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Leavitt Primary Fair

The first yard primary fair, following the large Stake Fair was held by the Leavitt people Friday the 15th.

The booths were artistically placed around the hall.

The exhibit of the children's fancy work was splendid and for their untiring, faithful and patient labor the teachers must have been awarded by the fine display of this booth.

The most attractive booth was the curio booth. The majority of the relics came from the South Sea Islands being the property of Mr. Wm. Broadbent who labored in the Missionary Fields of these Islands several years prior. Special mention is due to the coral, and a purse made of seeds, also the various shells.

The vegetables, cooking, candy and manual-training work, all the reward of persistent labor by the children were excellent. Miss Delva Vincent is to be congratulated on her print of butter which was in the form of a pine-apple and moulded by the use of a saw and a nail. The school work was especially fine and Miss Archibald must have felt repaid by the beaming faces of her proud pupils.

A most excellent lunch was served from the prize cooking.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Broadbent the oldest couple in the ward being present, were presented with the prize cake and candy.

The Teachers and children both deserved the heartiest congratulation and should feel encouraged to continue this very beneficial work.

At almost four score years and ten Lord Strathcona is a wonderful example of the young old man.

Monday Oct. 25th. having been set apart by the Government as a day of Special Thanksgiving. Special Thanksgiving Services will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Appropriate music will be rendered. A special Thanksgiving offering will be taken at both services. The public is cordially invited to the services. Thanksgiving Services at Boundary Creek at 3 p. m.

Cardston Fair

(E. N. Barker in the Alberta Homestead, Edmonton)

The Cardston fair, September 28-29, which has earned a good reputation in the past, did well again this year, the entries totaling up nearly 700, exclusive of school exhibits. There were 125 horses, about 50 cattle, some sheep and pigs and about 75 entries in poultry. The new grounds are gradually getting into shape and some further improvements will add much to the comfort of the live stock.

Horses were a good show both in heavy and light classes. Clydes came out well thanks to Mr. Jas. Hansen, and Percherons were well upheld by the importations of Mr. Pilling and others. Magrath supported the Cardston fair well.

Light horses were good; some good teams and saddle horses being shown. We are unable to do justice to some of our fairs because they were so crowded together that we had to leave one town for another, often without obtaining a list of awards. Secretaries do not send on the awards to the stock papers in Alberta which is a loss of publicity to the fair, and a source of inconvenience to the press. In older countries these things are attended to and will come with time. Thus, in this case, as we have no list of awards in horses, cattle, sheep, or swine, we can only give a general idea of a good exhibit.

The foal crop of 1909 at Cardston was described by the judge as the finest bunch of suckers on the line, which speaks well for the stallions and the mares that bore them, and the breeders that own them. Agricultural horses as well as light horses are doing well in this district and better stuff is arriving constantly or is bred here.

There were some good cattle brought out, some of the Magrath contingent bringing on some good Shorthorns, and adding to the competition. Mr. J. P. Low of Cardston, brought out a very good young Shorthorn bull that should make his mark. Messrs Pryde and Ririe, of Magrath also shone in this variety and Mr. Wu.

Pilling with some of the stock imported last spring.

In sheep and swine Messrs. N. T. Passey, J. B. Ririe and Mr. Wm. Pilling were the principal exhibitors several varieties being brought out.

The poultry exhibit was a good turn out, and benched well—much better than is usually the case at fairs in general. The White Leghorns were neat, Barred Rocks good and containing Mr. H. A. Jones' good pea of birds. Mr. A. Perrey showed some good White Wyandotes. The Rhode Island Reds of Messrs. J. Hammer and W. Pilling were better than usual. Buff Orpingtons took some judging competition being keen between H. A. Jones and J. P. Low. The bronze turkeys were good four entries in each class. Geese were nice but the strongest showing in waterfowl was in Pekin ducks. These are becoming strong classes in the south.

The hall exhibit was a big entry. Vegetables totalling, counting collections, about 160 entries in garden vegetables and twenty in field roots, competition being very keen and quality excellent all through. There is a great advance being made in the south in gardening in the number of varieties shown and in the manner of exhibiting. Squashes, melons, pumpkins, corn tomatoes and cucumbers etc., are on the increase and are improving. Potatoes show careful selection of seed and culture. This was perhaps the largest show of roots and vegetables encountered on the southern circuit. Magrath exhibitors also brought out in this line and doing a good deal of winning in some of the classes. Mr. A. Perrey of Cardston was the largest winner and Mr. Wm. Blackmore very prominent. Messrs. Ririe, Parley Carter, and Mrs. Blundell were most conspicuous under the Magrath banner. Muskellons, cantaloupes, tomatoes, cucumbers, squashes, and pumpkins are increasing in size, quality and variety and there is more skill apparent in cultivation of the higher vegetables every year. Roots are heavier and better grown.

Threshed grain was light, the Cardston farmers seeming to neglect this brand this year, so, except for a win for Mr. Wm. Pilling in hard spring wheat the chief prizes went to Magrath. In sheaf grain the Cardston exhibitors again asserted themselves and did well

with some good stuff. The exhibit of grasses and clovers as usual here was very good. Mr. T. H. Woolford, Wm. Blackmore, A. Perry and J. P. Low doing the honors.

There is a greater rivalry growing up in flowers and one grower, Mr. Wm. Laurie, an amateur, exhibited a fine collection of thirty-five varieties.

On the second day a live stock parade was held, and the musical contest in the evening drew out such a crowd that many had to be turned away. This was judged by Mr. Harper, of Lethbridge.

The judges in other lines were D. E. Robertson Edmonton, horses; D. Winslow of Lacombe, Cattle, sheep and swine; J. P. Low, Cardston, grain; E. N. Barker, Calgary, grasses and clovers, vegetables, roots and poultry; flowers, Jas. Payne, Mount View.

There was a large exhibit of school work and ladies' work, domestic products, bread, preserves, ham, cheese, butter, etc. The fair was a most successful one and shows no diminution in entries or interest though horse racing has not obtained a footing and seems not to be missed.

Canadian Exposition

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 21, 1909—

Important developments have taken place this week in Exposition affairs. Chief among these is the action of the Alberta and British Columbia Governments in relation to the part which these provinces will take in the Exposition in 1912. The attitude of Premier Rutherford toward the Exposition was disappointing to the executive committee, but not discouraging. There is a belief, which amounts to knowledge with those who have been in close touch with Exposition matters, that Premier Rutherford—in common with many others—does not fully understand the conditions which obtain in regard to the holding of Canada's Exposition in 1912. Postponement until a later date was a chief point in Premier Rutherford's argument against the 1912 event, but the executive committee—a body that is in possession of more actual knowledge on the subject than any other person or persons—feel that such a thing as postponement would be highly injurious to the success of the Exposition.

OTHER FAIRS IN THE WAY

Aside from the very great influence of sentiment in relation to the settlement of the Red River Valley in 1812, there are other nearer, and perhaps more substantial, reasons why Canada's Exposition should be held three years hence. In 1913, there will be a big exploitation affair put on at Los Angeles, which will be made as attractive as the enterprise and money of United States railroads and colonization capital can make it. This event will be backed heavily by the Southern Pacific railroad and men who are strongly interested in securing settlers for the great state of Texas and for the Pacific Coast states as well. The keen enterprise of such men and corporations has been clearly shown by vigorous campaigns that have been conducted for the past two or three years to induce settlers into Texas—and even into Mexico—from other states of the Union. Thousands of settlers who might have been attracted to Canada have been drawn away to the south by migration campaigns that have been vigorously and shrewdly worked out by the railroads and big land owners.

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NOTICE

To All Band Members and All Desirous of Becoming Members.

The Cardston Military Band will hold a special meeting, Saturday, October 23rd. for purpose of reorganizing band. All come who desire to have a good band.

Wallace Hurd,
President
Etta Dowdle,
Secretary