THE LEADER GIVES ALL THE NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

GOVERNMENT ARE ASKED TO GIVE GUARANTEE

MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL UNION EXECUTIVE WAIT ON PREMIER

Mayor Cook of Prince Albert Urges Government Guarantee of Bonds to Reasonable Limit—Does Not Believe Credit of Province Would Be impaired — Two Alternative Schemes Suggested.

From Thursday Morning's Leader.

The president of the Saskatchewan Union of Municipalities, Mayor R. S. Cook, of Prince Albert, together with Mayor J. A. Gregory, of North Battleford and ex-Mayor McAra, of Regina, waited upon Premier Walter Scott yesterday afternoon for the purpose of laying before the government the views of the Municipal Union with regard to the government guarantee of municipal bonds.

Mayor Cooke in introducing the matter to Mr. Scott's notice briefly reviewed the effects upon western municipalities of the present financial stringency and the difficulty experienced in floating municipal bonds required for the carrying on of necessary public works.

The suggestion put forward by the Union for the government's consideration was that the government should come forward to the assistance of the municipalities by guaranteeing their debentures, which would enable them the more easily to find a market. As an alternative suggestion the delegation proposed that the publication of municipal debentures should be made through the government, which it was thought would materially assist in the flotation of loans.

Government Will Consider Proposals

Mr. Scott in reply to the delegation stated that he had listened with interest to what had been said and that he quite appreciated the difficulties arising through the present financial position. In the absence, however, of the provincial treasurer, Hon. J. A. Calder, and without consulting his other colleagues he was not as they would readily understand prepared to say more at that time than that the representations made to him would receive the government's very best attention. In conclusion he suggested that the proposals made to him should be put in writing in order that they might be submitted to Mr. Calder as soon as he returned to the city.

Mr. Cook Explains

Seen by The Leader after the delegations interview with the Premier, Mr. Cook stated that they had every reason to be satisfied with their reception.

Questioned as to the proposals made Mr. Cook admitted that they were in the nature of an inovation and that he did not know of any other province the government of which made a practice of guaranteeing municipal debentures. But he thought that under the exceptional circumstances existing at the present time in the money markets of the world and the peculiar conditions naturally existing in a new country that exceptional measures such as had been outlined to the Premier would be justifiable.

Asked whether he did not think that the action of the government in guaranteeing municipal bonds might not lead to the impairment of the government's credit, Mr. Cook replied that he did not think so. The Manitoba government had guaranteed the bonds of the C. N.R. for an enormous amount, but without, he believed, injuring the provincial credit.

A Limited Guarantee

It was not proposed, continued Mr Cook, that the government should guarantee bonds to the full extent of the borrowing power of a municipality It was possible that a government guarantee to the extent of 25 per cent. of the municipality's bonusing power would meet the needs of the situation. Mr. Cook recalled the fact that the Manitoba government had in the past found it necessary to assume the financial responsibility of several Manitoba towns, including Brandon and Emerson, without the government incurring any loss.

In further explanation of the proposal, Mr. Cook stated that so far from a government guarantee tending to unduly encourage municipal expenditure, he believed that it would have a contrary effect. The government would undoubtedly employ an inspector who would advise them as to the healthy state or otherwise of a municipality's assessment, and in cases where the assessment was inflated a government guarantee would be refused or cut down to what might be considered a reasonable figure.

Government Loans

Another proposal, according to Mr. Cook, which it was possible the Provincial government might be asked to consider as a sort of alternative scheme, was that the government itself should take up the municipal bonds. The government could borrow money at 4 per cent. and loan it out at 4 1-2 per cent. which would fully cover any expense to which the government might be put. He certainly thought that something along the lines suggested would have to be done in order to relieve the situation.

MOOSOMIN NOTES

Open Tennis Tournament. All Dogs Quarantined. Oddfellows' Picnic

MOOSOMIN, Aug. 7.—The annual Tennis Tournament for the 22nd to 24th inst., is announced. In addition to the usual prizes the Henry Birks and Sons gold medal for the gentleman winning the greatest number of sets throughout is offered. The club now has five first class cinder courts and would be glad to receive outside entries in good time.

Messrs. G. Niff and J. Sharp obtained second place in the gentlemen's doubles at the Brandon Tennis tournament last week.

The Oddfellows held a monster picnic on Friday last at the Pipestone. This lodge is now one of the most active and enthusiastic in the west, and is constantly recruiting fresh members.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Elwood have gone to British Columbia for the holidays.

Mrs. Gorham, of Rainy River, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Wark.

R. G. Combe was a business visitor to Balcarres last week.

Consternation reigns among the owners of canines, as the Dominion Government Veterinary Inspector has placed all dogs within an area of 12 miles north and south, and 9 miles east and west of town in quarantine. This drastic action is the result of his investigating a couple of cases of rabies, lately reported by local veterinaries. Local inspectors have been appointed to enforce the regulation.

The Municipal Construction Co., are rushing the work on the sewerage and waterworks system. The gang of men has been doubled, and a Buckeye traction ditcher is about to be installed. This machine is capable of digging 1,500 feet daily. T. H. Masterson is giving the work his personal supervision.

Mr. Pope, the Government auditor was in town this week on official business.

Const. Davies, R. N. W. M. P., has been transferred from here to take charge of the Esterhazy branch.

Miss Nette Lake, of Winnipeg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Stewart.

Dr. R. G. Armstrong has just returned from his long trip to Great Slave Lake.

HEWARD HAPPENINGS

Methodist Congregation Buy Residence for Parsonage

HEWARD, Sask., Aug. 7.—L. R. Adams has sold his residence on White street to the Methodist congregation to be used for a parsonage. The price paid is said to be $2,200.

Mr. Adams started this morning to excavate for a new residence on Lenord street. He will likely put up a much better house than the one sold.

Mrs. O'Harow and her son John left on Thursday last for Esmond, N. D., to visit friends before settling in their new home.

Mr. J. Amon, who disposed of his barber business here a short time ago, leaves today with his household and effects for Regina where he intends doing business.

BATTLEFORD—The bylaw granting a bonus of $10,000 to the Battleford Milling and Elevator Co., was read twice and ordered to be voted on by the ratepayers on Aug. 31st.

Gold is reported to have been discovered by a contractor on the G. T. R. at a point about 75 miles southwest of Battleford. Samples have been sent east for analysis.

ROSTHERN—Rosthern's rate of taxation for 1907 is eighteen mills on the dollar. This was fixed by the Council in regular session on Monday evening. Several other important matters were dealt with. With the exception of Col. McGregor, who was out of town, the whole Council attended.

A Minneapolis firm has secured the contract to build a town hall for Rosthern to cost $20,000.

OXBOW—The telephone poles have been placed where they are to be erected, which work will be commenced immediately. It is expected to have this system in working order in two months time.

The crop outlook in this district continues quite favorable, and with a couple of weeks fine warm weather and an occasional rain shower the prospects are in favor of a good average yield in this district.

The rate of taxation was struck at the Council meeting last Monday evening. The rate this year will be 16 mills on the dollar—7 mills on the town assessment and 9 mills for the school.

MAPLE CREEK—Jas. Fulton, assistant foreman of R. Cuttings extra gang, working at Cummings, 30 miles west of here, was brought into Maple Creek hospital on Sunday evening in an unconscious condition. It is supposed that Fulton was going from Irvine to Cummings on a freight train and upon reaching his destination jumped off. He fell and was found sometime afterward lying alongside the track by one of the men who brought him to Maple Creek. Dr. Deane was called, and after examination, sent him to the hospital. He was suffering from a fracture in the base of the skull. He died shortly afterwards.

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HOMESTEADER KILLED NEAR CRAIK IN BIG CYCLONE

THURSDAY'S STORM SWEEPS BIG AREA. TERRIFIC WIND DEVASTATES CERTAIN LOCALITIES, OVERTURNING SETTLERS' SHACKS. GEORGE SHAFFER MEETS HIS DEATH BY BLOWING AWAY OF HIS HOUSE. LITTLE DAMAGE BY HAIL. TEAM KILLED NEAR TYVAN.

From Friday's Morning Leader

Homesteader Killed

The storm, the edge of which struck Regina about 6 o'clock on Thursday afternoon appears to have covered a fairly large area, moving eastward from north of Moose Jaw. In places the wind assumed the violence of a tornado, doing considerable damage. With the eccentricities peculiar to such storms, certain sections seem to have suffered its full violence, while the intervening country suffered comparatively little hurt. While the hail stones were phenominally large, they were in most instances not sufficiently numerous to do much damage, though several farms near Lumsden, Balgonie and other points were hailed out. One victim at least was claimed in the person of George Shaffer, near Craik.

Cyclone Claims Victim Near Craik

CRAIK, Sask., Aug. 9.—The storm which swept over this district on Thursday afternoon gained in fury, as it neared Last Mountain Lake and a number of homesteaders' shacks were wrecked and one life lost there.

The victim was George Shaffer, who came from Lamont, Okla., this spring. He was found lying in a pool of water about a hundred yards from the spot where the shack had stood and died shortly afterwards. The rib had fractured the lung and a blow had inflicted a bad fracture at the base of the skull.

The supposition is that he was in bed at the time the storm struck the shack and lifted it bodily from the ground and dashed it to pieces several hundred yards away. The body was brought to Craik today and sent to his former home in the States.

Two other shacks were destroyed but fortunately they were unoccupied at the time. A little hail fell, but practically no damage was done to the crops.

Account of Eye-Witness

L. H. Smith, an American settler farming a section of land on the west side of Last Mountain Lake, some distance from Craik, arrived in the city last evening from the north, conveying the body of George Shaffer who met death in the storm of Thursday evening.

Seen last evening at Vons' hotel, Mr. Smith stated that the storm struck the district in which his farm is located about 6 o'clock Thursday evening. Accompanied by heavy rain and a slight amount of hail, a tremendous wind, amounting indeed to a cyclone, raged for a short period.

Section 25-25-25, east of Craik, on which were the homesteads of the deceased man, George Shaffer, Smith's son, Emmanuel Smith, and Smith's cousin, appears to have come in for the full brunt of the storm. The wind, indeed, according to Mr. Smith, seems to have swooped down on that particular section, doing comparatively little damage elsewhere in the immediate neighborhood. On that section the three shacks owned by the men mentioned were blown over.

Observing that his son's house had been overturned, Mr. Smith mounted a horse and rode over to ascertain the damage, but was relieved to find that his son was not at home at the time. Going on to Shaffer's overturned shack, Mr. Smith failed to find any trace of the owner. Further search, however, disclosed Shaffer lying where his house had first struck the ground, some 200 or 300 yards away from its customary location. The man was still alive, though very badly battered and dying. He had apparently been in the shack at the time that the wind lifted it and after the building struck the ground to have been in it and received his injuries while it turned over on the ground. When the shack finally collapsed and liberated the man he was left lying upon the ground, the ruins being blown some distance further. The injured man lingered on until 7 o'clock the following morning, when he expired.

Four miles east of the section on which the three shacks mentioned were destroyed, near the lake, Mr. Smith states that another house was blown over.

The deceased man, Shaffer, was described by Mr. Smith as a man of splendid character and notable physique. He was about 35 years of age. Mr. Smith proceeds south with the remains today to the dead man's old home in Lamont, Oklahama, where his relatives reside.

Team Struck at Tyvan

TYVAN, Sask., Aug. 9.—During a heavy thunderstorm near here about 5 o'clock this evening, a team of horses was struck by lightning and killed. Five people were driving in the conveyance and stopped on account of the storm with the idea of taking shelter under a hay rick. Two of the men were unhitching the team when a flash of lightning struck them, killing the horses and giving one of the men a slight shock.

Hailed Out Near Lumsden

LUMSDEN, Sask., Aug. 9.—A severe thunder storm struck several farms south of here last night. Nelson and Peter Burrows, Joseph Patterson and Winnon suffered considerable damage to their crops. Altogether about a section of wheat was hailed out. No further damage is reported except to vegetable gardens.

House Struck Near Indian Head

INDIAN HEAD, Sask., Aug. 9.—A heavy storm passed over this district last evening, bringing with it great sheets of rain and large hail stones. The hail stones were large but not numerous enough to do any damage in the immediate vicinity of the town. It was reported early today that the Wide-Awake districts had suffered very severely. Your correspondent was unable to confirm the rumor, however, everyone being spoken to late in the day denying the report. On the drive north and west of the town not the slightest damage could be seen.

Curtis Moore's house, about two miles east of town, was struck by lightning during the storm and was badly wrecked. The lightning entered the chimney, passed into the room above, bored a hole through a mattress, forced the gable end and windows, went into the lower storey and tore the door off, stunning Miss Moore who was standing in the doorway. She was unconscious for several minutes, but is fully recovered today.

Village Wrecked by Tornado.

TUXFORD, Sask., Aug. 9.—A tornado, which in scope seems to have been local, swept Tuxford yesterday with such violence that probably not a building in the village escaped damage. A driving wind, darkening clouds, and blinding dust heralded the storm, which moved the Anglican church, Williams' hotel and a large barn from their foundations, reduced a hardware store to matchwood, turned an ice cream parlor upside down, ripped up sidewalks and filled the air with wreckage. Fortunately no one was killed, though one of the proprietors of the hardware store escaped as by a miracle.

Four Inches of Ice Near Regina

BALGONIE, Aug. 9.—A storm from the northwest broke over the district yesterday. Fortunately not much damage was done, the situation in the area principally affected, that north of Balgonie, being less grave than was at first supposed.

Some farmers, however, have to deplore the loss of their entire crop. Adolph Miller and Conrad Brodt cultivate respectively a half section and three-quarters of a section about ten miles northeast of Regina, and yesterday morning had a flourishing growth of wheat. A hailstorm three miles wide beat down late in the day, and at 9 o'clock this morning over four inches of ice had covered up the summer fallow.

The brother of Mr. Brodt resides at Regina.

SEED GRAIN COMPETITION

Farmers Enter 285 Fields in Competition. Judging This Month

That the Saskatchewan farmers appreciate the value of the competitions in standing fields of seed grain, is evidenced by the large number of agricultural societies that are holding them. Thirty-seven of the fifty-one societies in the province are holding a competition this year against thirty-one of last year. The number of entries of this year is also in excess of last. During the present month 285 fields, the total number entered in the competition will be examined by the judges, who will first have a preliminary meeting at Indian Head on the 15th inst. when they will practise scoring up fields before starting at those entered in the competition. Judges have been chosen but the competitions that they will judge have not been allotted them yet. This will be done at Indian Head.

The judges are:—

J. H. Fraser. Qu'Appelle, Sask.
Thomas R. Brown, Regina.
A. Switzer, Maple Creek.
A. P. Crisp, Moosomin.
John A. Brown, Spy Hill.
Sgt. Major Coles, Spy Hill.
F. W. Green, Moose Jaw.
L. G. Bell, South Qu' Appelle.
A. E. Wilson, Indian Head.

It is expected that Peter Fergusson, Strassburg and Ira A. Brown, Estevan, will also be secured.

NEWS FROM ESTEVAN

Construction of New Elevator Started. Theft Charge Dismissed

ESTEVAN, Aug. 7.—The Imperial Elevator Company's outfit is here, and construction of the new elevator has started, the site being just east of J. A. Smith's cold storage. In making room for the elevator, Estevan loses an old landmark, the oldest grain warehouse belonging to G. C. Duncan having to be removed. This was one of the first buildings erected in Estevan.

The Estevan Milling Company are making large alterations and additions to their mill in view of the bumper crop this fall.

Canon Cosgrave, of Durham, England will preach in St. Matthew's church on Sunday next.

Mr. F. S. Hooper has left the contract for a fine new brick veneer residence to be built on his lots, on Second street, west of J. A. Smith's residence.

A farmer, named Fred Lacoste came into town two days ago, and after sleeping off the effects of a drunk in a barn, he accused William Mooney of relieving him of $190 whilst asleep. The case came before Magistrate Hastings today, who after hearing the evidence dismissed the charge, and mulcted Lacoste in the costs.

MILESTONE FAIR AND CELEBRATION

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND SPORTS AND RACE MEETING— EXCITING BALL GAMES

MILESTONE, Sask., Aug. 6.—This town today had its first annual civic celebration with a full programme of sports and racing, culminating with an open air dance in the evening, for which the Milestone band provided the music. The day went off splendidly, the only lapse in the programme being due to the failure of the Rouleau football club to turn up for the game advertised for the morning.

Originally arranged under the auspices of the local baseball club, the celebration was broadened by the active co-operation of the newly formed Milestone Turf club, and a good racing programme helped to fill in the afternoon.

The turf club recently purchased 33 acres, just south of the town and adjoining the flax mill, and within the last week and a half wonders have been done in the way of making a first-class half mile track and laying out a baseball diamond and general athletic grounds within the circuit.

Credit for this is due the president, Pat. Murphy, the executive and the indefatigable secretary, Leslie Cameron, and though the track was naturally rather slow, it has been laid out with judgment on a picturesque site, and when the fencing has been completed will be equal to any within the province.

Its unfinished condition contributed to several minor accidents, in one of which a small girl was kicked down and run over by a sulky, but was not seriously injured.

An extraordinary episode took place in the second heat of the pony race, when one of them cut out from the bunch, running in the back stretch and jumped clean over the double trees of a team and rig standing inside the track, clearing the pit without injury to any one in the rig or its own rider.

The first and third heats of this race were won by Billy with Ginger second, and also winner of the second heat, but as the owner of the first named refused to submit his entry to the test of measurement for 14 and a half hands, he was disqualified and the race awarded to Ginger.

Summary:

First Race, 2.40 Trot

Willie Woodline, 1, 1.
Dick Turpin, 2, 2.
Alice Billings, 3, 3.

Second Race, Farmers' Trot

Economy, 1, 1.
Daisy T, 2, 2.
Grey Horse, 3, 3.

Third Race, Free For All

Half mile heats, running—
Saxony, 1, 2, 1.
Derby, 2, 1, 2.
Seed, 3, 3, 3.
Squaw fell in the first heat. Spare Ribs, Spot, Rob and Old Stitts also ran.

Fourth Race, Pony Race

Half mile heats. Under fourteen and a half hands—
Ginger, 2, 1, 2.
Diana, 3, 2, 3.
Nigger, 3, 4, 3.
Billie was disqualified as failing to measure.
Bonnie Major and Coppie also ran.

Fifth Race, Farmers' Green Trot

Blackie, 1, 1.
Kitty Bristow, 3, 2.
Nig and Mayflower also ran.

Baseball Competition

Although putting up a good fight the local baseball aggregation, which is champion in the Canadian Soo line territory, went down to defeat before the team from Bow Bells, N.D. The local twirlers have beaten the Dakota men twice this season and it was a picked state nine that travelled up to Milestone today. The final score was 6 to 1 in their favor.

J. W. Tripp, formerly of the Maroons and now located at Oxbow, was catcher for the visitors and made a very successful double play in the fourth innings. The junior locals were also out in luck, losing in the seventh innings after a stiff fight to the Lang juniors by 20 to 19.

Large crowds came in from the surrounding closely settled country and about a thousand passed through the gates.

The crops in this district are doing better than is indicated by common reports.

Rider's Pony Tripped

TYVAN, Sask., Aug. 9.—While rounding up a cow near here today, a man received serious injuries through the tripping up of the pony he was riding over the tether rope of another cow. When found, the man, whose name is stated to be Anderson, was in an unconscious state.

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INDIAN HEAD ITEMS

Preparations for Regatta and Big Summer Fair

INDIAN HEAD, Sask., Aug. 7.—Another railway construction gang passed through town today to the road running north west of Moose Jaw. There were some forty teams in the procession.

Fair Play and Indian Head played an exciting baseball match this evening in the park, the visitors wining out by the score of ten runs to nine. A big crowd witnessed the game which was very close all the way through.

The committee of the aquatic association met to-night in the town hall to arrange the final details in connection with the big regatta which will be held at Lake Katewpa on Monday, August 19th. Both Indian Head and Balcarres and probably Abernethy will hold their annual civic holidays on that day, the programmes have just been printed and are being distributed.

The Dominion Government is being requested to take seats at various points along the avenues at the experimental farm.

Hon. W. R. Motherwell's son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gillespie and Miss Olive Steuck, returned this evening from their trip to the Pacific coast.

The Agricultural Society met again this afternoon. All arrangements for the big fair on Tuesday and Wednesday next have been made and the secretary is getting to be a busy man, receiving entries and looking over the general work of preparation.

INDIAN HEAD, Aug. 8.—Large numbers from Indian Head are attending the Qu' Apelle fair this afternoon, many taking advantage of the regular weekly half holiday to see the big football match between the Brittanias, of Winnipeg, and the Shamrocks, of Qu'Apelle.

A deputation left Indian Head for Regina this morning to interview the education department in matters relative to our high schoool here. The members of the deputation are Mayor Donnelly, J. H. Francis, N. S. Campbell and D. S. Williams.

H. A. Brooks left this morning to take up his residence in Kaslo, B. C. Mr. Brooks has been closely identified with the business interests of the town for several years.

The new polo grounds have all been broken up and are being levelled. The polo team are looking forward to better times for polo in the future.

Grand Avenue is being retouched these days, many business blocks getting new coats of paint. H. H. Henry and Gold Bros. are among the number.

Mr. Osment, the proprietor of the opera house is engaged in painting the scenery for the presentation of "H. M. S. Pinafore" next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Full dress rehearsals are being held for the latter every evening, all the costumes having now arrived.

J. J. Dale, who was handling a fractious team last evening, was badly injured. The team while being hitched up ran away and jumped upon an iron gate throwing it down. Dale was thrown against a scantling with such force that he broke it and sustained severe internal injuries.

A NICE POINT

Oxbow Magistrates Consider Interesting Lien Note Case

OXBOW, Sask., Aug. 7.—A case of more than ordinary interest to lien note holders was given a preliminary hearing here this afternoon, before Messrs E. O. Chappell and T. H. Gregson, justices of the peace. A man called Charles Zelickson charged two men called George Yates and John T. Birtch with stealing a sorrel mare, his property. The complainant bought the mare from a man named Black, who gave a man called Hannah a lien note covering this mare and another horse. The defendants admitted taking the mare, but claimed color of right under the lien note which was assigned by Hannah to Yates. The lien note was registered in the district office, but the affidavit required by the ordinance was defective, and the prosecution contended that owing to the defect in the affidavit the holder of the note had no lien as against Zelickson, a purchaser for value. The magistrates returned the defendants for trial ,bail being accepted.

Mr. J. D. Murphy appeared for the complainant, and Mr. B. B. Teed for the defendants.

PRESSMEN ORGANIZE

Newspaper Men of Pheasant Hills District Form Association

ESTEVAN, Sask., Aug. 6.—Pressmen of the Pheasant Hills branch of the C. P. R. held a meeting at the "Observer" office, Esterhazy on Monday, Aug. 5th, for the purpose of organizing a press association for the branch. Messrs E. L. Small, of the Strassburg "Mountaineer"; R. E. Rollins of the Lemburg "Leader"; M. Ferguson, of the "Gazette," Earl Grey; and T. Brown and A. Ford of the "Observer," Esterhazy were present. The following officers were elected: E. Lorne Small, Pres.; A. Ford secretary-treasurer. The object of the association is not antagonistic to the Western Canada Press Association, but is formed to look after the interests of the press along the branch, with the possibility of enlarging to a Saskatchewan association. A meeting of the new association will be held at Strassburg about December 1st, of which notice will be given to all interested, by the secretary-treasurer.

BALGONIE INCORPORATION

Big Programme of Sports Arranged. Horse Racing and Grand Ball

Balgonie is making big preparations for the celebration of its incorporation as a town. Friday Aug. 16th is the date. A big programme of athletic sports has been arranged and this together with six horse racing events make up a big bill of entertainment. The events include two free-for-all, Farmers' green trot, pony Indian and slow races. A grand Calithumpian parade and a ball at night. The Regina Town band has been engaged.

CITIZEN'S DAY AT SASKATOON

TWELVE THOUSAND PEOPLE WITNESS EXCITING DAY OF SPORT AT FAIR

SASKATOON, Sask., Aug. 7.—Citizens' day at the fair. Tonight the management are congratulating themselves upon the immense crowds which from early morning attended the park on the river bank where the hub's first summer fair was held. Long into the night the grounds were scenes of animation.

The races were again a strong feature. An unfortunate incident occurred in the second heat of the three minute trot, when Billy D., owned by G. J. Wales, Winnipeg, collided with Myrtle O., and burst a blood vessel, the horse dying immediately. The driver was uninjured.

Billy D. took the first heat handily. Vets say the horse had burst a blood vessel causing him to fail. The dead horse was a hot favorite for the event.

Baby Ketchum, owned by A. M. Shaw, Langham got the race.

Mattie Weaver, Geo. Stalker, Prince Albert, took three straights in the 2.15 trot.

Velma, W. W. Barton, Dundurn was second.

Mile dash—Fanny Blazer Champagne, Battleford, first.

Pink Marsh, Howell, Strathcona, second. Track record 1.47 1-2.

The stock judging was close in most of the classes covering record, and breaking the list of entries.

Humboldt won the ball game from Langham this evening.

In the band contest Saskatoon was first, Davidson, Langham and Rosthern following in the order of merit.

Professor Laubach, of Regina, was the judge.

The directors say tonight that over twelve thousand attended the fair today.

Two races and ball games in order to fill the racing card will be carried over as extra events for Friday.

Lieut. Governor Forget was an interested visitor at the fair today and left tonight for Winnipeg in private car.

SASKATOON, Sask., Aug. 8.—A grand illumination of fireworks brought to a close tonight the big fair of the Central Saskatchewan Agricultural society.

Whatever misgivings may have been held at the commencement of the preparation for a summer fair at so short a time has been forgotten in the huge success registered.

Visitors from all parts of the country join in declaring the show one of the very best, as to exhibits, and most entertaining in features that go to make a good holiday outing.

Another big programme of races was worked off today the events running welll into the evening.

A picked up team of Saskatoons won a ball game from Humboldt this morning and the home footballers took a win from Davidson.

Little Bob, Patterson, Saskatoon, won the 2.20 trot.

Hugh Scott, entry of Hudson, Prince Albert was second, and Frank C., entry of Hutcheon, Saskatoon third.

Joe Interest, Scott, Treherne, Man., took the free for all.

Grasshopper, Playford, Dauphin, second, and Sunbeam, Watson, Edmonton third.

Pink Marsh, Howell, Strathcona, took the half mile dash with Fanny Blazes, Champagne, Battleford second.

Tiger Jim, Howell, was easy for the pony run.

Fred Clark, Saskatoon won a matched hundred yard foot race from W. Best for one hundred dollars.

WILL CUT AUGUST 25TH.

Mayor of Prince Albert Says Northern Crops in Pink of Condition.

From Thursday's Morning Leader

Mayor R. S. Cook of Prince Albert, who has been attending the convention of Saskatchewan Municipalities, in conversation with The Leader yesterday, spoke in the most glowing terms of the prospects of the northern city and the adjacent district.

From Rosthern to a considerable distance north of Prince Albert, said Mr. Cook, the crops were in the best possible condition and it was expected that cutting would commence on the 25th of this month. That the northern part of the province was assured of a good crop, Mr. Cook held was absolutely certain. They did not know what a crop failure was in the north. He himself had a farm on the outskirts of Prince Albert and had inspected the crop on it just previous to coming south. The grain then stood over 4½ feet high and was in the best possible condition and this was especially the case with the oat crop, so much so in fact that there was some likelihood of trouble from the grain lodging.

Speaking of Prince Albert itself, Mr. Cook said that the city was enjoying a wonderful era of prosperity.

The great sawmill of the Prince Albert Lumber Co. was cutting some 356,000 feet of lumber a day. With a pay roll of close on $60,000 a month the mill was naturally an important factor in the city's prosperity. Referring to the municipal improvements being carried out, Mr. Cook said that when these were completed Prince Albert would rank among the foremost of the model cities of the West.

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