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Board of Trade Ball

By far the best dance of the season was the Ball given by the Board of Trade in the Assembly Hall last Friday evening. The hall was crowded and the dance was a success in every way. The refreshments were served by Lamb's Restaurant.

A Big Land Business

"The greatest land business ever done in any country in the world," was the phrase used by R. E. A. Leech, inspector of Dominion government land agencies, in speaking of the rush for homesteads during the fall of the present year, says the Winnipeg Commercial. In answer to the request for information of a specific character, regarding the applications for these vacant lands, Mr. Leech said that the number of entries in the month of September, 1908, had been 15,873, and in the month of October the number had been 7,518. The total for the two months had therefore been 23,391. In the corresponding months of 1907 there had been 4,703 entries, and in the corresponding months of 1906 there had been 5,995 entries.

Fuller details given by Mr. Leech show that in the month of September homestead entries were made at the various land offices as follows:

Battleford 307, Brandon 15, Calgary 1,604, Dauphin 606, Edmonton 968, Estevan 1,217, Humboldt 861, Kamloops 35, Lethbridge 2,028, Moose Jaw 4,379, New Westminster 3, Prince Albert 878, Red Deer 328, Regina 790, Winnipeg 754, Yorkton 599. Total for September 15,873.

In the corresponding month of 1907 there were granted 2,936 homesteads, and in the corresponding month of 1906 there were granted 2,600.

In the month of October, 1908, homestead entries were made as follows:

Battleford 499, Brandon 47, Calgary 562, Dauphin 302, Edmonton 495, Estevan 157, Humboldt 298, Lethbridge 899, Moose Jaw 2,775, New Westminster 3, Prince Albert 209, Red Deer 224, Regina 356, Winnipeg 326, Yorkton 266. Total for the month of October 7,518.

In the corresponding month of 1907 there were 2,307 entries, and for the corresponding month of 1906 there were 3,395 entries.

A comparison of the total homestead entries for the three years past shows that in 1906 there were 37,690 entries, 1907 there were 23,129 entries; 1908 there were 41,968 entries. These figures are for the first nine months of each year.

Funeral Services

The funeral services of the late Mr. B. O. Benson were held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday afternoon.

Opening hymn, "Farewell all earthly honors."

Prayer was offered by Pres. E. J. Wood.

Singing, "There is sweet rest in Heaven."

Short addresses were heard from the following speakers:—Elders Johannes Anderson, J. M. Wight and Thomas Duoc.

The choir sang the closing hymn, "Rest, Rest for the Weary Soul."

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Wm. Pilling.

JAS. T. BROWN ELECTED MAYOR

Five Men in the Field for Town Council—School Trustees Elected

The nominations on Monday were as follows:—For Mayor, J. T. Brown. For Councillors—M. A. Coombs, J. Holmes, J. Hunt, S. S. Newton, H. Staepools. For School Trustees—D. S. Beach, S. M. Woolf.

There are three vacancies on the council board to be filled at the coming election, with the names of five good men in nomination to choose from.

AGRICULTURAL MEETING

Officers Elected—New Fair Grounds to be Purchased—Poultry Show to be held in Connection with Seed Fair

The annual meeting of the Cardston Agriculture Society was held in the Assembly Hall, Saturday Dec. 5th, 1908 at 3 p. m. with Pres. James Hansen in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting and also Annual meeting of 1907 were read and carried.

The reading of communications was the first order of business.

One from Mr. Fream, calling a meeting of the executive of the executive of the Fairs Assn. of the Province to be held in Calgary Dec. 1908. One from Mr. Greenstreet re the Meat Chilling industry asking for the support of the Cardston Society in establishing the required facilities in the Province, and another from the Bureau of immigration, asking farmers needing help to correspond with the bureau, as there were many men now seeking employment for the winter.

It was moved and seconded that the Cardston member of the executive, Mr. Woolf, attend the meeting at Calgary. The Secy. was authorized to pledge the Cardston Society as being in favor of the Meat Chilling industry.

Moved and seconded that Mr. Stratton act as our local agent for emigration. Carried.

The Secretary then read the financial report of the Association which showed a very good condition. Notwithstanding the bad weather during the two days of our fair, we came out a few dollars ahead, and practically stand where we were last year, with an overdraft of about \$300.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

The Secy. was instructed to send for the gold Medals offered at our fair in many of the classes.

Mr. Clarence Eldridge, through Mr. W. H. Brown refunded one half of his prize money to the Association.

The question of fair grounds was then taken up and it was the unanimous opinion that we buy

ta once by forming a joint stock company.

It was then moved and carried that we form a joint company, that the officers of the fair Association for the ensuing year be the officers of said company, that all present be, with their consent, members of the company or Association. That the capital stock be placed at \$10,000 shares, and that these shares be sold at \$5.00 per share. That the secretary take steps to have the company formed, and issue stock certificates.

Moved by S. L. Eversfield seconded by Mr. Donovan, that Mr. Barker, Pilling and Hepler act as committee to purchase the Association.

Those present who agreed to be members of the company are as follows:—Messrs. Hansen, Woolf, Barker, Pilling, Hepler, Whitman, Rollins, H. Tanner, F. May, J. Anderson, Orson Anderson, S. O. Anderson, Moses Anderson, A. Perry, H. Donovan, S. Eversfield, W. Stratton and D. P. Woodruff.

Officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows:

President—James Hansen. 1st Vice President—E. N. Barker. 2nd Vice President—Arthur Perry. Secretary—S. M. Woolf.—Treasurer—S. L. Eversfield.

DIRECTORS.

J. Anderson, Eph. Barker, Thos. Duoc, W. Pilling, D. P. Woodruff, Thos. Woolford, Rev. Whitman, W. Stratton, Mr. Jelliff, Henry Tanner, Frank May, W. H. Brown, John Parrish, Tom Low and Willard Smith.

Auditors—Messrs Donovan and Hepler.

Moved by S. L. Eversfield, sec. Mr. Hepler that the Secretary be paid \$50.00 salary for his labor. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Barker, seconded W. H. Brown that we hold a Poultry Show in connection with our Seed Fair this coming winter. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

CIGARETTE EVILS

It is possible that the refusal of merchants, manufacturers, and professional men to employ boys addicted to the cigarette will do more to check the evil than all the laws passed or contemplated.

When a boy knows his future chance to earn a livelihood depends on his quitting the ill-smelling cigarette, the knowledge will doubtless have more effect on him than a dozen parents' or pedagogues' lecture upon the subject.

The beauty of the thing is that no manner of deceit will avail, for the cigarette-smoking boy carries a

literal sigh manual of his vice on his fingers.

A Chicago boy confessed recently that out of ten places to which he applied for work the head of not one neglected to ask him if he smoked cigarette. In a number of instances he was made to show his forefinger.

Few people will be sorry even if the action of the employers results in cutting off some of the profits of the cigarette trust. The dividend paid in brain, body and muscle will more than compensate the community.—Chicago Tribune.

Macleod-Cardston Railway

Messrs J. W. Woolf, and Malcolm Mackenzie (Macleod) left on Wednesday for Spokane, where they will hold conference with James Hill re the construction of the Macleod-Cardston railroad. After the interview is concluded Mr. Woolf will leave for Salt Lake City where he will make his future home.

To The Electors of Medicine Hat Constituency

Lethbridge, Alta.,
Nov., 26, 1908

Gentlemen:—

Owing to the immensity of this Riding you will readily realize the difficulty which I, as your representative at Ottawa, will have in keeping in close touch with each section of the District.

Within the past few weeks I have given this matter some thought and the best solution apparently is for me to endeavor to take advantage in the rural sections of the machinery of the School Districts.

There are two subjects common to the entire Riding which should have close attention, namely:

(1) Railway development.

(2) Improved mail facilities.

In order to successfully press our claims for railway extensions it is necessary for me to be able to place my finger on each particular locality on the map and give correct information as to what development is taking place there and the possibility of further development under proper transportation facilities.

The campaign through which I passed has given me a general knowledge, but what we need is specific information from each locality, I would therefore, be obliged if the Secretary-Treasurer in each School District would call a public meeting of the electors at an early date, this, I presume, can be done by a notice posted in the Post Office.

I still insist that I am in this political business for the people and to be able to work with some effect I need the fullest information as to the capabilities of each locality. Any Secretary-Treasurer who would like some idea as to the character of information which should be supplied, and will drop me a post card, I will gladly communicate with on the subject.

I take this opportunity of publicly thanking my friends for their generous efforts resulting in my election last month and I trust when the time arrives for me to retire from public life, be the time short or long, that they as well as the public in general will have reason to feel that I served them well and faithfully.

Yours Truly
C. A. Magrath.

Provincial Elections

From a reliable source we are informed that the provincial elections for Alberta will not take place before the coming summer. Another session will be held, commencing probably in January and lasting from six to eight weeks. The question of the redistribution of seats will be discussed and settled at the next session.