

Annual Ward Conference

The annual conference of the Cardston Ward was held in the Assembly Hall last Sunday. The conference occupied the morning and evening sessions, the former being spent with the Sabbath School and the latter dealing with the general work of the Ward and a report of the organizations of the same. The Assembly Hall was filled to overflowing in the afternoon. In reporting the ward, Bishop Hammer stated that it would be his last time to do so as Bishop for he had asked to be honourably released from his labors and the stake presidency had granted him that request. He stated that the ward was in a healthy and prosperous way, spiritually, physically and financially and that the report of the special missionaries showed that 95 per cent. of the people in the Ward refrained from the use of tea and coffee, liquor and tobacco. His Counsellors, elders Martin Woolf and William Duce, also spoke along the same lines and told of the unity that had always existed in the Bishopric. Sister Hammer also made a few remarks and told of the many friends she had in Cardston and the pleasant time spent here. Other reports were given from the Relief Society, the Primary and the Woolford Branch. In presenting the new bishopric and releasing the old, president Wood stated that he desired to hear from the brethren two or whom were present—before the vote was put. D. E. Harris, Sr. as Bishop spoke of the great surprise the call was to him but expressed his willingness to respond to the best of his ability. James H. Rampton, selected as first counsellor also testified of his willingness to do his level best notwithstanding the fact that he felt his weakness in responding to the call. Elder Hugh Brown had been selected to act as second counsellor but he was at present visiting in Salt Lake City. These brethren were unanimously sustained to fill their respective positions.

Remarks were also made by President's Duce and Wood and the Choir rendered a couple of special anthems.

Ellison Highly Praised

At a smoker given by the Press Baseball Club in Lethbridge last week, "Kid" Ellison, as he is familiarly called, appeared in a series of wrestling bouts, winning for himself the applause of the spectators and high compliments in the local papers of Lethbridge. Here is what the Lethbridge Herald has to say:

"Following the boxing bouts came the wrestling matches. McDonald, the Organ Lion, took Leonard MacKenzie of Lethbridge on for 15 minutes, scoring two falls in that time. Immediately afterward he took Kid Ellison of Cardston on for the same length of time. These matches being purely of the exhibition order, the big fellow from Organ did not care to extend himself and was contented after his strenuous fifteen minutes with MacKenzie, to hold his own with the agile boy from Cardston. McDonald showed conclusively that he is a mat artist of exceptional skill. There is nothing in the game that he is not acquainted with, and he is extremely fast for a heavy wrestler.

After fifteen minutes each with McDonald, Ellison and MacKenzie came together for two ten-minute bouts. They were evenly matched being of about equal strength, but Ellison's longer experience on the mat gave him considerable advantage, tiring his opponent and then throwing him. Ellison scored three falls in the two bouts, two in the first bout and one in the second. With a little training MacKenzie will make a wrestler of no mean ability. He is fast and strong. Ellison, who is but 19

years of age is a boy of remarkable physique being of rare athletic build. He is strong and wiry. In his performance he displayed a knowledge of the wrestling game which marks him as a comer. The bouts were refereed by Mr. Pilling, of Cardston, brother of the middle-weight champion of Alberta."

The Lethbridge News also hands him a couple of nice bouquets in the following write up of the Smoker:

"The boxing stunt between Messrs Whittson and Brown proved a fast and exciting bout, which was fought to a draw. The chief feature of evening was the wrestling exhibition given by Frank McDonald, heavy weight champion of Oregon, with J. F. Ellison, of Cardston, and J. MacKenzie, of Lethbridge. McDonald certainly proved himself to be one of the best wrestlers that has ever hit this district. Ellison, a pupil of E. L. Pilling (Cardston) delighted the audience with the way he wrestled with McDonald. MacKenzie, a local lad, pupil of F. Maxwell, wrestled hard with McDonald for 15 minutes and proved that with a little more experience, he will soon be master of the game.

A bout between MacKenzie and Ellison was won by the latter in three straight falls. Young Ellison is a strapping lad of nineteen years, and showed himself a clever wrestler with knowledge enough of the game for one ten years his senior. He is a pupil of E. L. Pilling of Cardston, middle weight champion of Southern Alberta, whom he recently wrestled to a draw for two hours and five minutes."

It will be seen from the above that Aetna which should really receive the credit for Mr. Ellison's residence, is outstripping all her neighbors in the way of producing wrestlers of Provincial Renown. Pilling, Jensen, Ellison—they all come from Aetna.

Easte Services.

Easter Services were held in the Assembly Hall and the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening. Besides a most excellent musical programme, Elder James P. Low delivered a stirring address on the Purpose and Significance of Easter and Miss Addie Robinson read a paper on Easter in the Assembly Hall.

The Scripture reading in the Presbyterian Church was the 24th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke and the text was found in the third chapter of Revelations, "To him that overcometh I will grant to sit down with me in my throne even as I have overcome and am sat down with my father in His throne." In expounding the text the reverend brought out the fact that love was the ruling passion and that devoid of this mortals could not conquer in the name of the Lord.

Quarterly Conference.

The regular quarterly conference of the Alberta Stake of Zion will be held in the Cardston Assembly Hall on Saturday and Sunday, May 23rd and 24th, meetings at 10 and 2 o'clock. A full representation is earnestly desired.

E. J. Wood
Thomas Duce
Sterling Williams,
Stake Presidency.

Lost—Eight head of horses of following description. One black mare and colt, colt not branded, mare has W on neck under main, and warts on her left side. 1 sorrel mare, branded ox yoke Y on her left hip with colt not branded. 1 gray horse 3 year old; 1 gray filly, 1 sorrel 3 year old horse also two bay two year olds. The last five mentioned are branded lazy VS on left shoulder. As a reward for the recovery of the same, one of the horses will be given. The range of horses is near Beazer E. J. Wood, Cardston.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of \$5 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner having discovered mineral in place may locate a claim 500 x 500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on a claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2 1-2 per cent on the sales.

PLACER mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee \$5, renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to drain each year of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2 1-2 per cent collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

ANY unoccupied section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-West Provinces, excepting lands not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry or inspection must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the Local Agent or Sub-Agent.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

1. At least six month's residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

2. If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by each person residing with the father or mother.

3. If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

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SYNOPSIS OF Coal Mining Regulations

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-West Territory and British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

Every lessee of coal mining rights which are not being operated shall furnish the district agent of Dominion Lands with a sworn statement to that effect at least once in each year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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