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Is Keystone Project

The progress of the Lethbridge Northern is looked upon as the keystone to further irrigation development. The lands now under irrigation around Lethbridge, roughly 82,000 acres, made a gross production record in 1919 of \$54.71 per acre; so it is hardly to be wondered at that those other areas to which water may be brought are most anxious for irrigation.

There are three other districts whose lands can be watered, like the Lethbridge Northern, from all-Canadian streams. They are the United District, west of Cardston, 15,000 acres irrigable; the

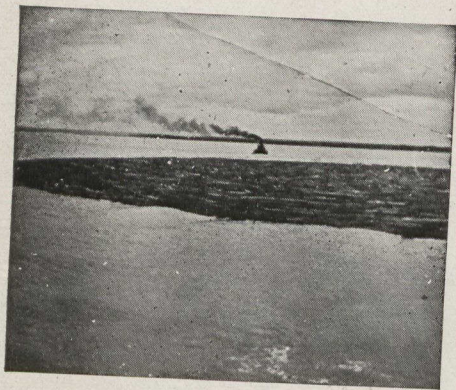
Lone Rock, north of that, 10,000 acres; and the South Macleod, 30,000 acres.

The Dominion Reclamation Service is completing surveys on some of these, as well as on lands around Lomond, Travers, Enchant, and Sundial, north-east of Lethbridge, which may get water for 100,000 acres on an extension of the Lethbridge Northern canals.

In addition to these, irrigation may be carried to great areas south and east of Lethbridge, roughly 400,000 acres, from the waters of the St. Mary's and Milk Rivers; but these streams are not all-Canadian and the question of the division of the use of the waters is now under discussion and adjudication between United States and Canada before the International Joint Commission. An early solution of this situation is eagerly looked for.

With all the safeguards that have been devised for the management of irrigation Districts; with the Irrigation Council of Alberta in direct supervision of the farmer-trustees; and by the general overlooking eye of the Dominion Reclamation Service, there is no need to fear that every project will be carefully scrutinized in all its operations; and no doubt need be felt that these public irrigation projects will, very soon after their practical inception, command the sound financial credit to which they will be entitled.

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