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#### The Cypress Hills.

The following account of the Cypress Hills country, southwestern Assiniboia, has been published:—

"The Cypress Hills may be described as a plateau or a series of plateaux, extending about 100 miles from east to west, in the territories of Western Canada. At the eastern end they rise abruptly from the plain to the height of 400 feet, but at the southwestern extremity they were found 2,000 feet above the plain south of Fort Walsh. At the head of the mountain, the western end of the hills, they are at least 1,500 feet higher than at the eastern end. They are at most about 25 miles wide at the eastern end, and beyond Fort Walsh they become so narrow that often this plateau is little over a mile in width. On the south, instead of abruptly falling off towards the plain, they gradually merge into it, where the elevation (at their base) was found to be 50 feet above that of their eastern end. The top of the hills may be characterized as a series of plateaux, gradually becoming more elevated as you proceed westward, and the coulees, or narrow depressions separating these plateaux becoming correspondingly deeper. These latter are the sources of the streams which flow into the Saskatchewan on the one hand, and into the Missouri on the other; and it is no uncommon thing to find water less than 100 yards apart in these coulees flowing in opposite directions.

Wood is abundant in all those coulees which penetrate the hills on the east, south and west sides, but it is only west of Fort Walsh that it is found inside the margin of the plateaux itself. On the south it is scarce, and it is only in the deeper recesses of the hills that any is to be found. Every few miles in this district transverse valleys are seen sending their waters in both directions and these constantly become deeper until the last one is reached at Fort Walsh, where the depression is 600 feet below the level of the plateau, and the stream heads to the north of the central or highest land, and therefore drains the whole of the higher plateau. Cottonwood or Six-Mile Coulee, farther east, and Medicine Coulee or creek, the most northern tributary of the Missouri, do the same. Stony Current Creek drains the northeastern

part, and the drainage of the southwestern is carried to the Saskatchewan by Maple Creek, a torrent which carries off the spring floods, but is frequently dry later in the season. Twenty-five miles east of Fort Walsh spruce and pine become prominent features, the latter (*pinus concolor*) always being found along the upper margin of the valley. West of Fort Walsh and near the head of the mountains, this pine forms groves of many acres in extent, the trees ranging from four to twenty-four inches in diameter, those from six to twelve inches being the most abundant. Saw mills have already been established here by a Michigan company. From a careful perusal of the foregoing it will be seen that these hills offer advantages equal, if not superior, for grazing to those found in the Bow River country. Fine rich grass, pure spring water, elevation in the heat, absence of flies is assured in the summer. In the winter there is shelter from storms, and abundance of hay, and fine pastures on the exposed hills, where the buffalo has wintered from time immemorial.

The land in range 8 is mostly undulating prairie, with good sandy loam soil. This range is intersected by Seven Persons, a big sandy coulee. This is a fine valley of nearly a mile in width, through which flows a stream in spring time. A few ash leaved maples are on its banks. Reaching the high ground on the westerly part of this range, we may say we are on the plains for it appears as if we were standing on a big plate with the horizon for a rim, the only break in the monotony being the Sweet Grass Hills, 50 miles away.

#### Leather and Boots and Shoes.

The Montreal trade *Bulletin* reports the leather and boot and shoe trade at that place as follows: "We have to report a very firm leather market, although the movement is not as large as it has been, as boot and shoe manufacturers confine their operations to their immediate wants. In sole leather sales of choice plump No: 1 B.A. have transpired at 22½ to 23c, but the ordinary run of Western No 1 sole brings about 21 to 22c, as to quantity. Black leather is also firm, the advance formerly reported being well maintained.

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Splits are still going forward to the English market, where they meet a good enquiry at fairly profitable rates for shippers.

In boots and shoes quite a lot of shipments have been made recently to the west and the maritime provinces in execution of back orders, but manufacturers state that at the moment they are not particularly busy, this being a sort of between seasons. Still a few sorting orders are coming in at the advanced prices, which buyers appear to be loth to understand. They will get acquainted with it however, as they send in their sorting orders."

#### Dried Fruit at Toronto.

The stock of new Valencia raisins is yet limited, and prices consequently are high, standing this week at 8 to 8½c. Next week will see plenty of Valencias here, and prices are expected to come down. New Sultanias are in and for sale at 13 to 15c. Currants are in liberal supply. Old Patras are 6 to 6½c in barrels. New Filiatras in barrels are 6½ to 6¾c, half barrels 6½ to 6¾c. Old Filiatras are 5½ to 6c in barrels, and 5½ to 6c in half barrels. Half cases of Vostizzas are 9½ to 10c. There is a stock of 5-crown Excelsior currants in cases to be had at 9½ to 10c. The samples of new crop currants appear not to come up the quality of the 1899 crop, of which there is a residuum of good value yet on this market. New E'eme figs have been received since last report. In 14 ounce boxes they are 12½c, in 10 lb. boxes they are 14c, and in 20 lb. boxes 15c. Natural figs, recently arrived, are 8c in 20 lb. boxes. Figs are likely to be dear as the crop is short. Dates are 5½ to 6c, having advanced a quarter of a cent. New dates will not be in for a month or six weeks.—*The Grocer*.

Interest in the question of the right of individuals or associations to use extreme measures in bringing delinquent debtors to time is revived by an action brought by a citizen of Toronto to prevent the advertising of an unsettled claim against him. An injunction has been granted, and the case will be argued at Osgoode Hall.

Waghorn's Guide for October is to hand. It contains the time card of the new Prince Albert line opened on October 2, in addition to a great deal of general information of a useful nature for reference.