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The Cardston Board of Trade

The Lethbridge Herald of Jan. 18th, says:
One of the liveliest institutions in Southern Alberta is the Cardston Board of Trade. Its annual report in the Star would be a revelation to many other Boards of what can be accomplished with a limited amount of money if it is gone after right.

School Progress

Remarkable in Alberta

Edmonton, Jan. 7.—During the past year the province of Alberta has erected 179 school districts, an increase over last year's increase, of 11, according to a statement made by the premier this morning. A total of 234 new departments were opened, which is at the rate of a little over one for every school day in the year. The total grants paid by the department were \$325,119. The total debenture issue authorized was \$975,000.

The Mail Order Catalogue

When the catalogue comes from your mail order house, draw an easy chair to the table where the light will shine full upon the page and put on your glasses that no bargains may escape your eye. What a wonderful book it is to be sure—wonderful for what it does not contain as well as for what it does contain. We wish things which we would be glad to see. Where is there an offer to pay cash or exchange goods for your wheat, oats, corn, beans, butter, eggs and hay? How much do they pay for cattle, sheep and hogs f. o. b. at your depot? How much tax will they pay to support your schools and educate your children, for improving roads and bridges, the support of the poor of the county, for the expense of running the business, township, county and province? On what page is their offer to contribute money to church? What line of credit will they extend to you when your crops are poor and money gone when through illness or misfortune you are not able to send "Cash with order" for your groceries, clothing, farm tools and crockery? Where is their offer to contribute to your entertainment next year? Did they do it last year? In short will they do anything to provide a market for what you have to sell and thereby keep up the value of your estate? Will they do anything for social, church, school or government support, or do they take your dollars out of the community with no returns except the goods you buy, and do they give you any better goods for the same money than your home merchant?—Commercial.

Cardston Seed Fair

The fourth annual Seed Fair of the Cardston Agricultural Society will be held in the Assembly Hall Cardston, Monday, Jan. 24th. Substantial prizes are offered for all kinds of farm seeds.

Program.
12.00 noon. Judging.
8.00 p.m. Public meeting.
Addresses by Hugh MacKintosh, Macleod, Alta., and W. H. Fairfield, Superintendent Experimental Farm, Lethbridge, Alta.

LEGISLATURE HAS WORK TO DO

Session Will Be Longer Than Was Expected

Edmonton, Jan. 17.—Contrary to expectations of the past few weeks the coming session of the legislature now promises to be a lengthy one with large amount of business both of a public and private nature. At the session of the provincial government Friday a large part of the time was taken in discussion of legislation of the different departments. The four

ministers have each a number of bills which they wish to be passed and these will occupy considerable time. "There will be a great deal more work than we at first anticipated," said Premier Rutherford this morning in speaking of the coming session. The bills both public and private are coming in rapidly and are much greater in number than was at first expected.

MRS. BENSON PASSES AWAY

One of the Pioneers of Southern Alberta

There passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs. Thomas S. Gregson in Kimball, one of the pioneers of Southern Alberta, Sister Matilda C. Benson, wife of the late B. O. Benson, died on Saturday last after a severe illness from general debility aggravated by cancer.

Sister Benson had a long and eventful career. Born Mar. 3rd, 1839 in Sweden, she heard the Gospel and was baptised Feb. 7th, 1855 in Stockholm, emigrated to Utah in 1873, married John Manguson in 1874, but her husband died the next year.

In 1879 she became the wife of

B. O. Benson and to this union were born two children, a son and a daughter. Together with her husband she became one of the early pioneers in Cardston, and died as she had lived, beloved by all who knew her and in full hopes of a glorious resurrection. Funeral services were held in the Aetna meeting house under the direction of Bishop N. W. Tanner and his Councillors, consoling remarks being made by a number of speakers and old acquaintances all testifying to the goodness and worth of the deceased. The interment took place in the Cardston cemetery.

TO CONNECT WITH CARDSTON

British Capitalists Will Build Railway From Winnipeg

Montreal, Jan. 10.—The Herald says: Lord Albert Fitzroy Somerset, brother of the Duke of Beaufort, accompanied by Mr. J. E. Leiter, of Chicago were here yesterday in company with local capitalists regarding a great new railway project. They are on their way from the west to New York, whence Lord Somerset intends to sail for England on Wednesday.

During the greater part of their stay here they remained on their private car, Wisteria, outside Bonaventure station, and they were seen by a newspaper representative to whom some particulars were given regarding the big railway project with which they and a number of western capitalists are associated.

gold fields stretching beyond it towards the Yukon, which are still believed to embrace the mother lode from which the gold of the Klondike originates came, would yield in abundance the most lucrative kind of traffic.

Lord Somerset says the charters which have been accrued are those of the Northern Empire Railway company, and the Manitoba and British Columbia. The whole of the interests have been absorbed by the syndicate which will shortly be formed into a company. No difficulty whatever is anticipated in the matter of the raising of the necessary capital for this gigantic enterprise, which will be in a sense international, as it will have connection from Lethbridge to Cardston on the United States boundary from which it will connect with the Great Northern.

The mention of Mr. Hill's road naturally prompted the inquiry from Mr. Leiter whether that enterprising railway magnate was associated with the project. "I am not in a position to say what Mr. Hill's relations are at present," replied the Chicago capitalist. "So far as they have gone they are of a purely confidential character, but I may tell you that Mr. Hill is greatly impressed by the practicability and economic importance of the railway which he considers a good paying proposition if the contemplated route which he favors is adopted."

Farmers Petition For Railway

To Standoff

A petition is being circulated, and liberally signed by the farmers living south of town, which is addressed to the C. P. R. and demands better railway facilities for that populous and growing region between Macleod and Standoff. The petition recites that there is a population of about 1,200 in the district who are urgently in need of better facilities for getting their grain and other crops to market.

It represents that the wheat and oats raised here will compare favorably with any produced in Alberta. It states that a charter and subsidy has already been granted to a Macleod corporation and the suggestion is that the C. P. R. should take hold of this enterprise. The route is an easy one, with no rivers to cross in the first 15 miles and no coulees. The petitioners believe that the construction of such a road would be a paying investment and prove a substantial feeder to the company's line.

The Macleod, Cardston and Montana is the name of the corporation now existing by Macleod capitalists and it is this charter that the farmers think should be utilized.—Macleod Advertiser.

Waterways Treaty Will Be Ratified

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Sir Wilfred Laurier is expected shortly to make the announcement that Canada has agreed to consent to the ratification of the waterways treaty between this country and the United States. The delay has been due to a rider attached to the American treaty in respect to St. Mary's river.

The January Rod and Gun

With the advent of another year Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Woodstock, Ont., is to the front with a fine issue for January. Running through all the stories—and there are many of them—is that pleasant out-door tone which always proves a healthful tonic, the plentiful supply of which, in stories and pictures, has given the magazine an assured position. Fishing and hunting experiences are interspersed with camping stories, Indian legends, prospecting tales of the Queen Charlotte Islands and strange happenings in the backwoods, all appealing in some of their many sidedness to sportsmen of varied taste and inclinations. In reading such delightful stories, everyone redolent of the actual, one lives over again some of one's own pleasures, thus obtaining a double measure from the outing which yielded so much enjoyment at the time. To begin the New Year well and continue throughout in the same good way, the companionship of Rod and Gun should be secured. If he adopts this course the sportsman will have continual reminders throughout the year of his own outings, and additions to the bright anticipations with which he looks forward to future joys. Of these reminiscences and anticipations no one can rob him, but Rod and Gun adds to both, and makes the year one continual pleasure, no part of which the sportsman will lose if he secures its companionship for the ensuing twelve months.