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Annual Meeting Of The Board Of Trade

Officers Elected---Increase of Membership---Report of Executive Committee

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade of the Town of Cardston was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 19th at 8 p. m.

Mr. M. Woolf, the president, took the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Letter from J. T. Hall, Sec. of the Associated Boards of Trade of Western Canada, was read and ordered filed.

Letter from Sec. Innisfail Board of Trade, asking for signers to a petition asking the Government to take over the elevators, ordered filed.

The annual report of the Executive Committee was then read. Moved by E. N. Barker, seconded by D. S. Beach, that report be accepted.

Moved by D. S. Beach, seconded by E. N. Barker that the annual fee be raised from \$2.00 to \$3.00. Carried.

The following names were presented for membership: H. B. Brown, S. N. Pratt, Fred Burton, A. W. R. Whiteman, A. T. Henson, Z. W. Jacobs, Thos. Duce. Moved by H. A. Donovan, seconded by R. H. Baird that rules be suspended and names declared elected. Carried.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—
President D. S. Beach.
Vice Pres.—R. H. Baird.
Treas.—F. G. Woods.
Secretary—D. E. Harris Jr.
Executive Committee—Van Brown, Martin Woolf, Walter Brown.

REPORT OF CARDSTON BOARD OF TRADE EXECUTIVE 1908

Your Executive beg to present the following report for the year 1908.

During the year eight regular and two special meetings were held.

The following members are in good standing. Frank Austin, Gus Austin, Edward N. Barker, R. H. Baird, D. S. Beach, J. T. Brown, W. H. Brown, Van Brown, H. G. Birkett, H. de P. Birkett, T. J. Brownrigg, A. Cazier, H. A. Donovan, D. H. Elton, H. D. Folsom, A. M. Heppler, D. E. Harris Jr., John Holmes, J. Walter Low, W. O. Lee, William Laurie, R. W. Pilling, H. C. Phipps, Mark Spencer, Wallace Straiton, Sterling Williams, Martin Woolf, J. W. Woolf, O. D. Weeks and L. B. Young.

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE DISTRICT.

The town of Cardston is situated in the centre of an exceptionally fine farming country and it is a central shipping point for all kinds of produce as well as live stock.

The wheat crop for 1908 was the largest in the history of the district, many farmers raising on an average of fifty-eight to sixty-three bushels of No. 1 Alberta Red wheat and ninety to one hundred and ten bushels of Oats per acre on their entire farms

being the greatest average yield from any district in Canada as yet reported. Our acreage under cultivation is not as large as it should be and next year it will show an increase of about 20 per cent.

The quality of the grain raised as a whole graded much higher this year than previous years, most of the wheat grading No. one and two.

From present averages it would seem that when our virgin wheat lands of which there is a considerable amount at present, are all under cultivation it is reasonable to suppose that the total shipments of grain from this point will compare favorably with any in the west.

Last year something over four thousand head of cattle were shipped from this district which speaks well for the quantity and quality of cattle raised here.

There was not the large amount of horses marketed during the past year as in previous years owing no doubt, to the general depression existing. But already there are indications that the coming year will restore us to our former position as large exporters of horses.

The dairying industry has increased considerably during the past year. The cheese factory near Aetna had a good seasons run and the quality of cheese produced compares favorably with any cheese made in the west. There has been considerable talk among the farmers of Leavitt, Beazer and Mountain View of establishing a creamery at some convenient point for these towns. That part of the country is especially suited to the dairying industry and as the market is unlimited we suggest that the Board do all in its power to promote such an institution.

Ry. Co.'s line would give us a direct route to Vancouver thus making the market price of wheat in Cardston as high as in any place in Alberta.

FIRE INSURANCE

During the past year through the efforts of this Board, the fire insurance rates were reduced 10 per cent on all Mercantile Risks. Arrangements have also been made with the Provincial Telephone service whereby at least six Telephone connections from different parts of the town will be made with the Power House every night so in the event of fire the Fire Station can be notified in a very short time.

EXHIBITS

At the Dominion Fair held in Calgary last July, we received sixth prize for our display. Our booth excited more than usual attention from the visitors because of the exceedingly fine quality of the articles shown. Our exhibit would easily have taken first prize had the committee in charge had time to collect a few more varieties, especially of the different articles manufactured in the District. Our exhibits of grain took five prizes when exhibited at different fairs in the province and also two prizes at Winnipeg Industrial Fair 1908. We suggest that a committee be appointed immediately who will vigorously canvass the district for samples of the best grain, roots, and grasses and that the necessity of advertising our produce in Calgary and at local fairs be called to the attention of the manufacturers of harness, boots and shoes, wood working, flour, dairy products and tents, together with samples from stone quarries, coal mines and other minerals.

ADVERTISING

Last June we issued a booklet to be distributed at the Dominion Fair telling a few of the advantages of our district. This booklet did not accomplish all that it might have done owing to the fact that the publishers did not live up to their part of the contract because the booklets were not delivered until the fair had been opened several days.

Several cars of sheaf grain were purchased in this district by the Dominion Government for exhibition in their Foreign Immigration offices. The Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. also purchased several cars of grain to be used in advertising land along their line. This speaks well for our part of the country as the C. P. R. does not come within forty miles of us.

We have in our district a number of good coal as petroleum prospects, and also stone quarries second to none in Alberta. During the next year steps should be taken by the Board to advertise the possibilities of our undeveloped resources and invite outside capital to come here to invest.

Stone Quarry Changes Hands

The stone-quarry up the creek owned by Messrs Wood and Ibe, was purchased a few days ago by Dr. O. D. Weeks. This quarry has long been recognized as one of the best in Alberta, and its rock decorates many of the principal buildings of the province. Mr. Weeks intends to turn it over to a company, provided they will work it per agreement, and if satisfactory arrangements cannot be made, he will himself employ a large force of men, and manage it.

The rock from this quarry is of a superior quality and should find a ready market throughout the province. Several large buildings are at present being erected in Lethbridge, and we know that if everything can be made satisfactory, that the rock from the Cardston quarry will be used.

Abstract of Receipts and Expenditures

Of the Cardston S. D. No. 457 for the year 1908

RECEIPTS	
Taxes collected for current year \$2000 arrears \$2700	\$4700
Government grants	1931 61
Pupil's fees	319 35
Amount borrowed by note	5000 00
Received from other sources	26 95
Total receipts	\$11077 81
EXPENDITURES	
Teachers salaries	5686 63
Officials' salaries	75 00
Debtore payment	675 05
Paid to redeem notes	4284 80
Construction of and repairs to schoolhouse	22 85
School furniture	34 55
School library and reference books	144 28
Apparatus and equipment	34 55
Supplies	35 48
Caretaking \$480 Fuel \$185.17	615 17
Other expenditures	70 53
Balance due Union Bank of Canada Jan. 1—08	37 34
Total expenditures	\$11719 21
Balance on hand	\$ 258 50
Insurance	\$3000 00
Dedenture indebtedness	\$2271 00

Certified correct,
W. Laurie
Town Auditor.
E. A. Law,
Secretary Treas.

School Notice

It is the custom to receive beginners in the Primary Grade only at the beginning of each term. As a result of the cold weather when school opened for the term, a number of children who intended to commence, were kept at home. In order to give these pupils a chance, primary students will be received for one more week.

Get After A. R. & I

Edmonton, Jan. 25.—At the convention of the Alberta Farmers here, T. H. Woolford of Cardston, moved and Mr. Geddes seconded that the Provincial and Dominion Governments be asked to bring pressure on the A. R. & I. Co., to complete their branch line from Raley to Kimball.

Mr. Woolford explained the situation fully. It would enable the farmers in his district to get grain to Lethbridge without its costing the heavy price it does now. It had cost as high as \$26.40 per car. The resolution was unanimously endorsed.