

A Chinese Opium Den

An opium den usually takes up one floor of a building. Against the walls is a continuous wooden platform, perhaps two feet high and extending out seven or eight feet into the room. This platform is divided at intervals of five or six feet by low partitions, sometimes but a few inches in height, into compartments, each of which accommodates two smokers with one lamp between them. Sometimes a rug or a bit of matting is laid on this hard couch, sometimes not; for a Chinaman, accustomed to sleeping on bricks, prefers his couches hard. A man always lies down to smoke opium, for the porous pill, which is pressed into the tiny orifice of the pipe, cannot be ignited, but is held directly over the lamp and the flame drawn up through it.

This first den we entered was on the second floor of a rickety building. We climbed the steep, infinitely dirty stairway, crossed a narrow hall and opened a door. At first I found it difficult to see distinctly in the dim light and through the thick blue haze; and the overpowering, sickish fumes of the drug got into nose and throat and made breathing a noticeable effort. There was a desk by the door, behind which sat the keeper of the den, with a litter of pipes and thimble-like cups before him. In a corner of the desk was a jar of opium, a thick, sticky substance dark brown in color, in appearance, not unlike molasses in January. There were twenty smokers on the couches, some preparing the pellet of opium by kneading it and pressing it on the pipe bowl, some dozing off the fumes, and a few smoking. An attendant moved about the room with fresh supplies of the drug. For each thimbleful enough for one or two smokes, the price was fifteen cents (Mexican).

Re Government Seed Grain

Arrangements have been completed for the purchase of such grain as may be suitable for seed purposes throughout Alberta. Mr. Castle, the purchasing agent, has appointed Mr. C. Narin, of Edmonton, buyer for that portion of the Province tributary to Edmonton, and Mr. Wm. Carson, of Calgary, for that portion of the Province tributary to that City. Grain will be purchased in car lots only, and of the following grades:

Wheat, Nos. 1 and 2 Northern, and if there is not sufficient of these grades then 3 Northern and No. 4 when purchased west of Winnipeg; White Oats, Nos. 1, 2 and 3; Barley Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Extra and 3.

The above grades will be purchased on the basis of store Fort William, official weights and grades to govern in all cases, subject to the right of the buyer rejecting any cars rejected by the Grain Inspector as unsuitable for seed.

All grain must be free from wild oats, dandelion and cockle.

All grain will be bought at current market prices date of inspection, plus a reasonable premium, dependent upon its vitality and suitability for seed purposes, subject to the conditions as above set forth.

Seed grain for the Province of Alberta will, as far as practicable, be re-cleaned and distributed from Calgary and Edmonton.

Re Billing.—Until further notice, owing to an arrangement with the railroad companies regarding freight rates, all grain for seed purposes fulfilling the above conditions, originating in Alberta, must be billed to Calgary or Edmonton in the name of the Dominion Seed Commission. Send your bill of lading, and at the same time advise whom you wish to handle your car if rejected for seed purposes, as the buyer cannot handle such cars. Farmers and others shipping car lots of grain will bear this in mind.

Town Council Meeting

The Meeting of the Town Council was held last Tuesday in the Council Chambers. Mayor Spencer and Councillors J. T. Brown, Cahoon, Coombs and Burton were present.

Communications from Credit Foncia and Geo. A. Stimpson and Co. were read re Debentures. Also from North West Electric Co. Calgary re contract for Meters. Meters can now be furnished to patrons of the Electric Light Co. for \$15.00 for 5 ampere and \$17.00 for 10 ampere. 5 ampere are for 10 lights or less, and 10 ampere are for 20 lights or less.

Hugh Brown for the Cardston Choir petitioned for rebate on licence paid to Sec. Treas. for the Opera held recently, granted. A number of petitions were made to have changes made in number of Electric Lights used by various parties. Referred to Fire License and Police Committee. The usual batch of Bills were passed for coal, labor and salaries of workmen.

Mr. D. S. Beach was appointed Building Inspector for the Town of Cardston. A by law was passed placing a license of \$25.00 per annum on Coal Dealers. A By-Law was passed placing a license of \$50.00 per annum on Real Estate Agents. Resolution passed giving Secretary Treasurer privilege to get clerical assistance in office for March and April or while he is engaged in assessment work. A flume is to be placed through the property of H. C. Phipps on Daines Street to carry off all flood water, the Town to keep it in repair and Mr. Phipps to keep it free from obstruction.

TIME EXTENDED

For Applications for Seed Grain.

Owing to the application for seed grain being delayed in reaching farmer's hands, the time set for the completion of these applications, Feb 22nd, was found to be far too short. In consequence of this the time was extended to 1st March, but as this is again liable to prove too short a time, it has been further extended to the 10th March. Every effort should be made, however, to have applications in as long before this date as possible in order to give ample opportunity for arranging for distribution.

The Seed Grain Act recently passed by the Legislature makes every Secretary of a Local Improvement District a commissioner for taking affidavits in connection with applications. In the large Local Improvement Districts where there are few officers available, provision is made for Dominion Land Agents Sub Land Agents. Homestead Inspectors Immigration Agents Postmaster, or members of the Royal North West Mounted Police to take applications, and for this purpose they also have powers of Commissioners for taking affidavits. Those who have not already made application, should lose no time in doing so.

In some districts where farmers are financially able to procure seed grain, but have not done so owing to the fact that no seed grain was available in their immediate neighborhood, arrangements have been made to supply such farmers with seed grain but they will be expected to pay cash for same upon delivery.

All applications must be approved by the Council of the Local Improvement District and forwarded to the Dominion Lands Office, Edmonton, marked "Seed grain Distribution."

The Canadian Pacific Railway intends to undertake the development of important mining areas in British Columbia and in the near future will be turning out a large amount of coal to supply their locomotives in the West.

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 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 even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-west Provinces, excepting 8 and 36, 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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NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the present session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta for an Act to incorporate the Cardston Club.

W. Laurie
Solicitor for applicants.
Cardston Jan. 24, 1908.

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 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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