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THE NOR'-WESTER.

CALGARY, TUESDAY, JAN. 27, 1885.

IMPENDING LEGISLATION.

That the Ottawa Government have by this time a thorough knowledge of what legislation is needed to meet the rapid progress which the district of the North-West are making cannot any longer be doubted, and that it is their intention to bring down such measures during the approaching session of Parliament as will best meet the requirements of the people of the territory may be accepted as an official certainty. Our legal friends no doubt will have much of the remedial legislation asked for. The uncertainty with regard to the operation of the laws affecting the liberty of the subject will, we trust, be removed by emphatic legislation admitting of no ambiguity. Such amendments will doubtless be made to the Administration of Justice Act as will place the Stipendiary Magistrates in a better position with regard to their duties and powers, and we hope that their number will be increased where necessary.

The necessary amendments will be made to the Mining Regulations, and to the powers of Municipal authorities in contradistinction to the powers of the Mounted Police in the same respect. Ambiguities which have arisen as laws came to be enforced will probably be removed, and increased powers given to the North-West Council. Extreme or radical changes we do not expect. We look only for those measures which are reasonable and in accordance with the real progress that the territory has made. If some legislation could be effected whereby public schools could be established on a better footing than they are it would be a wise and a most necessary step. Most of the people are poor, and unless it is really in well settled centres where the churches have established colleges, educational facilities are decidedly backward.

Last but not least we hope to see in the estimates a good round appropriation for the Bow River bridge, and also a sum for an Immigration Reception House for Calgary.

A writer in the Zoo organ dilating upon the question of settlers upon leases imagines that he is uttering something wise when he says, "Southern Manitoba, that "precious garden of the gods, was "credited with being sufficient and "likely to absorb all the bona fide "settlers that would come to the "country for a decade at least. "Under such circumstances the "establishment of a lease system "along the base of the Rockies, "would be and was consummated "without taking into consideration "any element not in the region at "the time." The writer means to argue that the lease system was expressly established for the purpose of keeping out the settler. This is a popular though quite an incorrect conclusion. The foot hills of the Rocky Mountains are best adapted for grazing purposes, and this very impartial man who has looked into the question must concede. The plea for the "settler" which the writer in the reversible sheet sets forth in a plausible manner will not stand the test. The best authorities declare that the district of Alberta is divided into grazing, farming and mineral lands—the first named being the most extensive. Nature has made her arrangements in a considerate manner. The lands best adapted for grazing purposes by far form the most important area, and it is absurd for those who have prejudice for their guide rather than impartiality to endeavor to make out anything else. The irrepressible writer on "sheep" and "calves" is always bobbing up in the columns of the *Herald*, and it is not surprising that we should have the subject in season and out of season repeated *ad nauseam*.

We are anxious to give fair reports of the proceedings of our Town Council, but it is unreasonable to suppose that we can tax our reportorial columns with a synopsis of by-laws which should be published in the usual way. Our contemporary next door, with a generosity that transcends the most liberal daily, has undertaken this method. We do not copy any of its plans because we think that it is not capable of giving sound advice on anything. We hardly think the public can blame us for adhering to a well established rule of newspaper offices. We think it only fair to ourselves to mention the fact, because while at all times anxious to promote the interests of the town, we think there is a just and reasonable way of doing it.

Mr. George Purvis, Secretary of the Manitoba Farmer's Dis-Union, is determined to keep his name before the public. He appears to have become the atlas of that patriotic Society, and he he is likely to fall under the weight unless Dakota joins hands. Mr. Purvis' ambition evidently soars above the common places of society. He should do himself ample justice. He ought to go to Central America, where they have a revolution every week, and where his chances of becoming successful would be more favorable than they appear to be in higher latitudes.

Col. McLeod arrived here on Wednesday night to hold Court. The Court opened Thursday afternoon at two o'clock and the lawyers had the usual cross-firing, but the real work did not commence until Friday, when the arguments began. Col. McLeod though a Stipendiary Magistrate does not impress the stranger as a harsh or arbitrary judge. He appears at ease, is respected by the public, and the lawyers possess the proper regard for him which should exist between the bench and the bar.

The Moosomin *Courier* is a stout defender of municipal interests, and it should be warmly supported by those who are interested in the welfare of the territory in general and the town of Moosomin in particular. The *Courier*, however, should not forget that it owes an explanation to us with regard to the sixty-five thousand population theory. The NOR'-WESTER maintains that it first derived its information from the Assiniboia press. Let our esteemed contemporary now do the square thing.

The New Westminster *Guardian* vigorously opposes the making of Coal Harbor the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The *Guardian* is a staunch defender of the mainland interests, and although it may be locally influenced we like to read its familiar editorials.

Elsewhere will be found a report of the Montreal demonstration to the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, taken from the Toronto *Mail*. It will be seen from a perusal that it was an ovation all the way.

Our respected contemporary our next door neighbor is just now entertaining its readers on lengthy disquisitions as to leases and stock. The McLeod *Gazette* should look to its laurels. The *Herald* will supersede its intended mission.

The *Monetary Times* and Trade Review and Insurance Chronicle is one of our best exchanges. It comes to hand with commercial regularity, and we are always pleased to receive it.

The Montreal banquet like the Toronto one was a most successful affair. It was as enthusiastic as it was successful, and Canada's greatest statesman is not the man —*not* to appreciate it.

The Prince Albert *Times* comes to hand with an article on Dominion Representation in which the old and stale arguments are used.

Consider, Calgary.

The following paragraph appeared in the columns of THE NOR-WESTER of Dec. 16:—

The Toronto News is a lively sheet but it reckons without its host. A few young men in Toronto in parlor costumes get up and howl for Canadian nationality and denounce the 'foreigner' It is, however, this foreigner that is not only lending money to develop the great enterprises of the Dominion but who is really peopling the northwest. When will the News learn that Toronto is not the Dominion and that the true patriot is he who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before? Sentiment is a very good ammunition for home guards, but it will never develop the resources of the northwest.

"The News acknowledges with much pride the compliment in regard to its liveliness as a newspaper, and congratulate THE NOR-WESTER on its fine perceptive powers. It has been the aim of the News to let the country know that it is the liveliest newspaper in Canada, and it is glad that it is pushing its fame to the Rockies. But NOR'-WESTER is in error when he thinks we are arrayed in parlor costume when we rise to remark that Independence has many advantages with Canadians would do well to acquaint themselves. On the contrary, the question is a plain, matter-of-fact, hemespun Democratic one, and the insinuation that its advocates are attired in dude clothes is flung back at NOR'-WESTER with all the harshness of a western blizzard. To identify the Democratic young man of the east with the low-necked and short-sleeved party of imperial federation is something which we cannot tolerate, and the editor should at once express contrition for his thoughtless utterance. A careful research in the archives of the office fails to disclose that we ever spoke slightingly af any resident of this country as a 'foreigner,' and we know of no foreigner who is really 'peopling the northwest.' A few semi-foreigners like Nicholas Flood Davin have divided their attention between searching for office and luring unsuspecting capitalists into the morass of northwest speculation but we deny that we have yet commenced to denounce them. On the contrary, carried away by the excitement when the boom was on, we inadvertently advised some farmers from Ontario to go to the boundless forty-bushels-to-the-acre prairies of the west. They accepted our advice and tarried with the speculators and hotelkeepers of Manitoba for some time. They are getting back now with blizzardly assistance and debilitated boots, and when they wander into the office in search of the man who advised them 'to get west the agricultural editor is put to his last resource to convince them that he is dead beyond their vengeance, Instead of repelling the foreign capitalist we have been an energetic accessory in steering him into possession of the northwest speculators and have left them to develop his resources to the full extent of their ability. Yet after all we have done, we find the ungrateful NOR'-WESTER, an influential journal, whose condemnation might do us much injury, saying that we have denounced the foreign capitalist. Then he advises us not to run away with the idea that Toronto is the Dominion We hasten to answer that we will not, for to imagine Toronto the Dominion would be to imagine the NOR'WESTER bucking against us as a rival exponent of public opinion, and that would be most disagreeable, for we would hesitate to injure any man's prospects. Ever since the News began to tell how that country should be governed, it has desired to see the people of the northwest 'develop its resources.' The term is a canting one and is a choice phrase with the sharks and land thieves who infest THE NOR-WESTERS constituency, but we have done our best to cloak it with respectability, and when the Calgary champion of the territories accuses of retarding development, it means that we did not support rascally schemes concocted to impede the settler, and force up the price of land for speculative purposes, that the pockets of the greedy might be filled with the proceeds of barefaced robbery. Develop all you will, but let it be done honestly, with no tinge of knavery to cast suspicion upon it —Toronto News.

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