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## Christmas Specials

Express Wagons  
and Doll Carriages

Just received a big shipment  
and the prices are right.

## Merry Christmas

H. S. ALLEN & Co., Ltd.  
Department Store

## The Cahoon

Southern Alberta's most up-to-date hotel  
CARDSTON ALBERTA

## The Alberta Drug & Book Co.

LETHBRIDGE AND CARDSTON

Everything in  
DRUGS, STATIONERY, SCHOOL BOOKS  
FISHING TACKLE, KODAKS and Supplies.  
Quality first, Price next

## TAISANG & COMPANY

RESTAURANT and BAKERY

Just Arrived for Christmas !!!

Chinese Silks and Chinaware

These goods will be sold at a remarkably low price.  
Call and examine them.

## THE CARDSTON SADDLERY CO.

S. H. HORNER - MANAGER

Just opening in the Mercantile Block,  
where a full line of

Harness and Horse Furnishings

will be kept

GIVE US A CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK  
REPAIRING DONE IN A NEAT AND WORKMANSHIP MANNER

## Polmatier Sisters

The concert given by the Polmatier Sisters Concert Company on Saturday evening last, under the auspices of the M. I. A. was undoubtedly the most thoroughly enjoyed musical treat of the season. The Polmatier Sisters are a musical organization of more than ordinary merit. The orchestra numbers were all well rendered and the solo parts beautifully sustained. Each and every member of the company is an artist of the highest type, and it would be hard for the keenest critic to find fault with any item of the program.

Perhaps the most appreciated number was the "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore" given by the orchestra with electrical effect.

A large audience was out to witness the concert and the M. I. A. are to be congratulated on securing such a talented company. The program rendered, was as follows:

PART I  
1—(a) March, "Prince Imperial" (C. E. Duble). (b) Overture "Z-diaak" (H. Bayman) Polmatier Sisters' Orchestra.

2—Soprano Solo, "Adoration" (Violin Obligato). Maurice Telma, Miss E. Phyllis  
3—Corno Solo "The Volunteer" (Walter Rogers) Miss Helene.  
4—Trio for Violin, Cello and Piano, "Meditation" (J. H. Richardson) Misses Lu Seba, E. Phyllis, Pauline.

5—Flute Solo, "Concertino" "Serenade" (Tit) Miss Lu K.  
6—Humorous readings, "After the Ball," Miss Lu Seba,

PART 2  
1—String Quartette, "College Life" (Frautzen), Polmatier Sisters.  
2—(a) Sextette from "Lucia di Lammermoor" (Donizetti) (b) "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore" (Verdi) Polmatier Sisters Orchestra.

3—Vocal Trio "The Glow waru" (Paul Lincke) Misses E. Phyllis Helene, Lu Seba.  
4—Corno and Trombone Duo "Good Friends" (Chas. Puerner) Misses Helene and E. Phyllis.  
5—Xylophone Solo, Selected, Miss Lu K.  
6—American Volunteers, God Save the King, Polmatier Sisters' Orchestra.

## No Room For Pessimists

Mr. J. P. Morgan's advice regarding the United States applies equally, if not with increased force to the Canada of today. "Any man who is a bear on the future of this country will go broke." Reverses and setbacks we must have but in this young Dominion of barely touched resources every period of prosperity must carry us further forward than the one immediately preceding.

## Bijou Theatre

The Bijou's new Moving Picture machine is now here and will be installed for Christmas eve and Christmas day.

This is the best and latest machine made and will be flickerless and right up-to-date.

The Bijou has gone to a lot of expense to have this machine installed and will have the best show of its kind in Canada and asks your support to help keep it so.

The Cranbrook Prospector remarks, "As the advertising twig is bent, so will the advertising tree incline."

## Buy Seed Grain

Mr. A. E. Humphries, Lethbridge, of the Immigration Department, was in town on Friday last. He purchased from S. M. Woolf 100 bushels of Alberta Red Winter Wheat. The wheat brought \$1.25 per bushel and will be used for exhibition purposes only.

This speaks well for the Cardston district.

## Farming in Canada

There is no immigration agent like the successful settler. Here is one just going back to England for Christmas, who will show his old neighbors that he has reaped as large crops from homesteaded Alberta land as he raised in England on land that he rented at \$15 per acre. That is an argument that will appeal to the right sort of men.—Toronto News.

## Correspondence

Cardston Dec. 20, 1908.  
To Editor of the "Alberta Star,"

Sir,  
That he should have his dog poisoned is only what a resident of the town of Cardston is led by experience to expect; but why, can you tell me why, Mr. Editor, does not the perpetrator of the outrage finish his foul work and bury the corpse?

To give a dog a dose of strychnine, nicely calculated to enable him to crawl home to his master's door,—here to die,—is not only to do evil to a harmless animal, but also to give the unlucky wight who owned and paid taxes for him, the doubtful consolation of digging a grave in the frozen ground.

Such additional injury tends to make the digger feel towards the criminal anything but 'harmless' even though he were sufficiently inhuman not to feel sore over the loss of a faithful friend.

Very truly yours  
H. Birkett.

## The Englishman In Canada

Toronto News: A Canadian who would rudely refuse an Englishman employment merely because of his nationality would be neither a gentleman nor a man of sense. In so doing he would violate the primary duty of courtesy and consideration towards a stranger. He would betray his ignorance of the historical fact that Canada owes everything to the old countryman. He it was who by hard work and steady moral qualities laid the foundation of the Canada of today. The English have always been the sturdiest of pioneers, the pre-eminently successful colonizers, the foremost of nation-builders, witness the dominions of the king which flank the seven seas, and the onward march of liberty and civilization under the aegis of the British flag in all parts of the world!

There is, of course, a class of Englishmen, as there is a class of every other nationality, which is not welcome in Canada or anywhere else in the world. He was not a success at home, and he a misfit here. He is the ne'er-do-well, the unadaptable, or the lazy.

There is no reason why the Englishman who comes to Canada in the ways of mind, and determined to adopt himself to the ways of the country, should not work out a successful career for himself. Certainly we can get out here. These are the best material out of which to mould a nation.

## Decline In Sheep Raising

There were 7,000,000 more sheep in Ontario twenty-two years ago than there are to-day, and yet Canadian woolen mills import much foreign wool. Is the trouble that our farmers do not know what kind of wool to grow? Or is it that they find other departments of live stock raising more profitable? Or is the decline in the domestic woolen trade responsible?

The wheels of new railways are not moving yet, but the Alberta government has started its wheels moving in the right direction.

"A man's work," said the preacher, "should give him a great uplift." "True enough," said the elevator boy.

China is very particular that the quality of the foreign goods it buys shall be fully up to sample, but pays very promptly for what it does buy. A Chinese merchant's word is as good as his bond.

The twelve principal field crops of the United States, namely, corn, winter wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flax, rice, potatoes, hay, tobacco, which represents approximately 70 per cent greater than in 1907, and 24 per cent greater than the average of the preceding five years.

Hundreds of towns have been started in the West in the last five years. The organization of a town means opportunity for the young men who are alert. Consequently thousands of men who were seeking fortunes five years ago are pretty well settled to day in the West.

Three years ago a Chicago merchant lent fifteen dollars to a man who was down on his luck. Last week he received fifty dollars as principal and interest on his loan. The borrower had settled in Saskatchewan, worked a year on a farm, bought a farm on time and his crop this year sold for \$2,556. He is glad he left Chicago. So are a good many others in the West.

An American editor has been victorious in a long drawn out battle with a prominent saloon keeper of that city. The saloon keeper went to trash the newspaper man in his office and came off second best. When last seen he was running northward minus a hat and plus numerous black eyes and a display head beautifully illustrated with cuts. When will these foolish ones properly appreciate the power of press.

On Aug. 26, 1908, there was a wheat field. That day men drove into the field with loads of lumber, and the Canadian Pacific Railway held an auction sale, securing \$68,000 for parts of that field staked out as town lots. A good many people were sceptical, but the men in the lumber wagons began to build as soon as the auctioneer's hammer fell, and that was the start of Outlook. Now it is a bustling, thriving prairie town, and all scepticism has vanished. That is the way a Western town is begun.

The government of British Columbia is beginning a big suit against the Dominion government for the recovery of the millions of acres in the railway belt lying for twenty miles on each side of the C. P. R. from the tidewater to Alberta and of three million acres in the Peace river district. The contention is that the province is still owner of these lands never having parted with the title of them and that the Dominion government is but a trustee and not owner.

This raises one of the largest questions ever brought before a Canadian court for if the province is ultimately successful the Dominion must not now relinquish its trusteeship to millions of acres in British Columbia and re-convey its trust lands to the province, but it must render an accurate and full account of the revenues derived for more than the twenty years during which it has administered these lands as if it were owner.

## Distribution of Seed Grain and Potatoes

By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture distribution is being made this season of samples of superior sorts of grain and potatoes to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution has been secured mainly from the Experimental Farms at Indian Head, Sask., and Brandon, Man. The samples consist of oats, spring wheat, barley, peas, Indian corn (for ensilage only) and potatoes. The quantity of oats sent is 4 lbs. and of wheat and barley 5 lbs., sufficient in each case to sow one-twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn, peas and potatoes weigh 3 lbs. each. A quantity of each of the following varieties has been secured for this distribution:

Oats.—Banner, Danish Island, Wide-Awake, White Giant, Thousand Dollar, Improved Ligow, all white varieties.

Wheat.—Red varieties, Red Fife (Beardless), Chelsea, Marquis Stanley and Percy (early beardless), Preston, Huron and Pringle's Champlain (early bearded). White varieties, White Fife (beardless), Bobs (early beardless).

Barley.—Six-rowed.—Mensury, Odessa, and Mansfield. Two-rowed.—Invincible and Canadian Thorpe.

Field Peas.—Arthur and Golden Vine.  
Indian Corn (for ensilage).—Early sorts, Angel of Midnight, Compton's Early and Longfellow; later varieties, Selected Leaming, Early Mastodon and White Cap Yellow Dent.

Potatoes.—Early varieties, Rochester Rose, and Irish Cobbler. Medium to late varieties, Carman No. 1, Money Maker, Gold Coin and Dooley. The later varieties are a rule more productive than the earlier kinds.

Only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley, peas, Indian Corn or potatoes. Lists of names from one individual, or applications for more than one sample for one household, cannot be entertained. The samples will be sent free of charge through the mail.

Applications should be addressed to the Director of the Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time from the 1st of December to the 15th of February, after which the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Applicants should mention the variety they prefer, with a second sort as an alternative. Applications will be filled in the order in which they are received, so long as the supply of seed lasts. Farmers are advised to apply early to avoid possible disappointment. Those applying for Indian corn or potatoes should bear in mind that the corn is not usually distributed until April and that potatoes can be mailed until danger from frost in transit is over. No postage is required on mail if addressed to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.  
WM. SAUNDERS,  
Director of Experimental Farm.

## Canada's Indians

Just now a good many obituary notices of the Canadian Indian are being written. These obituaries, though well meaning are premature. As a Western journey points out, though there was a very slight decrease in the Indian population last year there was no decrease as compared with five years ago. Besides, it must always be remembered that no census is drawn against the Indian. Just as soon as he can do a white man's work he is treated as a white man, and numbers are thus constantly being absorbed into the general population of Canada. The future of the Indian is absorption not extinction.