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The most successful school day for the entire district was spent yesterday May 11th, at the Cardston school by all the teachers of the Cardston District. There were 40 teachers present. Inspector Owen Williams B. A. is responsible for this innovation in the educational activities of this district. To say the least, the day was most beneficial to the future welfare of our schools, as the whole day was given over to a program dealing entirely with the actual class room problems of the teachers. Cardston is indeed fortunate in having an educator like Inspector Williams residing in our midst, and this very successful institute is only one evidence of this fact.

To summarize the results of the day's deliberations we may say that FIVE real objects were attained.

First, the very able address by Mr. G. L. Woolf on "Better English" was put in the most practical form and every teacher present was helped in his composition and Grammar teaching.

Also the ideal of the "Superlative" teacher was most ably held up to the view of the teachers by Mr. E. L. Pharis. It is a fine thing to remember the goal you are striving for, and Mr. Pharis' address was certainly inspiring.

The third result was the question of "Supervised Study" being most

ably explained and exemplified by John Blackmore B. A. Perhaps in no other phase of the work done will more tangible results accrue than in the discussion held upon this very practical class room problem.

The next phase was the matter of school records. The present system in use in Cardston was an inspiration to the visiting teachers and will be the means of obtaining more thorough and efficient results in the teaching being done throughout the district.

The last item was "Standardization of Tests." Mr. Williams very ably led the discussion on this question. The net result was the adoption unanimously by the Institute of a system of uniform examinations in all grades under VIII throughout the district in all essential subjects. This means much to Cardston in particular as it will make all pupils coming from outside schools come to the same standard held in the Cardston School. This is quite an item when you know that Cardston has an average attendance of some 60 pupils every year from outside districts, and that these students often vary 3 grades from what they are actually supposed to be in. Altogether the Institute was very practical and thorough, and the time spent by the teachers out of the class room was certainly very well spent.

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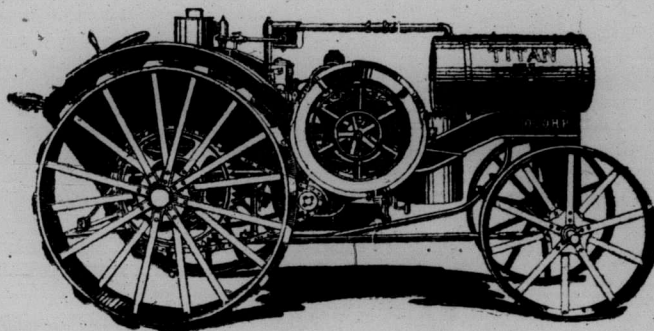
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