

## Story About the Mormons Denied

Stirling, April 2.—Theo. Brandley, First Counsellor in the Taylor Stake of Latter Day Saints, in an interview took occasion to deny in toto the reputed Cardston despatch to the Toronto Telegram reproduced in the Herald and the article in the Lethbridge News, regarding the Mormons.

"There is less prospect than ever," said Mr. Brandley, "of a large immigration from Utah. The authorities of the church do not counsel emigration and have refused the assistance asked for by the church in Alberta. Those who are coming are doing so of their own initiative."

"Does the church intend to settle the Cochrane Ranch property?" he was asked.

"No special effort is being put forth. In fact the church is seriously contemplating selling the ranch in large blocks."

"The separate school statement is an absolute falsehood as it has never been talked of or considered by the church. We are perfectly satisfied with the present school system and are making no endeavor whatever to get separate schools. We have not even considered whether or not it is possible to have them. We do not make any religious tests of our teachers, even in the schools that are wholly Mormon."

With regard to the reputed message sent by President Smith, "of a semi-private nature" but "read at a public meeting," that the practice of polygamy was to be revived, Mr. Brandley stated the authorities of the church have emphatically denied ever sending such a message. It is an old story published six months ago by the Salt Lake Tribune.

"There is absolutely no intention to revive the practice of polygamy either in Utah or anywhere else. It would be utter folly for the church authorities to attempt any such thing as it would meet with the greatest opposition right in the church. And they have pledged the word of the church not to introduce it again."

"It is not true that the church are attempting to excommunicate all who pay tithing, as the article says. There is not the least foundation for any such report. There are thousands who are members in good standing who do not observe the law. No members are questioned with regard to their fellowship on that account. No effort is being made to separate them from the church."

Mr. Brandley denied that President Smith had given instructions that the young people who are somewhat wayward should be driven into line. "No such instructions have been given," he said "On the other hand, the officers of the church are very earnestly instructed to use nothing but persuasion and kindness with any that may be wayward."

Speaking of affairs in Stirling, Mr. Brandley said they were very satisfactory. "Our people," he said "are in a better condition than ever they have been before. The people settled at Stirling are conservative and not given to reckless buying or running into debt. The population is about stationary. We would like to get more people but the church in Utah continually refuses to give assistance in that way."

### DENIAL FROM CARDSTON

Cardston, April 1.—The despatch purporting to be sent from this point and published in the Toronto Telegram under date of March 24, is rather misleading.

In the first place there has been no "heavy movement of mormons" into this section thus far this season.

The opening of the Cochrane lands for settlement will doubtless bring some "Mormon settlers," but the difficulty thus far has been to get those settlers to come to Canada at all. The only cars of set-

ters' effects unloaded at Cardston this season come from Springfield, Ill., and were not owned by "Mormons."

The idea of there being more "Mormons north of the line than south of it is a great stretch of even a "fake reporter's" imagination.

The insinuation as to "separate schools" betrays the cloven hoof of the party giving vent to this burst of news. The "Mormons" of Southern Alberta have no separate schools, never have had, nor do they intend to have so long as Alberta laws remain as liberal and broad as they now are. Such an insinuation must be for the purpose of creating a prejudice against an unpopular sect.

There are now eight districts around Cardston and including it, all under the "national school" system of our great province and they are practically controlled by "Mormons" whose religion teaches them to obey, honor and sustain the law of the land wherever they may dwell.

The enemies of the Mormon people in this country resort to falsehood of the most glaring nature in their efforts to injure these people in the minds of the citizens of Canada.

The despatch sent to the eastern Canada Press the other day to the effect that thousands of Mormons were streaming into the country and that it would not be long before there were as many Mormons in Alberta as there are in Utah was a fabrication put in circulation no doubt in an effort to arouse feeling in Eastern Canada where attempts have been made before to create prejudice against these people.

The statement in the same despatch that the Mormons would establish Mormon Separate Schools is news to everybody in this district and to the Mormons more than any others. The schools in the Mormon districts are public schools. In many cases the teachers are Gentiles and Gentile boys and girls sit at the same desks as the Mormon boys and girls.

Whoever inspired the despatch was a narrow, bigoted falsifier. Difference of belief with the Mormons is permissible but attempts to stir up antagonism to these people, who always conduct themselves as good citizens, by putting in circulation absolutely untrue statements, will win the condemnation of all fair-minded citizens.

—Lethbridge Herald.

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### The Editors Letter

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### 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 dredge for gold 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 lease. 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 even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, 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 contained therein under one of the following plans:

1. At least six months' 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 such 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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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 sub-divisions 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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