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Wheat!

Wheat!!  
Wheat!!!

Special correspondent  
Southern Alberta News.

Wheat! Wheat! Wheat! is all that one hears in any of the towns to the south in Stirling, Raymond, Magrath and Cardston. On the train, in the hotels, on the streets the one thing talked about is wheat. Farmers, fresh from the threshers, and begrimed with dust, shake from samble envelopes and tobacco sacks, handfuls of grain, and eager-faced men crowd around, look at it, handle it, crack it in their teeth and discuss its color or brightness, its weight and its grade. And they tell the inquirer about crops that threshed fifty, fifty-five, aye and sixty bushels to the acre.

On the Cardston train on Saturday W. H. Fairfield, director of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Lethbridge. He is going to Winnipeg this week as member for Alberta on the Western Canada Grain Standard Board, which is to meet for the purpose of discussing the advisability of establishing temporary commercial grades to aid the marketing of the present seasons crop, and so he had arranged with some of the most prominent farmers to meet him at the different points and give him their opinions of the average yield and the proportionate grades of the crop in that section of the country and to take any suggestions they might have for him to place before the board.

A conversation he had with Geo. W. Green, manager of the Ellison Milling and Elevator Company on the train was interesting. Mr. Green said that the lowest grade of wheat yet offered his firm, at any of their three mills, was No. 3 and the greater proportion of the wheat offered graded No. 1 and 2. Asked by Mr. Fairfield what effect, if any, had the September storm had on the wheat, Mr. Green said that the sun acting upon the wet grain in the stook had bleached it somewhat, but that the color was now improving considerably. Both he and Mr. Fairfield agreed that all the bleached grain which is stacked will, in passing through a sweat regain its color entirely.

Owing to heavy crops and the comparatively few threshers throughout the district only a small proportion of the crop is threshed. At least forty per cent of it is stacked and another forty per cent, owing to the scarcity of labor appears to be yet in the stook.

Close to Magrath station is pointed out the field which took first place in the standing grain competition and which threshed over sixty bushels to the acre. If stubble is anything to go by, it must have been a whale of a piece to see before cut.

At and between Raymond are acres upon acres of sugar beets. White men and Indians are busy hauling beets to the railroad or to the sugar factory at Raymond direct. Several hundred Indians, bucks, squaws, and paposes are busy in the fields pulling and topping the roots but still more labor is needed and the Sugar Company in order to get the work done before the frost, have been compelled to arrange with the Indian agent of the big Blackfoot reserve in Montana for several hundred more Indians to come over and help them.

Mr. William Thompson, who with his brother Mr. E. Thompson the father of winter wheat in

Alberta, has several thousand acres in crop, met Mr. Fairfield at Spring Coulee.

The crops around Spring Coulee run all the way from forty to sixty bushels to the acre, he said. Anything which had threshed out below that figure being so much in the minority as to be not worth counting.

A big proportion of the crop around Spring Coulee was bleached enough to knock it back a grade or two. Twenty per cent will grade No. 1, and from ten to twenty will not reach No. 3, but all the rest will grade two and three. Stacking, and so heavy is the crop that the greater part will have to be stacked, will bring it back a grade anyway.

Thos. H. Woolford, of Cardston, is another one of the large farmers of the district. He has a threshing gang at work and already has threshed several fields running over fifty bushels; one, Mr. Jelliff's averaged sixty-two bushels to the acre and would grade No. 1.

Mr. Woolford was of the same opinion as Mr. Thompson in regard to the grades that eighty per cent of the crop west of Spring Coulee would grade one two and three, and he, Mr. Thompson, Messrs. Martin Woolf, J. Woolf and E. N. Barker of Cardston, all suggested to Mr. Fairfield that he place before the grain board the fact that No. 1 northern and No. 1 Manitoba had to weigh only sixty pounds to the bushel, while under last year's amendment to the Grain Act Alberta Red, to grade No. 1, has to weigh sixty-two pounds with the result that, as Mr. Thompson pointed out, considerable Alberta Red, plumper, harder, brighter and heavier than wheat grading No. 1 northern or Manitoba hard, only graded No. 2. No doubt, Mr. Woolford said, it might fetch a higher price in the European market, just as No. 1 Manitoba was preferred to the American No. 1 grade, which need only weigh but fifty-nine pounds, but at the present the Alberta farmer was not reaping any benefit from it, and in fact it was making a difference the wrong way of about nine cents a bushel.

No wonder the farmer is pleased with himself. He has a banner crop. The prices are tip top. There is plenty of competition among the different buyers and if he prefers to ship himself he can get what cars he needs; for the elevator man must wait his turn with him. Only one man was heard to "kick." "The soil is too rich; we'll all forget how to farm," he said.

**The Capital is Ours.**

"We have the world by the tail and a down hill pull" is a typical Western phrase. The last wire between Cardston and Edmonton has been pulled and the Capital is ours for Two Dollars for so many minutes or thereabout. Just think of it! A direct line for a little over 400 miles—that's going some. If your friends in the old home think you are isolated just write and tell them that you have a telephone connection for a distance equal to over one half the mileage between here and Salt Lake City, Utah. In the course of a few days a Directory will be published comprising the entire Province of Alberta. It is only a little over a couple of years ago that the Bell Telephone Company came into Cardston and the fact that they have completed their long distance system in an all provincial route is to their praise and credit. If we happen to get in touch with the capital and exceed three minutes will the "Hello Girl" kindly shout "ring off" for Two Dollars is our limit.

**Westward Ho!**

It may be of more than ordinary interest to the people of Cardston and the readers of THE STAR to know what is going on in the West. You know that Horace Greeley said many years ago, "Go west young man and grow up with the country." That is still pretty good advice for a New Yorker and we may stretch the territory and say it is pretty good for a Cardstonian. Westward the course of Empire takes its way.

Just a few miles west of Cardston, in fact at our very doors there is much development going on of which we hear but little. There are three big Companies at work to say nothing of the Mineral Claims that are being developed. We have the Western Oil Company, the Rocky Mountain Oil Company and the Waterton Oil Land and Power Company.

The Western Oil Company of Vancouver, B. C. is digging three wells at the Kootenai Lakes and have machinery on the road for a fourth well. It is rumored that they have interested London Capital in the enterprise and that they are not cramped for the financial funds necessary to a consummation of their gigantic scheme. They are going after the oil and if it is there as they seem confident that it is, they will get it for keeps. This Company at least is determined to give the country a thorough test.

The Rocky Mountain Oil Company is drilling a new well about five hundred feet north of their present well which has been paying for the last year and a half. It is about two years ago that they struck oil at their first well and had at that time a flow of 45 barrels per day. The Rocky Mountain Oil Company has prospected continuously since they struck this well but have not met with the success that is their due. They have undoubtedly been working to one side of the channel or pool, having bored their former wells at a distance of from one to two miles from the present well. The well that they are now boring is situated at a right angle from their former wells and the Company is in hopes of striking oil in this direction. If successful it means a wonderful development of this part of Southern Alberta. It would create of Cardston within two years a city of from five to ten thousand as shown by the history of Beaumont, Texas and the Oil Fields of the Indian Territory. The people here do not realize what that oil strike would mean. History of Oil Fields throughout the United States show raises in value of land from the common price of farm land up to ten or even twenty thousand dollars an acre. It may not be amiss to deal in figures just for a moment. An oil refinery such as is necessary for refining say 1,000 barrels per day would employ about 1,000 men directly or indirectly. This industry would include all the mechanical trades from a blacksmith to a cooper. This is sufficient to show in a small way just what the enterprise would mean and there seems to be very little doubt of the existence of oil in great big quantities.

Another Company that is operating quite extensively and evidently have faith in the future of Southern Alberta is the Waterton Oil, Land and Power Company. They have, in the last year and a half, erected a saw mill, the capacity of which is 25,000 feet per day and also built a town near the Kootenai Lakes. They are employing steadily about 70 men and

have secured a tract of timber land comprising about 10,000 acres. Most of this land is situated in Montana but their market and outlet is Alberta and naturally they are assisting in the development of this country. This Company has expended over \$70,000,000 which is a very striking example of their practical faith in Southern Alberta.

THE STAR is at present working on an article showing the geological strata and formation, not only with regard to the western part of the district in its mining connection but also with special regard to the rich agricultural soil that lies to the base of the Mountains.

**Nelson-Bruce Production.**

Harold Nelson and Clifford Lane Bruce have been greatly in favor with the people of Cardston from the time of their first visit nearly four years ago. In the presentation of "A Western Girl" and "The Egyptian of Pompeii" last Monday and Tuesday evening they did not in the least deminish from but added to that popular favoritism, notwithstanding the fact that neither of these gentlemen were personally present. Mr. Joseph Stefani, and Miss Helena Scott taking the leading roles supported by a stronger following than even Messrs Nelson and Bruce could boast in their former production, discharged their parts in a most commendable style. Our old friend Travers was also there and in his character interpretation was not a whit behind the lead. Miss Miila Willard supporting Miss Scott in the second lead displayed most conclusively a wise stage experience. As we said before it would be hard to pick out any individual weakness they were all strong.

The Western girl is one of the most charming stories ever penned and the dramatization brings out the very best in Western and English life. The audience was highly and profusely appreciative of the strong moral sentiment and noble character of the Western Cowboys and the English gentility.

"The Egyptian of Pompeii," taken from the popular novel, "The Last Days of Pompeii" by Sir Bulwer Lytton, is too well known to need any specific reference. As exemplifying faith in the midst of violent persecution and revealing the courage and fidelity of the early Christians, it ranks equal to Quo Vadis.

The scenery was elaborate and the costuming elegant. The "Egyptian of Pompeii" proved a great favorite with the people of Cardston and brought forth much applause.

**Wounds, Bruises and Burns.**

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The Electric light effect in the presentation of "The Egyptian of Pompeii" in the Assembly Hall last Tuesday evening gave a vivid spectacular display that otherwise would have been lost.