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## Poultry Meeting

Institute meeting held in Cardston Assembly Hall, Thursday Jan. 21st 1909, at 2 p. m. with Pres. James Hansen in the chair, 57 persons present. Speakers were Mr. E. J. Cooke of Lethbridge and T. O. Leachance of Leduc.

Mr. Cook was first speaker. He said he was pleased to speak to the people of Cardston, especially to see so many present but regretted the fact that more ladies were not in attendance. We are particularly interested in the housing and breeding of poultry. Housing should be the first consideration to the man embarking in poultry business. Should aim for cheapness and convenience. Such houses should face south. North wall should be four feet high, double boarded with paper between. South seven feet high, roof shingled, with paper underneath. This building can be built at any length according to number of birds, and filled with gravel to the depth of six inches. Use common cotton instead of glass windows, as perfect ventilation can be thus secured. Each pen should be supplied with a drooping board extending full length of pen, and about 15 inches from ground. Roost to be suspended from roof by means of wire, about six inches above drooping board, use 2x4 scantling. Ends of roosts should swing clear of wall, as by this means the chickens are practically isolated from attack of mites, that escape from the wall during the night, where they remain hidden during the day. It is important that roosts be taken down and thoroughly cleaned, and painted with kerosene or some other reliable disinfectant at least once a week, where mites are present. A burlap curtain dropped in front of birds on cold nights will be a great protection from the cold, and will not interfere with ventilation. Fowls do not freeze in the day but at night. Keep the birds on roosts until 9 a. m. and feed them warm grain in the morning. Always scatter their food in straw that they may get proper exercise. Guard against cold sufficiently to keep combs from freezing as that will cause hens to discontinue laying. Bank the chicken house up well with earth and manure.

A proper selection of breeding stock is the most important feature of poultry raising, but do the very best you can with whatever breed you have. Do not use the first dozen eggs that come for hatching, select those from the very best hens you have. Particular attention should be paid to the shape and style of the breeding hen. She should have full round breast, legs well apart, long keel or breast bone, short on legs, eyes well apart, broad shoulder and long straight broad back. Mate two year old hen to cockerel or yearling, conforming in style and color to hen. Mate pullet to cock two years or over. Chicks are always stronger from two year old hens. Fully matured birds grow the most vigorous chickens. Select breeding stock early in season. Mark the pullets that lay first with leg bands, and always select breeding stock from the early layers, as the early ones usually prove to be the best layers. Eggs are getting less in value each year, due not to over production, but through lack of care and attention, too many are shipped in a spoiled condition. When eggs are not being used for hatching purposes keep hens apart from roosters, as unfertile eggs will not spoil.

## MRS. VADNAIS UNDER ARREST

Shots Came Through A Window

The Vadnais are again in trouble, this time of a very serious nature. Last Saturday night Richard returned home in a very good natured mood. Sometime during the evening presumably about 11 o'clock, from the best information obtainable, two shots were fired at Richard, both taking effect. The bullets both entered his face, one striking the jaw, plowing its way along the roof of the mouth, coming out in the upper jaw; the other ball apparently just a little under the first one. Vadnais, still bleeding profusely ran to the barn, got a horse and rode to the ranch of Mr. Crawford. Messrs. Crawford and Salt brought him to town where he was placed under the care of Dr. Stacpool. Upon examination it was found that the lower jaw is frightfully shattered and the tongue partially severed. Vadnais was taken to the Galt hospital on Mondays.

The R. N. W. M. Police have arrested Mrs. Vadnais and lodged her in the jail here. She says that late Saturday night while sitting talking the two shots were fired through the window.

## Mr. J. W. Woolf, Announces Himself as a Candidate

Mr. J. W. Woolf, M.P.P. was in town on Monday, having drove over from Macleod on Sunday. When asked regarding his political views, he stated to a Star Reporter that he would be a candidate for re election, if the people so willed it.

The popular M. P. P., in company with his brother S. M. Woolf, left on Tuesday for Calgary, to be in attendance at the grain conference, which is convening there.

## RACE SUICIDE UNKNOWN IN ALBERTA

The Birth Rate in Province During the Past Year Was High—Death Rate Was Low

Edmonton, Jan. 29—The annual report of the agricultural department was laid on the table of the house today. It shows among other things that there has been four per cent increase in stock exportation over last year; that the business of hail insurance has not proved a great success in the province, as far as the province is concerned, and that fruit experimental stations in the province have not yet established the fact that fruit growing can be carried on with absolute success in Alberta.

Stock exportation figures are given as follows:

	1907	1908
High River	2,652	4,587
Innisfail	42	570
Lethbridge	1,709	4,480

The above are for the eastern shipments.

The western shipments show 75 per cent increase at High River, and also large increases at Cochrane and Daysland, but have decreased at Lacombe, and Innisfail. The report states that it was

necessary for the department to discontinue the coyote bounty after April 20th on account of the money voted for this purpose being exhausted by that date.

The amount paid by the government for hail premium was \$26,000 while the total indemnity of farmers who were bailed out was \$69,475. The expenses in connection with hail insurance were \$3,381. The percentage on insured acreage damaged was 23.10.

The report showed that at nearly all of the nine experimental fruit stations, orchards had suffered severely from frost and snow in September, 1907, and many of the young trees were killed.

The report of vital statistics showed an increase of 26 per cent of births last year, the total being 5,964.

Total marriages were 1,894. Total deaths, 2,094. Ratio of births to deaths 2.85. The ratio of males was 1,077 to 1,000 females.

A little other routine business was done, and the house adjourned.

The report of the Alberta pork commission is now complete and has been submitted to the government. The report will not be made public until it has been presented to the legislature at the coming session.

While the regulation is not generally enforced, raffling as a form of lottery is against the laws of Canada. In Toronto a few days ago eight young men were fined for raffling for fowl.

An exchange says women are so polite to their company. They meet the company at the train, kiss her, quarrel about carrying her valise, fuss about paying the street car fare, scream when she suggests going home and then have a great sigh of relief when she does go.

## Short Course In Agriculture

Dear Sir,—

The Department of Agriculture has been authorized to conduct a two-weeks' Short Course in Agriculture at Lacombe, from the 1st to the 13th of March. The course is intended for farmers and farmers' sons.

A competent corps of lecturers will be in attendance for the two weeks, and the following subjects will be taken up:

1. LIVE STOCK—
  - (a) Judging.
  - (b) History of Breeds.
  - (c) Stock Breeding.
  - (d) Feeding, Care and Management, etc.
2. GENERAL AGRICULTURE—
  - (a) Crops.
  - (b) Grain Judging.
  - (c) Soil Cultivation.
  - (d) Studies in Weeds.
3. DAIRYING.
4. POULTRY.
5. FORESTRY.
6. VETERINARY WORK.
7. HORTICULTURE.

In order that the various sections of the Province may be treated alike, the Agricultural Societies and Exhibition Associations have been asked to nominate two men each from their districts to attend this Course. Although only two men are to be appointed by each Association, it does not mean that others will not be welcome. The Course is entirely free and all those interested in the work are requested to attend.

The Department is anxious to gain accurate information as to the number that will attend in order to secure, if possible, a rate from the railways. If any from your district wish to take the Course, will you kindly have them communicate with the Department respecting the matter.

I am, Sir,  
H. A. Craig,  
Superintendent of Fairs and Institutes.  
Edmonton, Jan. 16, 1909.

## Purchases Fine Looking Horse

Mr. Campion Dawson, Mt. View, is now the possessor of one of the finest horses in Alberta, having purchased from Jno. A. Turner, Calgary the Clydesdale stallion "Charming Prince." The horse arrived on Tuesday's train and is in splendid condition. Mr. Dawson is to be congratulated for securing such a splendid type of horseflesh.

Charming Prince won 1st. prize at Toronto Industrial Exhibition as a foal. 1st. and Grand Champion at Calgary as a 4 year old and 1st. and Grand Champion at Calgary Spring Stallion Show last year, defeating all imported horses.

His sire is the great breeding horse "Lord Carming," by the renowned "Cedric," who won 2nd. at Glasgow Stallion Show and sold there for \$2,500.00.

Charming Prince dam is the great champion mare "Sonsie Lass," who won many honors as well as breeding several Champion Winners for Mr. Turner.

It will be easily seen Charming Prince's breeding is of the very best, both on sire and dam side, and as an individual he has few equals for conformation, action, size, and quality. He has always proved himself invincible in the show ring in strong competition and as a stock horse he cannot be surpassed.

## Railway Coming To Cardston

Mr. J. W. Woolf, M.P.P. in speaking to a Star Reporter on Tuesday, stated that Cardston is assured of another railway and that a branch of a trans-continental line would be in the district before next fall. This news comes straight from Edmonton and is correct.