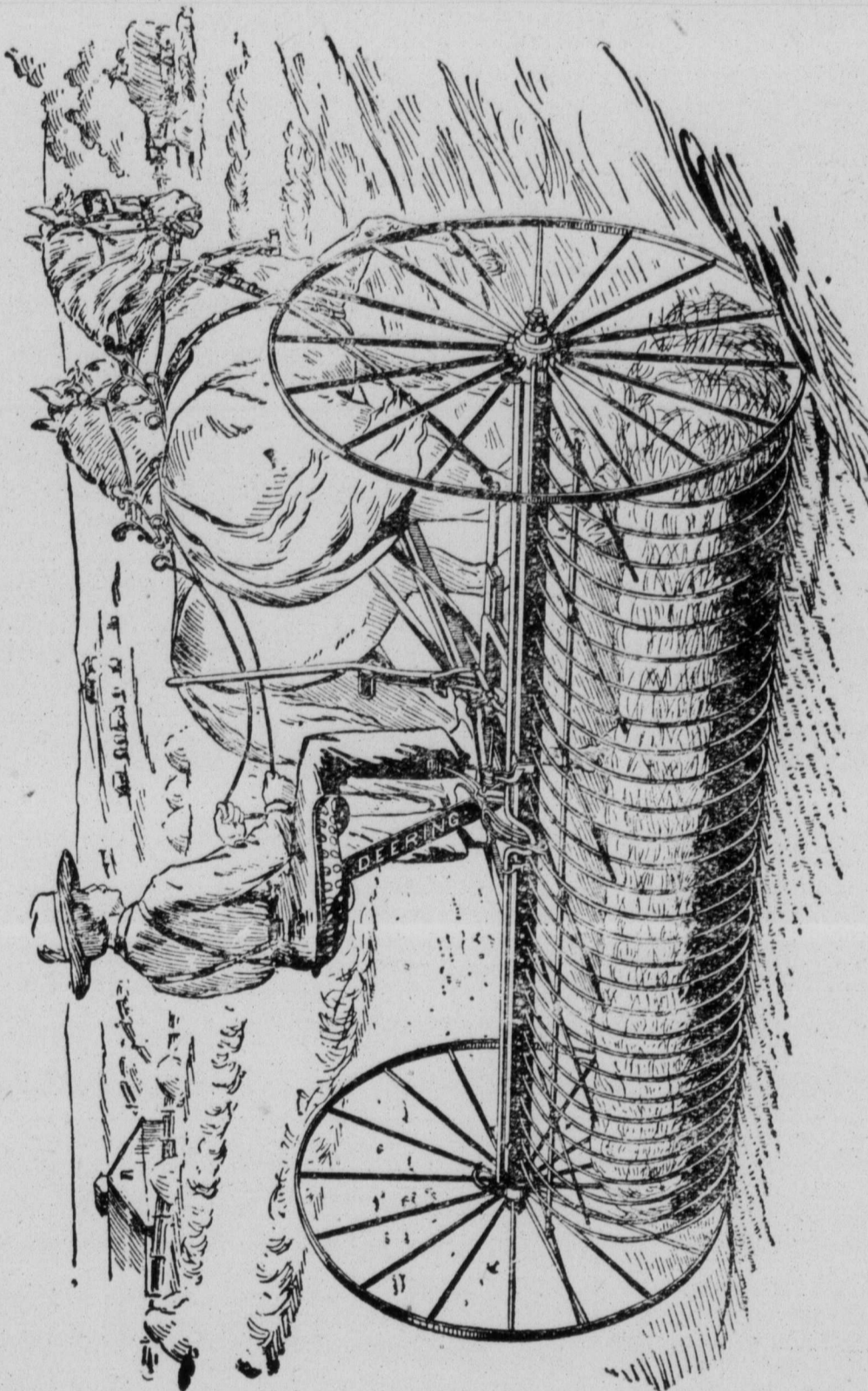


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Quarterly Conference.

The regular quarterly conference of the Alberta Stake of Zion of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, convened in the Assembly Hall last Saturday and Sunday. There was a re-union of Stake and Ward Officers in the Assembly Hall on Friday evening which was largely attended.

The regular meetings of the conference were opened on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with President Edward J. Wood presiding. There were present from Salt Lake City as representing the General Authorities of the Church, Apostle Geo. F. Richards and President B. H. Roberts of the First Seven Presidents of Seventy. Representatives were also present from the wards and branches of the Stake, extending as far north as Staveland on the C. and E. R. R.

The choir and congregation sang for the opening hymn, "Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah."

Prayer was offered by Bishop D. E. Harris of the Cardston Ward. The choir again sang, "If you could hie to Kolob."

THOMAS DUCE

President Thomas Duce was the first speaker. He greeted the saints assembled and bade them welcome to the conference and invoked the spirit of the Lord in all the proceedings. He also reported the condition of the Stake and said that all the wards and branches had been visited within the last three months and some of them twice. Everywhere the Latter-day Saints were in a most excellent condition, both temporally and spiritually. He called attention to the work of the special missionaries and stated they had reported that 95 per cent. of the people in the Stake were keeping the Word of Wisdom. He told of the re-organization of the Leavitt, Cardston and Kimball wards and also spoke of the spirit of restlessness that seemed to be manifested by some of the brethren and sisters.

JAMES P. LOW

Elder James P. Low reported the work of the 121st Quorum of Seventy and said they were in a good working condition. He was pleased to report that all the members of the Council were observing the Word of Wisdom. He stated that the Quorum only possessed 61 or 62 members. Of this number 8 were in the Mission field, 12 were in the Stake and Local Sunday Schools and a call had been received for 4 more to leave in the near future. He stated there were three classes organized, one at Leavitt, one at Mountain View and one at Cardston and that the study for Class Work was one of the grandest and best studies that had ever been placed in the hands of the Seventy.

BROTHER GROW

Brother Grow of the Pine Coulee Branch of the Claresholm Ward gave a brief and interesting report of the conditions that prevailed among the people and the great help the visit of the Stake Presidency and Stake Officers had been to them. He testified they had some of the best neighbors at Pine Coulee that could be found anywhere.

B. H. ROBERTS

The remainder of the time of the morning meeting was occupied by Elder Brigham H. Roberts of the First Council of Seventy. He introduced his remarks by explaining the purpose of conference and stated that it was not alone for the discussing of the themes of the Gospel but also to learn of conditions that prevail that correct reports may go out to the head of

the Church. He spoke of the beautiful system of sending out representatives and of the exchange of information; of the progress that was being made and the success that was attending the people in their efforts to overcome evil. The chief theme of his discourse was "perfection and what it really means." He said that perfection was on a sliding scale and like the horizon you pursue in vain. He spoke of the joy of life, of the growth, the development and the enlargement. He read a portion of the 76th section of the Doctrine and Covenants and also a part of 3rd Nephi which he said he was pleased to call the 5th Gospel according to the appellation that had been given by one of the Protestant Ministers—in derision. He spoke of the wonderful scientific development all along the line since the year 1830; of the steam power, electric power, the telegraph, the telephone, the printing presses, the wireless Marconigrams etc. He showed how that in these last days the Lord had placed the responsibility of government upon the people and that the people would be held to strict account for the same; of the government which derives its powers from the consent of the governed and said that it was the underlying principle of all the chief governments of the earth today.

The choir sang, "We thank Thee O God for a prophet." Benediction was pronounced by Patriarch John A. Woolf.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

STERLING WILLIAMS

Elder Sterling Williams of the Stake Presidency was the first speaker in the afternoon meeting. He spoke of the value of true character—that manhood is more than money and worth more than wealth. He told of the reading course that had been outlined for the young men and called attention to the book, "True to his home." He portrayed the fact that sacrifice made for principle would redound to the honor and glory and advancement of those making the sacrifice.

GEORGE F. RICHARDS

Elder George F. Richards followed and in the course of his interesting remarks, he said, "It affords me great pleasure to come into your midst as a visitor. This is the first time I have had the pleasure of visiting with the Saints in Canada. Your stake president has told me of a great many of the virtues of your country. Of course I have heard all kinds of reports from this part of the land but none as good as since I came into your midst. I believe Canada is a good country. You may have your winds and your storms and your snows and your frosts. I have always felt to acknowledge the hand of God in all things and I have never felt to charge God foolishly with any adversity that may seem to confront me. I am glad to see so many healthy children here. Our honor and glory is to come to us through our children. It is a great privilege to visit you here and ride over your grassy lands and breathe the pure air. I am not going to attribute the cold I have altogether to the country and I hope to be free from it before I return. This is a good country and if you will be industrious and energetic it will begin to feel like home after a while. Israel used to sometime look back and long for the flesh pots of Egypt. We must look ahead. I am surprised to find heads of families here who do not possess any land. You should possess yourselves of some of this country, appreciate what you do possess and exercise the hope of possessing more. Be con-

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Elder W. W. Sheffield, assisted by the Ward Choir, sang, "Israel awake from thy long silent slumber."

B. H. ROBERTS

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SUNDAY MORNING

The Sunday morning services were held under the direction of the Ward and Stake Sabbath Schools. After devotional exercises and the passing of the Sacrament, sister Lola Lamb led in the concert recitation, "Oh my Father thou that dwellest in the high and glorious place."

MARK A. COOMBS

Superintendent Mark A. Coombs of the Stake Sunday organization gave a brief report of the work being performed by that organization. He stated there were 15 schools in the Stake 11 adjacent to Cardston and 4 in what is called the northern wards. (continued on back page)

Government Reading Room