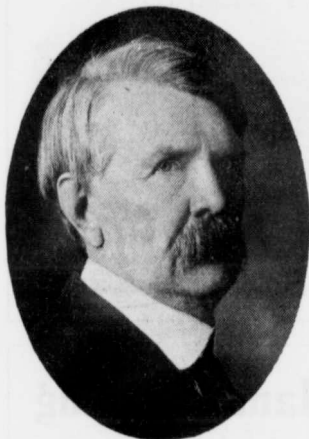


## *Biographical Sketch of Geo. E. Lane*

**GEORGE LANE.**—Away back on what was then the outer fringe of civilization a little cross-roads hamlet, close to Des Moines, Iowa, in the year 1856, was born Geo. Lane, the "Cattle King" of Alberta.

With a vision that was almost uncanny, he early foresaw the possibilities of the then practically unknown plains of the Northwest; a born optimist, with unlimited faith in himself, and a plain, blunt way of presenting facts, he succeeded in enlisting the interest and financial support of those hard-headed and intensely practical scots the "Allans" of steamship fame.



With a commission and a letter of credit in his pocket, he set out for the "foothills," and the winter of "'84" found him laying the foundation of the greatest cattle business, and the most famous cowcamp of the Northwest.

From one end of the Dominion to the other the fame of the Bar U ranch has spread

until a visit to the West without a sojourn at Lane's would be as tame and unprofitable as a trip to Egypt without seeing the Pyramids.

The vast herds of "Shorthorns" grazing at will on the thousands of acres of the Bar U and Y T ranches are the wonder and admiration of any interested Eastern capitalists, and men of affairs. However, Mr. Lane has not confined his activities to the breeding of fine cattle, but has the proud and unique distinction of owning the largest head of pure-bred "Percherons" in the known world to-day, over seven hundred of these magnificent animals roaming the pastures of his different ranches, while his annual importations of blue-blooded stock from La Belle France run into many thousands of dollars in value.

In recent years, Mr. Lane has had associated with him in the ranching business the well-known packing-house firm of Gordon, Ironsides and Fares, of Winnipeg.

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