

They had no radio in those days yet. But they had a phonograph which they sometimes liked to play. Here is a song about the West. Perhaps if you try you can make one to sing.

*"Strong and swift thy rivers flow, Alberta, Alberta!*

*Wood and prairie verdant grow, Alberta, Alberta!*

*Great thy noble mountain chain,*

*Broad thy heavens without a stain,*

*Queen with countless beauties blest, Alberta, Alberta.*

*Queen of all the golden west, Alberta!"*

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### OLDTIMERS' DAY

This project might be called Western Folklore or Homestead Days. You might name it Oldtimers of the West. But whatever you name it, hold a little program, even a tea, and invite two or three of the oldest settlers of the district to tell you something of the early days. Make it a parents' day and let them see what you have made in your various activities.

Everywhere the oldtimers are highly respected. Honor them with this day! If it had not been for them there would never have been we! Without the honest efforts of the pioneers like Uncle Jay and other uncles, nephews and nieces would not enjoy many of the good things that Canadians now share everywhere in the West. Let them know we appreciate them and the work they have done.

#### LET'S DO THINGS:

1. Make a little history of your school and read it on Oldtimers' Day.
2. Have a committee write up the history of the district.
3. At the annual picnic, make a row of seats for pioneers. Reserve them, label them if necessary.
4. Some flowers at a school program or picnic would make an acceptable gift for Oldtimers.
5. It is this little thing that counts; in our town we have an Oldtimers' park and an Oldtimers' cabin. Send a car for them, let them know you will call by sending them a short note. Get the pioneer out to the program.