF DESCENT.

When a person in this province dies, possessing lands, &c., which have not been otherwise lawfully devised, by an act passed in the first session of the first Legislature, his property descends, subject to his debts: 1st. One-third of the real and personal estate goes to the widow, and the remaining two-thirds in equal shares to his children, and to the lawful issue of any deceased child. 2nd. If without children, to his widow, during her life, and after her decease to his father, and directly to his father when no child or widow is left. 3rd. If no child or father be left, or widow, in equal shares to his brothers and sisters, and so on to more distant relatives, the law regulating the descent of real property in a regular and equitable manner.

PUBLIC-LANDS.

The whole area of the Province, by system of survey, and exclusive of road allowances, 9,008,540 acres, deducting for Half-Breed grant 1,400,000 acres, Hudson Bay Company's twentieth and school section reserves 707,680, leaving available area of 6,900,960 acres within the present boundary, which will soon either be enlarged or an additional Province be created westward, with the advance of Immigration.

SYSTEM OF SURVEY.

Each township consists of thirty-six sections, of one square mile each,