

Western Notes.

The Calgary council will send Mr. Reilly to Winnipeg, and perhaps to Port Arthur, to look after immigrants.

The satisfactory business done by the Hudson's Bay Coy's Manitou branch, has induced the Company to decide to provide more commodious premises for carrying on the trade. Preparations are being made for the construction of a new block on the site of the old stand. The structure will be 40x48, two stories high, brick front.

Rapid City Spectator: The agricultural implement business is opening out brisk this spring. Last week Malcolm Thompson, agent for Harris, Son & Co., in this place booked the following orders some of which were delivered at once: 1 sulky plow, 22 seeders, 14 self binders, 7 mowers, 8 rakes, 6 wagons, 16 plows, 15 harrows and over 15,000 pounds of binding twine. One encouraging feature in this spring's implement trade is the fact that the cash accompanies the greater part of the orders.

Calgary Tribune: 420 acres of a school section of land in the neighborhood of Canmore on which there is coal, was sold by public auction at Calgary recently. There was considerable competition between the Anthracite Coal Company and Mr. Brinckerhoff, for a St. Paul company, who made the application for the purchase of the lands having the adjoining lands on either side. The upset price was \$20 per acre, and the price kept creeping up, sometimes at 5 cents a bid, till \$70.50 per acre was reached, when Mr. Brinckerhoff quit and the

property was knocked down to the Anthracite Coal company. The School Board of the Territories is thus the richer by \$29,610, and the Anthracite Coal company has probably shut a competitor out of the field for the present.

Sir John Macdonald has introduced the bill to change the form of Government in the Territories. Its chief features have already been foretold. It provides for a council of not more than 25 nor less than 20 members who shall be elected by the people. The schedule of representation for the various districts is still under consideration. Provision is also made for their nominative members. During the first term of three years, these members to be legal experts, who shall advise the council, and may take part in discussions, but shall not vote. After the first term it is hoped there may be more legal talent in the territory, who may be eligible for election by the people, when it will not be necessary to appoint any members at all. The terms of each council is extended to three years, and household and income suffrage are introduced. The Lieutenant Governor will no longer sit in council, but shall be entirely separate. No provision is made for an executive council, it being considered that it would be a retrogressive step rather than one in advance.

— MacKay, manager of the new government experimental farm at Indian Head, left Winnipeg on Tuesday last for the west on one of the special colonist trains which was carrying stock and implements for the farm. Mr. MacKay bought the stock down east and the

machinery here in Winnipeg. He says the farm consists of 680 acres, partly light and partly heavy soil. Though it has been previously cropped it is in bad shape, and he proposes to summer-fallow most of it so as to start fair next year. This season, however, he will erect the necessary buildings, a barn, stables and three houses, one for himself, one for the horticulturist, and one for the help. The farm will also be fenced off into fields and a start will be made with the stock. It is proposed to raise three breeds of sheep, three of horses and three of cattle, to see which is best adapted to the country. A number of seeds and seedlings of fruit trees brought from Russia will be planted, also roots from northern Europe, and seedlings of forest trees Michigan. The operations on the farm in the future will consist of experiments to test the capabilities of the country.

Brandon Sun: The amount of wheat marketed last week was 27,307 bushels, making 1,039,014 bushels up to Saturday night last. Price 43 to 51 cents. Oats 23 to 25 cents, and the delivery fair; barley, delivery good, 28 to 30 cents; butter 16 to 20 cents, very little fresh coming in; eggs, scarce, 25 cents; potatoes, supply fair, 30 to 36 cents per bushel; hay 6 to \$7 per ton; wood, scarce \$4.50 per load; beef, live, 3½ to 4 cents; carcass beef 6½ cts.; pork, scarce, 7 cents; poultry, scarce, at chickens 10 cents and turkeys 15½ cents per pound.

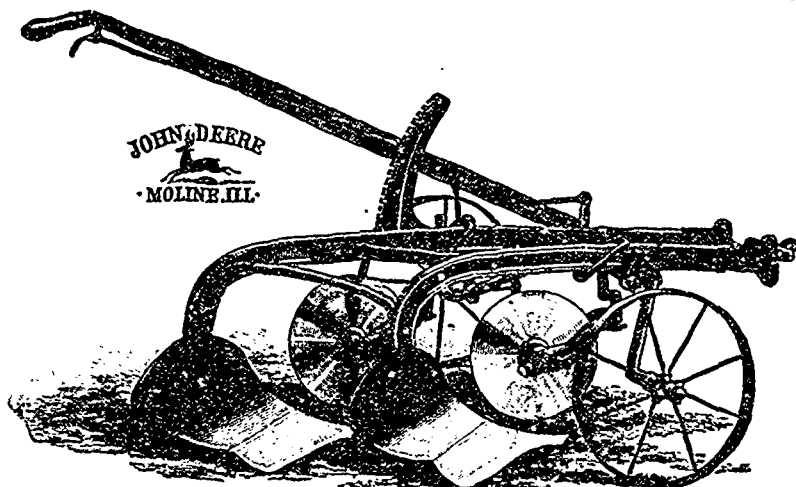
The British barque, Elizabeth Nicholson, has completed loading at the Hastings Mill, Vancouver, B. C. Her cargo consists of 640,000 feet, for Adelaide, Australia.

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