The Cardston Record.

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BUSINESS HOUSES.

A Brief Mention of Our Chief Business Men.

PROSPEROUS & PROGRESSIVE.

The number of our business men is not great; but what we lack in quantity we make up in quality. Rumor has it that another general mercantile store and a drug store will soon be added to Cardston's business houses.

The original of the Cardston Co. Ltd. was a mutual stock company started in 1888 with a load of merchandise, in the granary of President C. O. Card, which limited sphere was sufficient for the demands of the sparce population for a month or two. Only when an exchange was effected with the Ecclesiastic authorities for the little log meeting house which was soon converted into the semblance of a country store. The continued prosperity of the Pioneers and the influx of imigration soon necessitated an extension of both store room and capital; so in March 1892 was consummated the organization as it now exists under corporate powers. The first board of directors, under letters patent, was C. O. Card J. A. Woolf, Neils Hanson, S. F. Allen and E. Harker. C. O. Card, was president, J. A. Woolf vice-president, H. S. Allen, secretary and acting manager. From the little log cabin to the present extensive quarters, has been only a short time and yet it is readily apparent that more extensive quarters are necessary, and these improvements are the present consideration of the directors.

The adaptability of this country to the production of butter and cheese led this Company to erect a dairy, which up to the present has made the reputation of Cardston cheese as well known as the subscribers to which its products were confined, on account of limited capacity would permit. The Cardston Co.'s paid up capital is nearly $9000, and to strengthen its credit and extend the utility of such an enterprise, the Board of Directors have also accumulated a reserve fund equivalent to that amount. As the Pioneer store of this section it still remains the farmers exchange, and the general public show their appreciation by ample patronage. The present board of directors consists of President C. O. Card, Vice-president J. A. Woolf, J. A. Hammer S. Williams and Robert Ibey, with Robert Ideyy secretary and J. P. Low treasurer and acting manager.

There are few towns the size of Cardston that can boast of a bank. The people, in their liberal patronage, have shown their appreciation of C. Edgar Snow's enterprise. That Cardston was sorely in need of such an institution, none can deny. Mr Snow began loaning money in 1895; in 1897 he established a private bank, and today counts his depositors by the score. June, of this year, he erected a suitable building in which to carry on the business, and now the people of Cardston and neighboring settlements can have their banking attended to as promptly and efficiently as people in our largest Canadian cities.

H. S. Allen & Co.: in point of size of stock carried, is second to none. Their stock of general merchandise is one of the most complete in town. The firm was established in July, 1893, and for a year the business was carried on in two small rooms of a little log house. In 1894 they erected a 45x60 frame building, and two years later built an addition thereto, of similar dimentions to the original structure. Mr. H. S. Allen, the wide-awake manager, is conceded by all to be a first class rustler. The post office is in Mr. Allen,s store.

William Wood our genial butcher, commenced with four hogs in 1893. During the present season he has packed about two hundred hogs. He intends to can beef in connection with the packing business just as soon as some few circumstances are overcome. He is also running a fresh meat market which has been doing business about a year. He has a good refrigerator and expects to have meat on hand constantly.

Ice can be had from Mr. Wood at reasonable prices.

C. E. Snow carries a full line of stationery, confectionery, tobaccos, books and notions. He started up the business in a small way three years ago and from that time to this has gradually increased his stock and enlarged his store, and today he has, as before stated, a full stock of goods in his particular lines.

C.O.Card is sub. agent for Dominion lands and agent for Hudson's Bay, railway and private lands. Mr Card is constantly busy in his office, which usually present a lively appearance.

Lundberg & Neilson recently bought the blacksmith shop from Sloan & Co. They are working up a profitable business and are making new friends every day.

Gay & Wight, contractors, builders and blacksmiths, began business together last year. The fact that they have more than they can do speaks for itself. Their tools are of the latest make, and they know how to use them.

The Hotel de Woolf is the only hotel in town. Last year a considerable addition was made to their building; now they can accomodate quite a number of guests.

Cardston has a first class Tin Shop. Mark Spencer is a No. 1. workman and is working up a splendid trade. The stores get their tinware from Mr. Spencer.

Samuel Cox has been in Cardston only a few months. In that time he has demonstrated his skill as a carpenter, and paper-hanger. He is kept busy all the time.

MORMON CHURCH SERVICES.

Patriarch Henry L. Hinman Occupied the Pulpit.

There was a large attendance at the afternoon services of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints last Sunday. Bishop J. A. Hammer presided.

Singing by the choir. Prayer by Elder Wm. Wood. Singing. Sacrament administered by Elder D. W. Rollins and Gustave Neilson.

Sister Zina Y. Card was honorably released from Sunday school as teacher.

Patriarch Henry L. Hinman was the speaker. He desired the sympathy of those present. Spoke upon our belief as their being one God, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost as representing one great head, known as the God head. Refered to the office of the Holy Ghost showing it was necessary to show us things to come; to bring to our memory things past and to lead us unto all truth. Refered to the baptism of Jesus and his teachings while in the flesh, showing that revelation was necessary in any age. Quoted John the Revelator's words, "And I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven having the everlasting Gospel to preach to those who dwell upon the earth," etc. Showed wherein this prophecy has been fulfilled and that the same Holy Ghost and revelation have been given in this last dispensation. Showed that the Gospel has been restored to the earth, in this last age through the medium of an angel to Joseph Smith. Spoke of the persecution which has followed him and his followers through all this dispensation. Encouraged those who have just come into our midst this season to settle down and be content as God is just as able to suply us with the necessaries of life as he was our forefathers when they come into the valleys of the mountains.

Singing by the choir. Benediction by Elder Samuel Cox.

PRIMARY CONCERT.

The Primary Concert given by the Primary Association of this ward on the evening of the 23. was a success in every particular and did credit to the officers and teachers of that imporiant department.

The entire programme was worthy of praise but; space will not permit us to make mention of but a few of the chief features.

EXERCISES:

Opening Chorus:
Organ Leavitt ..... Rec. "Temperance Pledge,
Tilla Misser Young ..... Song: Wait Wr. Postman,
Mary Amos Leavitt ..... Negro Song.
Agnes Sloan ..... Organ Solo.
May Mercer, Lonie Evans, Agnes Sloan .....
..... "Night"
Candy garden Chi ..... Bird's Nest
Tableau ..... Good-night Sweet Rest.

BRIEF RESUME
- of -
CANADIAN HISTORY
From 1497 to 1898.

Very Short and to the Point.

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH ALL THAT APPEARS IN THIS COLUMN EACH WEEK.

Having lived in this district more than three years, we are acquainted with the majority of its inhabitants, and to a greater or less degree, have knowledge respecting their misinformed condition as to the laws and history of Canada. We therefore, purpose publishing, serially, in a portion of this column, each week, a Short History of Canada from 1497 to 1898, together with Statistical Items of general interest.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

CANADA. Dominion of, a federal dependency, with representative and responsible government. Population about 5,000,000; area, 3,315,647 square miles (exclusive of waters).

EXECUTIVE POWER. The queen represented by a governor-general, appointed by the crown, and advised by a cabinet chosen from members of the privy council of Canada, and consisting of 12 minsters, holding departmental offices, besides one or more ministers without office. The government holds office as long as they have the confidence of the popular brance of parliament. The principles of parliamentary government are those of England. The common and criminal law of England previals in all the provinces except Quebec, where the old French civil code and English criminal law are in force.

LEGISLATIVE POWER AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The queen, senate, and house of commons. The senate is composed of 78 members, when full, appointed by the crown, possessed of property qualification and of the age of 30 years. The speaker is chosen by the crown. It has co-ordinate powers of legislation with the house of commons, except in the case of reinue, taxation, or money bills. Though it cannot initiate or amend such bills, it may reject them under extraordinary circumstances. Members are paid $1,000 for a session of over 30 days, and a sum for travelling expenses at the rate of 10 cents a mile going and returning. The house of commons consists, at present, of 213 members chosen on a very liberal franchise based on property, income and wage-earning, with residence and citizenship. Members require no property qualification, but they must be of the age of 21 and British subjects, not diqualified by law. The speaker is chosen by the commons. Parliament has a legal existence of five years unless sooner dissolved by the governor-general, and meets once every year. Members are paid the same as senators. As Canada possesses a system of federal government, her legislative powers are limited to certain subjects of dominion or national im port, set forth in the written constitution, or British North America Act, of 1867, with the residue of power not expressly given to the provinces in the federal government. All the provinces of Canada except Prince Edward Island possess a very complete system of municipal government which entrusts certain quasi legislative powers to councils in municipal divisions known as cities, counties, townships, towns, villages and parishes, and elected by ratepayers. The rules and usages of procedure of the Canadian parliament and of the legislatures are based on those of the imperial parliament. The closure does not exist in Canada.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

G. Hamilton, Pastor.

Divine service at Cardston, every Sabbath at 8 P. M.

At Mountain View and St. Marys every two weeks.

Subjects announced in advance every week.

All are welcome.

G. Hamilton.

Subscribe Now!

Cardston.

Some ten years ago, President C. C. Card, with a small company of Mormons, located on the present site of Cardston. To-day there is more than a thousand people in Cardston and the surrounding settlements of Etna, Leavitt and Mountain View.

Cardston is located on Lee's Creek, a pure stream of water rising in the Rocky Mountains, thirty miles west of town. The soil is well adapted to the raising of all kinds of cereals. Adjacent to the townsite are numerous farms, upon which good crops of wheat, oats, etc are raised. Grazing lands are easy of access, and the prairie affords exellent grass for cattle, horses and sheep.

During Jan. Feb. and March the weather is usually cold. In April May and June frequent storms of rain and snow prepare the soil for dry weather in July and August. September and October are generally months of delightful weather, with the occasional exception of a rather disagreeable westerly wind. November and December bring us a variety of weather; some times it will be quite cold in the morning; but before sun sets a chinook wind changes the temperature to that degree of warmpth enjoyed by the southern countries.

Cardston is nearly 100 miles due west of Winnipeg, forty-eight miles south-west from Lethbridge, and twenty miles north of the international boundary or the 49th parallel. A semi-weekly stage plies between Cardston and Lethbridge our most convenient rail-way station.

Cardston has a bank, three stores, a meat market, blacksmith shop, tin shop, two livery stables, a hotel, a barber shop, a flour-mill, cheese factory, and a live weekly newspaper.—THE RECORD.

The following clipping from the Lethbridge News describes our climate most aptly:

"If there is one thing more than another that the people of this district are fond of, it is the wonderful climate. We venture to say that, taking it the year round, there is no finer climate in the world. It is not, of course, contended, that we have no bad weather, but altogether we have less bad weather and consequently more good than falls to the lot of most countries. The climate of this portion of the Northwest cannot be properly estimated by a stay of a week or so, or even of a whole season. It is only the man who has lived in the country for years who can really appreciate the weather which we enjoy. We have our storms, like other sections of the country, and a visit during one has frequently given people the impression that the climate is not all it is cracked up to be, and that, after all, our boasts of superiority are vain and empty.

In what way, then, is this climate superior to that in other portions of the Dominion? The difference is more marked during the winter months. In the summer, or from early spring, late into the fall, the weather is for the most part uniformly fine and salubrious. In the winter, when the most intense cold is followed by bright sunshiny weather, the thermometer up in the nineties; when over coats are thrown to one side, and when the prairies are clear of snow as far as the eye can reach in every direction; then it is that what we claim for the climate is fully exemplified. The man who leaves Winnipeg with the thermometer forty below zero and comes west, finding the mercury higher every mile after he leaves Moose Jaw, and stepping out of the cars at Lethbridge into an atmosphere sixty above zero, can best realize the wonderful difference between the east and west. But mere generalization may not satisfy the eastern readers, and instances are numerous enough. We have pointed out that we have bad weather occasionally. It can also be very cold, and we can have an abundance of snow. As an illustration of our climate, at eight o'clock in the morning it may be very cold say forty below zero, with a foot or eighteen inches of snow on the ground. In two or three hours a wonderful change takes place. The thermometer shows in this short time a jump from forty below zero to fifty above. In twelve hours, if the chinook is a healthy, full-grown one, the ground will be perfectly bare of snow, not a vestige to be seen anywhere.

Greeting!

We appreciate the liberal patronage bestowed on us by our friends and customers during the past five years. We are now in a better position than ever to serve our patrons, as we carry a much larger stock, and buy closer than ever before.

We hope by fair dealing to hold our old customers and shall be pleased to show newcomers through our store and quote prices.

Car of stoves and furniture now in, call and inspect.

Just received car of the celebrated Massy-Harris Machinery.

H. S. Allen & Co.

C. Edgar Snow, Banker,

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A general banking business transacted.

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Everything from a Needle to a Steam Engine.— a box of matches to a Sack of CARDSTON Flour.— or a Button to a Suit of Clothes—you can get.—

We also have the AGENCY for the

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Also the Famous TIGER HAY RAKES. Extras for MOWERS & BINDERS always on hand.

Agents.— J. I. CASE THRESHERS.

Special Inducements to Cash Customers.

Farmer's Produce Taken in Exchange.

Agents CARDSTON DAIRY. Finest Grade of CHEESE in the North-West Territories.

Go to the CARDSTON CO. Ltd.