THE NOR'-WESTER.

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VOTE FOR MR. GEDDES.

We trust that the electors of Calgary District will return Mr. James D. Geddes as representative in the North west Council. Though we do not concur with him in every thing he says with regard to the lease question yet we feel certain that he has correct views on these local matters which more properly come under the authority of the Council. If Mr. Geddes should be elected, we are confident that he will go to Regina independent of certain influences there which have been endeavoring to shape the local affairs of this district in away which no true friend of Calgary District can honestly defend. Mr. Geddes's chances are excellent and we have no doubt that he will be elected by a considerable majority.

PERSISTENT DOLOROUSNESS.

A recent issue of the Moose Jaw NEWS comes to us with a leading article on 'North-west first". Our respected contemporary must certainly be in a very depressed state when it can indulge in such a dolorous strain as the article to which we have referred indicates. To show that the News is very unreasonable in its despondency we reproduce a portion of the article.

Says the NEWS. "What advan-"tage do Manitoba and the terri-"tories derive from their connection "with Canada We recoil from the "question. To put it on paper "seems to smack of disloyalty. And "yet there are times when the best "loyalty demands th at such ques-"tions be looked fairly in the face "and tried by practical tests. Can-"ada is building our great trans-"continental railway. Is she? "With whose money and with what "special ends? The Canadian "politician chides us for ingratitude "when we forget to be humbly "thankful for that great boon, but "he is pretty surein the next breath "to soothe his alarmed supporters "with the assurance that not a cent "of their money is being used for "the purpose. If Ottawa can make "North-west lands build the rail-"way, the North-west could surely "do the same if it but had the lands "and do it too without handicap-"ping its chief industry by compel-"ling its farmers to pay heavy tri-"bute to eastern manufacturers,

This is the old stock argument. It has been worn threadbare in the discontented province of Manitoba and it is coming to similar grief in the North-west. A very considerable portion of the press of the North-west has devoted its attention to sweeping denunciations of the policy of the Government while ignoring both reason and facts. There are some persons in the North-west who instead of exercising their own self reliance, depending upon their own efforts, are continually looking to the government. This is not as it should be. The early settlers of Ontario struck boldly into the forest and carried out their own destinies. In the North-west there is a continual cry for help, but it does not come from everybody; it emanates only from those who in this section of the North-west are aptly termed "tender feet."

THE MAYORALTY.

In a few days the electors of Calgary will be called upon to select a town council, We may remark it is of the utmost importance that the gentleman who is to be at the head of the council should in addition to other qualifications possess some influence. Those who have had experience in towns in the North-west will readily concur with us when we say that it is of vital importance to the people that the first mayor of our young and promising town should possess influence. Without weight what can a mayor do for the place? Simply nothing. He may be in the common parlance of the street a "good fellow" even to jollity, he may possess interests enough in the city to justify the expectation that he will counsel with wisdom and administer town affairs honestly and economically, but if he has no influence abroad what is he going to do for the town? This is the question, and it is one which the NOR'-WESTER will meet squarely, and without uncertain sound.

Mr George Murdoch is already in the field as a candidate for the mayoralty. Mr. Murdoch is ambitous for the position and he is not lacking in self esteem. He is a respectable citizen and possesses some popularity. All this is very well but what the thoughtful elector wants to know is what is Mr. Murdoch capable of doing for the town Has he any influence in quarters from which influence may come? We do not hesitate to say he has not. A man may be elected president of some sentimental society, capt. of a cricket club or vice-president of a social gathering but it does not follow from this that he should be elected mayor of a town a legislator or a public financial agent. Mr Murdoch may be ambitious, but ambition is not capability and when we say capability we mean to imply might and power as well as fitness.

Mr. M.G. McLean is also in the field. He comes out at the solicitation of a large and influential section of the people large as well as small property holders. Mr. McLean has not a penchant for public speaking such as Mr. Murdoch possesses. He is a business man—a merchant with much larger interests in the town and a man who can use some influence for the town in a quarter where influence exists. Every sensible elector knows that the mere fact of a town being incorporated and having a mayor and a council is, per se not sufficient to ensure the prosperity of the town. There are outside questions to be fought and the mayor as the head of the town must possess influence or the town is rendered contemptible.

Of the two candidates the electors should remember that Mr. McLean possesses influence. Mr. Murdoch has none. This is the way to look at it. The town requires help, and any man who has no influence abroad can do nothing for the place. It is not a time when the public must bow to the ambition of the ward politician. It wants a man that can notonly work for the town but who can accomplish the work when he goes about it. Calgary has potent rivals in other towns. If she wish to succeed she must not send uninfluential men to the front. It is a dead loss. The town council is not intended as a debating school, but a place wherein can be accomplished, solid practical business transactions having the advancement of those interested in our town and our town only at heart. Let the electors of Calgary show that the town cannot afford to send men in the councils who are devoid both of experience and influence. Surely they should possess one or the other, if possible both, If they do not have this they are only standing in their own light and retarding the progress of this promising place to a most considerable extent.

MANITOBA REFUSES.

Mr. Norquay's Government has rejected the offer of increased terms made by the Dominion Government. The FREE PRESS in the course of a leading article makes the following uncomplimentary statements.

"While we are free to congratulate the government on the action "they have taken, we must neces-"sarily condemn them for their de-"lay in deciding upon it. They "should have had no hesitation "whatever after the terms made "known, in proposing to the Legis-"lature that the offer of the Domin-"ion Government be rejected. "As it was, their course most decid-"ly left the impression that they "either were in favor of accepting "the terms, or had not the moral "courage to take the opposite "course. And even now, when "they have declared themselves, the "impression is general that they "were drawn into doing so by the "action of the opposition. This "position brings upon them a cer-"tain amount of humiliation which "they certainly deserve. A bold "and decided course was plainly "open for them instead of which "they choose a temporizing one."

Wisdom does not enter into the counsel of Manitoba. In grasping at the shadow is may lose the substance. The action of the Legislature may be a popular one in the province, but it is far from being a reasonable one. In the midst of the smoke the helmet of Norquay is still seen, and this is more galling to the ranks of Greenway and Co., than the question of Manitoba's grievances no matter what these may be.

Calgary Electoral Dis't.

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VOTE FOR

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AUCTIONEERS.

To the Editor of the NOR'-WESTER:—

SIR:—I observe an advertisement in the Herald of last week of an auction sale of horses and other government property, signed by a Mr. Metcalf. I thought, of course, that this gentleman was one of your local auctioneers but on enquiry I found that he had been specially sent from Ontario for the purpose. This seemed strange to me, Surely you have amongst your residents some one competent to knock off a few horses and stores without going to the expense of importing auctioneers all the way from Ontario. It seems to me that the government ought to encourage those who have settled here, and are doing business in the town rather than bestow their patronage on outsiders and strangers. It is things like this which disgust the residents of a place who are trying to make a living for themselves and at the same time to build up the country.

I believe that under the North-west ordinances it is necessary to take out an auctioneers license before engaging in that business. I should like to know if this gentleman is provided with one.

Yours truly'
A STRANGER.

Calgary June 2nd 1894.

[Our correspondent will see by looking at the last North-west Territories GAZETTE that Mr. Metcalfe is a duly authorized auctioneer, he having complied with the local ordinance and being proclaimed. We quite agree with our correspondent when he says the resident should not be overlooked. It appears however to be hardly a grievance in this immediate vicinity for there are very few people indeed who have been residents here more than a few months.—ED.

THOSE "SISTERS."

To the Editor of the NOR'-WESTER:—

SIR,—The Sisters of Mercy from Durange, Colorado, find it necessary to refute an articie published May 28 by Father Remas of Calgary, declaring their impostors. They have the authority of their bishop the Right Rev. P. J. Machbeef to ask assistance for their hospital from Roman Catholics and others disposed to aid them. Any person desiring further proof of their identity may address the Bishop of Denver, Colorado. The sisters return sincere thanks to their kind benefactors of the C. P. R. Rocky mountain Division.

SISTERS OF MERCY.

Calgary June 5, 1884.

Up the Elbow.

Taking a buckboard a few days ago and accompanied by Mr. W. T. Ramsay, agent of the Canada north west Land Company, we skirted the Elbow on its western bank for a few miles driving up hill and down dale enjoying to the fullest extent the lovely scenery which renders this district most charming.

At a distance of about four miles from town we came in sight of one of the finest quarries of free stone to be found in North America. This is the quarry which Major Bowles inspected a short time ago, and which he pronounced of a most excellent quality, The stone in great seams or sections lies exposed to the view on the east side of the river, and we understand that it is to be opened up at once. It will certainly prove a boon to the owners, and be of great benefit to the town. The Elbow here flows with a lovely current far down in its gravelly bed below, its waters looking as transparent as crystal itself. Mr. Ramsay remarked that he thinks he knows where Mr. May's farm and ranche are located so thither we drive along the edge of a precipitous bank for half a mile then down a gently sloping hill from the top of which we get a splendid view of the rolling upland to the west end of the valley of the Elbow itself, of its many bends and the cosy little dells of its valley which are here and there dotted with coniferous trees the spruce of the country making the view eastern like. Mr. May's cosy farm house of logs reposes in a circular valley having the river as its eastern and southern boundaries. To the west and with sloping hills bear away farming and excellent pasture grounds looking as romantic as the valley of Rasselas.

When we reach Mr. May's home for home it is, there is nothing in the exterior of his log building different from the ordinary cabin home of the pioneer, but as we entered at the polite invitation of Mr. May the interior was a perfect little palace Mrs. May welcomed us with true English hospitality, and we sat down in a spacious room handsomely and most luxurously furnished. The carpeted floor, the papered wall, the comfortable chairs and the bric-a-brac made one feel at home and without the restraint of the surroundings. Mrs. May we found to be a pleasant lady. Both she and Mr. May are a young couple but they have the self reliance of the Anglo Saxon and seem to realize that their success in their new sphere will greatly depend upon their own good sense and management. Neighbors are scarce it is true, but one or two good neighbors are better than a dozen indifferent ones and when the mind is kept occupied there is little chance for it to break loose into shadowy meditations of the past.

Emerging from the house after a pleasant chat we visit a small enclosure in which are nearly a dozen calves which we can assure the Editor of the Fort McLeod Gazette we might have included as stock without any violent stretch of the imagination, for a stouter, healthier and friskier family he never saw at McLeod or any other place. Two Blackfeet Indians were in Mr. May's garden ostensibly at work but it is unjust to a Blackfoot to accuse him of working. This he never does. He falls into the motion of honest work at fitful intervals and the whitemen cannot be blamed for paying him but fifty cents a day. An Indian is hardly worth that after you feed him.

Leaving this happy valley which we hope Mr. May will soon have blooming as the rose, we forded the shallow surging current of the Elbow, and ascended a somewhat steep hill on the eastern side and struck across the country for Livingstone's farm.

We had not met with Mr. Livingstone but we had heard of him. Coming to a large number of fence posts which extended for a long distance we saw about half a mile ahead of us the roof of a building which Mr. Ramsay pointed out as Livingstone's.

Arriving at the door we were met by Mr. Livingstone and introduced by Mr. Ramsay Mr. Livingstone has a frontier look and an individuality that is not soon to be forgotten.

When he ascertained that we were a 'newspaper man,' he quickly reentered his house and bringing out a copy of our esteemed contemporary on the Elbow, he pointed out an article which he requested us to read, he at the sametime observing "If I had the fellow that wrote that article I would give him a drink." We had seen the "article" before, and we thought how desirable it was that the milk, butter, poultry and vegetable editor of that journal should give the Livingstone estate a wide berth. Mr Livingstone invited us into his tent, for this is where he receives his visitors, and we entered into communication with him from which we derived considerable information. A man who has put upwards of twenty years in this district is certainly an encyclopedia that a visitor must often consult.

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