

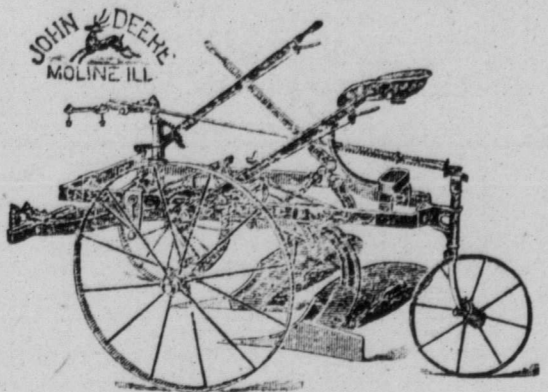
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An Alberta Farmer's Crop

The following letter, showing the result of last year's grain crop's, has been received by Mr. J. Obed Smith, assistant Superintendent of Emigration, from Mr. L. H. Jeliff, whose farm is situated at Spring Coulee Alberta:

"I had this year (1907) 214 acres in crop, 180 acres of wheat, 8 acres of barley, and 26 acres of oats. My average yield of oats to the acre was 55 bushels, wheat 52 bushels, and barley 30 bushels. The value to me per acre was: Wheat \$44.24; oats, \$19.25; barley, \$16.50.

The value per acre to me last year (1906) was: Wheat \$18; oats \$13; barley, \$11. The highest price obtained by me this year offered me for my grain was: Wheat, 67 cents per bushel; oats, \$1.05 per hundred; barley, per hundred, \$1.10. The above is based on value of wheat, oats, and barley offered to me or sold by me at threshing time for October 1 to November, not to the high prices offered me for seed purposes on grain reserved for that use. I had a small piece of land on same farm planted to "Khankoff" wheat a Russian variety of hard winter wheat, which yielded 63.6 bushels per acre, but as I am holding it for seed have not quoted its value per acre."

NOTED VISITORS.

Cardston was the happy recipient of a company of noted visitors on Wednesday and Thursday. They came unheralded or we might have had "the bunch" together and given them something of a "Smoker" or the like with the Brass Band thrown in and other public demonstrations of the joy it was to have them visit us. As it was, as it is, we were only able to meet them, greet them, talk to them and assure them that Cardston was the best and the grain fields the finest and the need of a railway from Macleod the greatest, etc. The company came in three automobiles from Macleod and consisted of the leading Implement Managers of the Big Houses in Western Canada together with the manager of the Winnipeg Rubber Co. and the Great West Saddlery Company. They were here for the purpose of looking over the country and coming in personal contact with the men with whom they are doing business. The tour started at Calgary and visited the towns along the C. and E. between that point and Macleod. From Macleod they came to Cardston and from here they went to Spring Coulee, Magrath, Raymond and Lethbridge. From Lethbridge they went to Taber, Medicine Hat and Irving. From Irving they take the old Blackfoot trail to Calgary completing a thorough tour of Southern Alberta in a distance of nearly 700 miles. The motors are: Franklin 22 h.p., McLaughlin-Buick, 22 h.p. and Elmore 30 h.p.

The personnel of the company is: S. H. Roe, Tudhope-Anderson Co. J. A. Brockbank, International Harvester Co. E. M. McCammon, the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co. W. G. Hunt, Massey-Harris Co. H. A. Dunn, John Deere Plow Co. J. A. Latimer, Cockshutt Plow Co. W. G. Fowler, Winnipeg Rubber Co. R. J. Hutchings, Great West Saddlery. Thomas Bellamy, Bellamy Co.

These are the Provincial Managers of the above named Companies, having their head office at Calgary with the exception of the latter who comes from the Capital City and is manager of the Bellamy Implement Co. of Edmonton. We

were glad to have them call and take a look at us and hope they will come again.

Annual Provincial School Report.

The annual report of the Department of Education for the Province of Alberta has reached us. It is a comprehensive work of over 200 pages and treats of the statistics of that department in a broad and most interesting manner. We take the liberty of quoting a part of the report of the Deputy Minister of Education, D. S. Mackenzie as found in Part I. The Deputy Minister says:

"Sir,—I have the honor to submit herewith the first Report of the Department of Education for the Province of Alberta, Incorporated in this report will be found statistics covering the last four months of 1905—the portion of the year subsequent to the establishment of the province.

For some time The Alberta Act came into effect considerable attention was necessarily devoted to the organization of the department; but by adopting in the main many of the regulations and administrative precedents established by the Territorial Department was able to avoid any serious interruption in its work in the transition from territorial to provincial institutions.

Consequent upon the erection of two new provinces out of a part of the North-West Territories, few departmental records had to be prepared. Information concerning existing school districts and their debtors indebtedness was compiled from Territorial records and Official Gazettes, and all teachers qualified under the Territorial Government were invited to submit their certificates to be registered and made valid as provincial licenses.

During the year preliminary steps were taken with a view to the preparation and authorization of a new set of readers. Provisional arrangements were made whereby the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta would co-operate in this work and it is hoped that a set of readers, thoroughly up-to-date in matter and workmanship and specially adapted to our needs, will soon be submitted for approval to the Departments of Education of the twin provinces.

One of the most satisfactory and hopeful features of the past year is the progress made and interest manifested in the organization and maintenance of schools among the foreign elements, especially in the Ruthenian colony east and north-east of Edmonton. Mr. Robert Fletcher, with headquarters at Wostok, devotes his whole time to the work, giving every possible assistance to the non-English settlers in the establishment of school districts, the erection of schools, the employment of teachers as well as routine work connected with the levying of taxes.

Where desirable he acts as Official Trustee, performing all the duties of a school board and its officers; in other cases he exercises an oversight of the work of the respective districts until such time as the elective boards are able to administer the affairs of these districts in accordance with The School Ordinance and departmental regulations.

EXPANSION.

A very considerable part of the work of the department has been in connection with the organization of new school districts. On September 1st, 1905, when the province was established, there were some 560 school districts in

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Alberta. During the remainder of the year the number of school districts were organized. Thus the increase in number of schools between September 1st, 1905, and December 31st, 1906, was about one-third of the number of schools in existence at the former date. From present indications it appears probably that during the year 1907 about 175 new districts will be organized.

It is gratifying to note that notwithstanding the increased burden thus thrown on the Treasury Department with respect to grants not only has provision been made to maintain the former liberal grants to school but steps have been taken to very materially increase the government support to the higher departments of our town and city schools. The need for secondary education is becoming more and more apparent inasmuch as our school cannot supply more than one-third of the additional teachers required each year for the schools of the province.

In considering the general expansion along these lines it is necessary to take into account the increase in the number of departments in our graded schools, some of which have increased marvellously during the past two years. The staff of inspectors was found quite inadequate and the number was increased from three to six prior to December 31st, 1906, and a seventh inspector was found necessary for the present year. Statements from these will be found elsewhere in this report.

A Provincial Normal School was established soon after the erection of the province and plans were made for the erection of a magnificent Normal School building which is now nearing completion. As will be seen from the Principal's report, the Normal School has been able to perform its functions in a fairly satisfactory manner in the rooms leased by the government from the Calgary school board.

In speaking of conditions localy, Inspector Brown in the course

of his reports says: "In many of the town schools in the Moravia settlement the rooms are overcrowded and the trustees confess a serious financial difficulty in furnishing adequate accommodation, mainly owing to the fact that it is the custom for those engaged in agricultural pursuits to live in town and send their children to school, while many of their farms are outside of the school district. Some means should be devised in order that the owners of such farms may lawfully be asked to contribute a fair share towards the maintenance of the schools at which their children are being educated.

It will be seen that the suggestion of the Inspector is a good one and should receive the proper attention which it merits. The enrollment for the Cardston School for the year 1905 is 395 with an increase of 13 the following year which makes a total of 408. The Raymond School shows 566 for 1905 and 527 for 1906. Outside of Calgary and Edmonton there were only five schools having a larger population than the Cardston school. Omitting Raymond we only have four as follows: Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Strathcona and Wetaskiwin. Cardston holds the highest percentage of attendance in the year 1905 falling down to the 11th in the list for the year 1906. Our percentage of attendance for the year 1905 was 70 and for the year 1906, 52.02. The percentage of Aetna was higher than Cardston for the year 1906. We have been unable to find a report of the town of Magrath in the list—this is probably due to the fact that Magrath was a village during the years of 1905 and 1906. Aetna has crept in among the Towns and Cities. Outside of the statistics the somewhat interesting matter of examination papers, the University Act and Rhodes Scholarships.

Mr. Martin Woolf of the Meteorological Department states that the precipitation since the beginning of the rainstorm has been 2.78 inches. That's a pretty good soaker.