THE NOR'-WESTER.

CALGARY, THURSDAY, May 7, 1885.

People are asking why do not the authorities make use of the loyal Indians as scouts for the army now in the field. No better scouts can be found than our friends the Blackfeet, Bloods and Stonies. On the prairies we meet fire by fire, and we cannot understand why there is any hesitation in using a material which we have to hand to supply the want so much felt, of first-rate scouts and prairie men. Our Indians are loyal and led by one of the cleverest Indians, "Crowto track and follow the enemy.

most beautiful site for our town, but unfortunately one of our advantages, the being surrounded by the Bow and Elbow Rivers, imposes on us, a very small community, the necessity of building bridges in order to give access to the town from the north, south and east. The Hon. Mr. Langevin, when here last season, promised to urge the construction of a bridge over the Bow upon his to press the matter upon his recollection, it certainly can do no harm. Then the Elbow must be bridged if we expect our town to grow, and an effort should be made at once. At present the trade north and south is tributary to our town, let us try to positively secure it; all the trade of the beautiful country from here to McLeod on the south, and to Edmonton, the Red Deer country and the far north can be secured by reasonable export but if we sit with our hands folded the chances are we shall lose it. Recollect the Galt railroad is stretching out towards McLcod from Medicine Hat, and while we have not even a bridge to cross the rivers the people of the south will be carried away from us by rail. By all means let us move in the bridge matter. A railway from McLeod to Edmonton and with right to extend to the Peace River is looming in the immediate future. are we of Calgary going to look on and do nothing. Nature has given us great advantages, let us not fail to use them. --

The prospects for our farmers are apparently most encouraging most of the seeding in this part of the country is done and the prospect for stock raisers is of the best. As to what would be most profitable for intending settlers to engage in is perhaps a difficult matter to determine. But the general verdict farming. The man who attempts to confine himself to one branch of farming alone will probably not find it nearly so profitable as if he pigs, 20,000 lbs, worth in autumn doubt think this is utter nonsense,

value of stock and proceeds, \$8,025. the Indians upon us as a people; Leaving the account as follows: - when we recollect that our coming Cost of stock...... \$3,160 amongst them has produced for Salary of three men and a

woman, six months

Value of stock and returns for season.....

Profits..... \$2,865 After making every possible allowance for expenses and putting stock and returns at the very lowest figures, this is but one of the many sources of profit open to settlers in our country. Of course this all means work, but beyond peradventure such profits can and will be realized by our farmers:

to find fault, but how to remedy the fault is another matter, and your fault finder as a rule does not grapple with the matter. The Indian policy of the Canadian Government up to a very short time ago was supposed to be a very foot," of our time. They would fill satisfactory one, but now that the the greatest want of our soldiers, half-breeds have induced so many and enable them surely and easily of them to go on the war path there are plenty of white men ready to blame the Govornment for follow-We claim in Calgary to have a ling a course which up to the moment of Riel's outbreak had been deemed by men of all part es the best that could be devised. The civilization of our Indians has been attempted for a century and more, and yet they seem as far removed from it as ever, and to-day the Government find themselves compelled to care and provide for about 30,000 adult infants, wise enough as far as advantages from their own point of view are concerned, but at colleagues. Would it not be well the same time childish and suspicicious to a degree. Still the fact The Best Iron Harrow at remains that the coming onto these Plains and into this Northwest country of the white man has destroyed the Indian's mode of livelihood, he no longer finds the game to live upon, that until recently afforded him the means of so living, and then even the fuel he depended on to warm his tepee is being used up by the white people who are swarming onto the plains the Indian used to call his own. Some means better than we have yet had must be devised by which the Indian tribes will be more positively provided for than at present, a scheme must be hit upon which will vork Opposite Gien's Stables, Stephen positively and in such a way that the Indian will get the benefit of everything intended to be given him by the Government, and will at the same time feel that he can depend upon getting everything promised him at certain times and seasons. To us it appears that the present system of tarm instructors is defective. Expecting the Indian to be a steady laboring man, is simply

ridiculous, they cannot and will not become such for a century. Look at the Caughna waga, St. Regis, Cayuga, or Moravian Indians in Ontario, they certainly are not laborers, and if not, how far from being so must the Northwest Indian be? To us it would seem inevitable that the Government will have to provide for the . . . wants of all Indians for the next appears to be in favor of mixed quarter of a century at least. What that provision is to be is a matter for earnest consideration. If the present system of farming is to be maintained in any way there will had made up his mind to go into have to be a radical change in the the raising of everything the country | mode of dealing. In our opinion will produce, and we imagine that on every Reserve a Model Farm stock will be the great stand by of should be established with white every farmer in Alberta. We have men enough employed to work been estimating the probable result it; as at present, the Indians, of the purchase by a settler in the should be encouraged to work for East of cows (milch) and sows in pig | their own individual benefit. Every and putting them on a prairie farm one who chose to do so should have -Cows will cost in Ontario on the a piece of land set apart for himself cars on an average \$30 cach, say and family, and all the proceeds of two carloads of springers, or 50 such land should be given to the cows, costing \$1,500, freight to Cal- family working it in addition to gary, \$640; thirty sows in Fig. at their share of the general fund, and \$15 each, \$450; freight of pigs to such assistance as might be neces-Calgary \$320. General, expenses sary should be given to individuals on road, \$250, or a total cost of working on their own account. In \$3,160 landed in Calgary. Returns addition the Government will have being 50 cows on ranch, each cow in any event to provide food and yielding \$40 a year for her butter, clothing for all Indians now living, \$2,000; say 45 calves, worth \$575; so that they will be secure from 30 sows, worth \$675; 200 young starvation and cold. Many will no

them almost absolute starvation, has brought disease and crime amongst them, that in addition we are taking their lands and think them a rich acquisition. Under such 5,160 circumstances no christian man, no reasonable man would for a moment think the Government went a step too far when they resolved to provide for the wants of the Indian of the present day and of the future until such time as they are better able than they now are to provide for themselves. While the experience of the past has shown how slow the progress in civilization of the Indian will be, it has also imposed the necessity for the greatest It is the easiest thing in the world care in dealing with them. And we can only hope that a mode may be discovered and adopted by which they will be induced to endeavor to provide for themselves, and when they endeavor to do so instead of withdrawing the Government aid it ought to be even increased as inducement for the industrious to persevere and for others to follow n their footsteps We certainly think the Stonies of Morley have reason to complain, and trust the wrong done them by withdrawing their allowances will be made good That their being able to help themselves and willing to try to do so should be a reason for withdrawing the Government aid seems to us to tend to defeat the object in view, namely, the teaching the Indian to

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Wood-pecker, the chief is reported to be anxious some of his brothers want where the fighting is. For

none of it F, Siche's house on the burned down by a prairie Oue of the prmps of the fort barst on Thursday.

The bridge across the Stu Wilson's place was carried by high river Kelly's brid ing the winter, is now the access to the north side of th

Two members of the ar Calithumpians paradel in 1st, creating quite a stir. they ware mistaken by som advance guard or the 93th, their way art struck Elms Prince Albert.

Prairie fires were raging the early part of the pres weather was beautiful, dry on Wednesday moraing a The wind blow from the nor became cloudy. Small spec and in the afternoon a third storm set in, and all of Tour day night. It has been very ospecially as so many have by the owner just at this t of the Indian scare.

I e cleared in the river at wan on Thursday last. Mail was hald on Friday n it was considered unsafe and

Montana.

Sun River Sun-C. B. Walker has purchas son's hardware store. Mr. dustrious young man and all

T e contest for the crazy vo el to the most popular la next mouth, is likely to be si lady who to fortunately popul get it will be in luck. Brow ie, the poular Helen

stage driver, says last Fralay little the worst night he ever box. The snow on the Birt tiree feet, and the tood indi to add to his disconfort th jerry got tired and tumbled to t ke a rest. It is fair to Brown cooled down his wratt cipious mouthfuls of extr. words, for warch he is fung a faint recollection of sinking a snow bank while going ov with Browne, on the box, so and when he fails to get out is no stage driver in the business , to tackle the job.

Fort Benton.

River Press-The river is rising rep'dly deal higher now than at this David Wareham, of the She happy father of a bran new

Saturday evening inst. T . Black H Hs Proneer s is a ive a sin with the report body has been struck in the I on the 600 foot level. The m sed trum 40 to 75 center We understand that Mr. well known Minn Bots mill m

Fort Benton the latter part of

to I ok over the field with a v

in a flor mill. He oughs one aregonant required. The cittie now are in a den Tie storm of the past few d the grass a good stort, which needed. It is predicted that will exceed that of many year during the winter have been

the general outlook for the cal

better than ever before.

Regina.

Mr. W. R. Roberts, w je weller, of Calgary, has been some days and is open for be premises on Broad street, Palmer house.

Our weather lately has been and every farmer we have from says that the armi is sea by for the be t he has ever a ing to this country -the lan beauti ully. All our farmers ful of a good service as the through wi h their sowin; ! tip-top or ler, and are suns any previous season in paint prairie is a suning quite a ve is al utifully has saided with crosuses. In a ne places they bel of beautiful purple.

McLeod.

D. J. Cochrane, whose rand Blood Reserve, was long age! Government, the price to be ! tio . The e was some nitch and they would not pay award d by the arbitration now decided to do a , and W Indian Ag ut, has been out th matter.

People are b ginning tour how many generals, colonels, tenants, etc., eta, will be in long suffering people of the I the w.r. Is will probably lil of the noble three hundred -

The news is confirmed of t