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#### A Great Opportunity

Nothing could be more cheering to Winnipeg and the whole Canadian West than the intimation that this year will witness an exceptionally heavy influx of Americans into this Western country. The West may have its temporary setbacks and reverses, as every country and every community must have, but nothing can retard the development and prosperity of Western Canada so long as people with money continue to come in.

We do not, at the present time, require emigrants for the mere sake of swelling our population. We do not require artisans and laborers whose only capital is a capacity for work. There are times at which this class of people can be accommodated, but just now the crying need of Western Canada is people with enough money to buy homesteads and till the fertile soil, which is within the reach of men with moderate means. The settlers we have received in the past from the United States have shown themselves familiar with the methods of farming which succeed in Western Canada. With the proceeds of the sales of small farms in the United States they can buy large farms in Western Canada infinitely more productive and remunerative.

Western Canada wants these people more now perhaps than at any period in her history. And it is a most favorable period to procure them. The United States is passing through a most critical stage in its history. Taxation is heavy; its currency is discredited; its credit is impaired; its institutions have ceased to justify public confidence. The time has arrived with the Republic when the profits of a man's toil deposited with banks and financial institutions are not available when they are wanted.

The United States may or may not entirely recover from these conditions. It is to be hoped that they will recover. What is important to Canada, however, is the fact that thousands of Americans who have made for themselves homes in the United States are discontented and distrustful. Many of them have sent their savings to Canada to be deposited in banks whose stability is not open to question. Many of them are looking towards Western Canada as a field for settlement.

It would be criminal negligence on the part of Canada to ignore these conditions. We should reach out for these people. We should spare no effort or expense to show them the advantages which Western Canada has to offer. It is quite possible that, in contemplation of our own trivial troubles, we have lost sight of most desirable people who are anxious to escape large ones. The plain facts remain that this is not the occasion for marking time in the promotion of emigration to Canada from the United States. The opportunity of a century is before us now, and we should lose no time in taking advantage of it.—Winnipeg Telegram.

#### Board of Trade

A meeting of the Cardston Board of Trade was held last Wednesday night at the Council Chambers. A number of the members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read from Hon. Frank Oliver Minister of Interior, Senator De Veber and J. Herron, M.P. The resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board regarding the extension of

time of the Charter of the Macleod, Cardston and Montana railway. A communication was also read from the chief traffic manager. The Railway Commission in reply to communication from the Board re freight tariff and enclosing copy of letter from P. L. Naismith. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to get the new tariffs that have been issued by the C. P. R. and A. R. and I Co. and report at the next meeting. Messrs Harris, Barker and Dr. Weeks was appointed to act on the matter.

Four new members were elected, their names having been proposed last meeting. A complaint was made by W. O. Lee regarding the unsatisfactory weights that were given on freight going west. Mr. Lee said that weights were entirely satisfactory from the east. He moved that secretary write Mr. Castle requesting that Government weighing inspector be installed at Calgary. Mr. E. N. Barker seconded the motion. Mr. Lee offered to furnish particulars of the weight shortage to the secretary. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. Richardson applying for space at the coming Dominion exhibition to be held at Calgary.

A motion was put regarding the system of single land tax which was working satisfactory in various towns and cities in the West, and that a committee be formed to investigate the merits of this system and whether it would be feasible for Cardston. A motion was passed that the chairman appoint a committee and Messrs Barker, Dr. Weeks and Williams were appointed. Messrs A. M. L. and W. Duce were proposed as members of the board.

A motion was passed that the date of meeting be changed from the second Wednesday in the month to the second Tuesday of the month in order to give several prospective members an opportunity to join the Board, who were unable to attend the meetings on Wednesday evening. Meeting adjourned.

#### School Report

Students of the highest Class Standing in the Cardston School for the month of February.

##### Standard I

Part I class (a) Lucile Woolf.  
" (b) Rhoda Pitcher & Ross Kearl

" (c) Vivian Marsden.  
Part II class (a) Elmer Marsden,  
" (b) Nield Stott,  
" (c) Ora Williams.

##### Standard II

Class (a) Cleon Jeppson.  
" (b) Roy Archibald,  
" (c) Autris Godleman

##### Standard III

Class (a) Alma Coombs,  
" (b) Fulton Bounell,  
" (c) Irene Kearl.

##### Standard IV

Class (a) Pearl Stott,  
" (b) Lafayette Hyde.

##### Standard V

Class (a) Archie Sheffield,  
" (b) Leda Nielson.

##### Standard VI

Willie Thorpe.

##### Standard VII

Osborn Wight.

**A Favorite Remedy for Babies**  
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#### Grazing Permits

Ottawa, March 9.—Today's issue of the Gazette contains notice of an order-in-council passed at the instance of the minister of the interior which has as its object the substituting of yearly grazing permits for school lands in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in place of the present system of five year leases. Rentals will not be changed, remaining at six cents an acre for Manitoba and four for the two western provinces. These five year leases were subject to three months' notices of cancellation, but the objection against them was the difficulty in collecting the small sums involved by the agents of the department, the lessees usually paying no attention to notices sent out, while they often abandoned their leases before the term was expired, thus making collection very expensive and causing loss of revenue to the school lands endowment fund. Grazing permits on these school lands are now to run for twelve months, but to be automatically renewed at the end of that term on prepayment of rental, provided the department did not propose putting the lands on the market. By this arrangement the cost of collection will be eliminated, while the permanency of the tenure will not be less than under the abandoned lease system.

#### Plants and Plant Food.

The elements necessary to the growth of plants may be divided into the following groups:

First.—Those that are furnished in abundance from air and water.

Second.—Those which are furnished in abundance from the soil.

Third.—Those which are not usually furnished in abundance in an available form from air, water or soil, as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

Nitrogen is found in large quantities, chiefly in the uncombined or free state. It constitutes about four fifths of our atmosphere. In this form it is only available to leguminous plants. Such as peas, beans, clover, alfalfa, etc. through the influence of micro-organisms found in soils and living in nodules on the roots of plants of this family. In the case of all other plants the nitrogen is taken only in combination with other elements.

Combined with hydrogen it forms ammonia which may be taken up in small quantities. With oxygen it forms nitric acid and this combined with some elements in the soil forms nitrates. These are readily taken up by plants and form the principal source of the plants nitrogen.

Nitrogen is the most expensive element the farmer has to purchase. It costs at least three times as much as the phosphorus or potassium. It is also the element most likely to be deficient in the soil, as it is readily converted into soluble nitrates and in addition to being used up by plants is sometimes leached out of the soil.

There is a large quantity of free nitrogen in the air. By growing and leguminous crops we can obtain a portion of this nitrogen and store it up in the soil in fixed and available forms in the roots and stubble or in the whole crop turned under. We can thus repair in large measure the loss to the soil of this element without any cost and in addition obtain an excellent food for stock in the form of clover hay, alfalfa hay, etc. It will thus be seen how important it is for the farmer to grow one or

more of these nitrogen gathering crops on his land as often as his system of rotation will permit and thus save purchasing this most expensive element of plant food. It is poor economy to buy what we can have for the taking, especially when the taking costs nothing.

#### FAREWELL TO Mr. STEED

Eight years as assistant Supt. and five and a half years as Supt. of the Alberta Stake Schools, such is the record of our former Superintendent W. H. Steed who was honorably released at our recent Quarterly Conference Feb. 16. He having received a call for a foreign mission.

In recognition of his long and faithful labors the regular exercises of the Sunday School Union Meeting, Friday March 6th, were dispensed with, and a farewell reception was held in his honor. Every Ward and Branch of the Stake were represented with the exception of the far off north Wards.

Three hundred officers, teachers and fellow laborers were in attendance to show their esteem for him who has worked in season and out of season, through mud and rain, snow and sunshine for the welfare of those over whom he had the honor to preside.

Supt. J. W. Allred of the Taylor Stake Sunday Schools and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steed of Stirling were also in attendance.

The exercises commenced at eight o'clock with Stake Supt. M. A. Coombs presiding. Seated immediately in front of the stand were the Stake Presidency, Stake Superintendency, members of the Union Board and the family of Mr. Steed. After prayer and singing, first assistant Supt. J. S. Parker gave a short speech of welcome followed by second assistant Supt. E. A. Law.

Eulogistic remarks were made by the Stake Presidency and members of the Board. The Cardston Military Band did much to enliven the occasion by their sweet strains of music.

Members of the Glee Club also favored us with one of their choice selections, Scott Brown and Ida Archibald sang a duet as also the Misses Baker from Leavitt. By special request Mr. and Mrs. Steed favored us with one of their old familiar songs. Speeches were made by Scott Brown, L. A. Little, Frank Leavitt and M. Jensen all of whom leave shortly for foreign missions. Willard Sorrenson of Leavitt in behalf of the Stake Suptcy., the Union Board and the Officers and Teachers of all the Stake presented a beautiful Family Bible with the autographs of all who were in attendance to our retiring Supt. W. H. Steed as a small token of the love and esteem which he was held by them. Mr. Steed responded very feelingly to the sentiments of good will spoken in his behalf and for the present which had been given him.

After the program had all been rendered, luncheon was served and partaken of freely by all those who were present.

All in all the occasion was one long to be remembered, and all the various committees who had the work in charge are deserving of praise for the part they took in one of the most successful testimonials ever given in Cardston.

The entertainment committee provided accommodation for the night to those guests who came from out of town.

Special provision for the horses of the guests who drove in was furnished by the boys of the teachers quorum.