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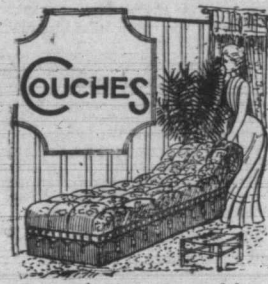
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PROGRESS IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA.

By S. Alberta is meant the portion lying between the C. P. R. main line and the International Boundary, a tract of land about the area of N. S., excluding Cape Breton Island. It is the land of the chinook, a warm western wind which carries a heavy snow fall away in a few hours. This enables cattle to graze and thrive throughout the winter and has made Southern Alberta the great cattle and sheep country of Canada. The summers are dry, the rainfall being too slight for general farming. Agriculture has been carried on in connection with small ranching. If the crop failed the farmer had his stock to carry him through. Working on this principle, a settlement of northerners from Utah located in the South West corner of Alberta has thriven. The success of these pioneers has attracted to this Cardston district a good many settlers who wished to continue farming and ranching. In the eastern part of S. Alberta is the town of Lethbridge, with a population of about 3000. The town has been built up by the coal mines located here and is connected by R. R. with Montana. In the centre of the area is MacLeod, the business centre of this ranching country. Further west, Pincher Creek, the centre of trade for the foothills. The foothill region has attracted considerable settlement, owing to fine scenery, good soil, mildness of climate, comparative abundance of water in springs and creeks and nearness to timber.

The era of progress in S. Alberta dates from the building of the Crow's Nest Ry. This gave the towns and districts named, direct connection with the markets of the Kootenay. Not only has the cattle trade been helped, but large quantities of oats, hay, potatoes, etc., have been shipped from the foothills.

But it is in other facts that we leave our expectations concerning the future prosperity of S. Alberta. The first of these facts is the mining prospect. Not only may the ranchers and farmers of the district find a market in B. C., where they may compete favorably with North Alberta and Washington, but ere long they will have all to themselves a large mining population within their own district. Much has been heard of the coking coal lands in the Crow's Nest Pass. When the Crow's Nest Ry. charter was granted it was supposed that the original B. C. company had a monopoly of the coking coal lands adjoining the Ry. It now appears that they have only the fringe of these deposits and that the greater portion lies east of the summit and in Alberta. Here the deposits are easily accessible and so unlimited that they cannot be conserved. The Lethbridge Co. is opening a mine and other companies are prospecting in the pass itself. A wealthy Montana Co. is developing a mine 20 miles west of Pincher Creek. It is supposed that this Co. is working in the interests of the great smelters at Butte and Anaconda, Montana, and that a Ry will be built from Montana to these deposits. So long as there are smelters in Montana and B. C., there will be a demand for coke from these mines.

Besides coal there are undoubtedly other mineral deposits on the easterly slope of the Rockies which may be profitably worked. Rich copper mines are being recently developed just south of the boundary, and there is no reason to suppose that valuable deposits cease at the 49th parallel. The existence of coal oil has been established at Pincher Creek and opens up interesting possibilities not only to the capitalist, but also to the western settlers, who pay 45 cents per gallon for this necessary article. The second notable fact is the present and prospective development of irrigation. There is plenty of water in S. Alberta, but unfortunately for the farmer it is in rivers instead of rainfall. But these rivers flow from the mountains and being fed by mountain snows are fullest in the season of heat and drought. The lay of the land is such that much of it may be easily irrigated.

Besides several lesser schemes the Alberta Ry Co. have opened a ditch about 60 miles in length with a branch 20 miles in length to Lethbridge. It carries the waters of the St. Mary's river through a range of rolling hills out on to the level prairie in sufficient quantity to supply the needs of a great tract of land. The surplus water (which left

the mountains for Hudson Bay,) is discharged into a tributary of the Missouri, and so finds its way to the Gulf of Mexico. Irrigation not only means the reclaiming of farming land but the beautifying of the towns and villages. Thus Lethbridge, which was situated on a dry level prairie, 500 feet above the river, had no beauty of situation to attract population. With the construction of the ditch the water now runs in clear streams along the sides of the streets and around the squares. With this will come trees, flowers, grass and lawns and the utilization of waste ground for cultivation. The Co. is so confident of the results of irrigation that it is now building a Ry along the line of the canal.

One other fact which may mean a great deal to the district is worthy of mention. S. Alberta has not been counted a safe grain growing region. The risks of drought in summer and early storms in fall were against spring grain. Experiments seem to have proven that fall wheat stands these risks much better than spring grain. It was supposed that fall wheat would winter kill; but the experiments have shown that it does not, even when sown on the high prairie from which the snow blows away. One farmer reports ten successive crops, threshing from 40 to 60 bushels per acre. If further experience bears out these results, it means that thousands of acres in the foothills and adjacent country now worth perhaps \$1.25 as grazing lands will, without irrigation become valuable as fall wheat lands. Such was the history of the Palouse country in Eastern Washington, which is now one of the best wheat-growing sections of the U. S. With irrigation on the plains and fall wheat in the hills, added to the ranching industry, S. Alberta bids fair to take a good place among the agricultural districts of Canada. By the way, many of your readers will be interested in the fact that G. J. C. White lately Baptist pastor at Annapolis, is now stationed at Lethbridge. Yours, C. B. Freeman, Edmonton, Jan. 14, 1901.

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