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RANCH CATTLE VS. FARM CATTLE

The Commercial

"A contemporary called the Canadian Trade Review bemoans the alleged neglect of ranching in the West, and makes much of its warning that the Canadian people are neglecting a most important industry. Now, cattle raising is undoubtedly an important industry; but, as The Commercial has claimed all along, more cattle and better cattle can be raised in these provinces by having the farmers give more or less attention to that business instead of leaving it all to the large Western ranches, which are now being cut down in extent by the settler.

It looks as if our contemporary would have us neglect immigration and leave the land to cattle ranches of immense areas. If every farmer raises his few cattle in every section of the West, it will soon be found that the encroachments on the ranching areas will have no unfavorable effect upon the live stock industry.

What this country wants is more attention to mixed farming, scientific farming. The Commercial is steadily advocating this policy."

As the years go by conditions change and are being better understood. The above clipping from the Commercial takes a really commonsense view of the cattle industry, and it is not the old free-range system that will produce the most cattle for shipping.

In the first place it is the wastefulness of our western methods that needs curtailing. A cent saved is a cent earned. It is the saving habit that we have to acquire, as it is foreign to the ways of the old westerner who could usually make a living easily in some way or another. The old range method of handling cattle always had an element of uncertainty attached to it and it was more or less hazardous or wasteful.

What is required in the markets of the world today is a plentiful supply of good prime two and three-old steers, fat and early matured. These steers can only be supplied by farmers who have cared for them from the first, and who feed well in winter some grain as well as the fodder. Another requisite to advancing this needed supply is good breeding. The well bred cattle mature quicker and put on more marketable beef in less time and with less feed, than the scrubs. Here is another economy. Then again the farm raised beef travel better, the shrinkage is less and a good dent is saved in this. All these deductions saved go into the pockets of the raisers, and when these improved methods become recognized and are practised there will be less kicking about profits with cattle.

We have a good deal of country in the Cardston district that will always have to be utilized for live stock, but it is a good live stock country. Yet at our fall fairs as a rule, the pure bred cattle are the weakest end of the show where they should be the strongest. Good stock can be bought in Alberta at reasonable prices, and there is no longer any excuse for running twenty dollar beasts or scrub cows and bulls on forty dollar land where they cannot return a profit.

Good cattle, far better than any we have seen yet can be turned out here by the train load, but, to sell well, they must be the sort that are wanted abroad and will

fetch good prices when sold. If they sell cheap, as poor stuff, there is a loss in the feed they consumed, in the labor expended on them in the freight paid to put them to market and in the time it took to grow them. There is and will be a good profit in the live stock trade for a long time to come, but we must raise the very best in order to get the best possible profit out of them. And it is the young, prime grain fed two and three year olds that are wanted. Not scrubs but well bred cattle and for these the market is inexhaustible.

Same Old Story---Cardston Wins

27 to 10

Over one hundred Cardstonites travelled to Magrath on Wednesday to attend the baseball game and opening of new school. The game was started shortly after the arrival of the Cardston contingent and went the full nine innings. It was a bonanza; Cardston won by playing a picked high muck-i-much brand of ball.

The game started with Blumel twirling and the Cardstonites doing the stick work. Niel was the first man up to the pan. He drove a spudge out to the first baseman who pulled it in. Perrie was next, and he managed to hit a good one. Skeeter couldn't find them and so he went down. Noble hit a good one and Giles walked. Wilson then shaded the pan and went down, one run.

Magrath--Coleman took the slab and biffed to second who pulled it in. Scheble fanned but catcher missed. A Mercer got lambasted in the slats. Pingree and Schedle get put out. No runs.

2nd. Cardston--Green dug a homer out to centre. D Spencer walked, Niel fanned. Ellison goes down, and Perrie singled, but ball reaches first before him. Two runs.

Magrath--Blumel and J. Mercer scores, while Harris, Gibb and Coleman go out. Two runs.

The innings to come were simply a repetition of the first two. At no time in the game was

Magrath dangerous. In the first of the 4th. Herd got hit in the bread basket, and was forced to quit.

Outside of the home runs the game was somewhat of a joke. To tell the truth it was about as exciting as croquet in an old soldier's home.

It seemed a shame to beat those poor cripples, but it had to be done.

The games by innings was as follows:--

Cardston--1 2 2 4 8 1 0 6 3--27
Magrath--0 2 1 3 0 0 3 1 0--10

LINE UP

CARDSTON	MAGRATH
Niel	Coleman
Perrie	Schedle
V. Spencer	A. Mercer
Noble	Pingree
Giles	Diglow
Wilson	Harris
Green	J. Mercer
D. Spencer	Gibb
Hurd	Godfrey

CAUGHT ON THE FLY

The first three innings was pitched by Hurd and the remainder by Noble.

The features of the game were undoubtedly the five home run biffs lined out by the boys in blue. Noble drove one of the cleanest homers yet secured in Magrath this season, and the pill cut the atmosphere at the plate and did not land on terra firma until it covered the entire lot and rooters who were most timid expected it would reach the bush and run wild for the rest of its existence.

In the fifth innings Ellison drove an ozer for centre and dug around for four bags but cut second and was called out.

It was some game, Nit! Too one-sided.

Noble pitched great ball. The Magrath bunch tried to find his common shoots but only a few dinged the stick.

Magrath's first pitcher Blumel, used to pitch ball when Methusalem was a boy, but he has something left yet, and will no doubt make good. During the last half of the game, A. Mercer took up the burden on the slab. They both pitched a ball which proved a cinch for Skeeter's disciples, and the big swipers dug them out over the plot so thick you would swear a hailstorm was on.

Meeckam, the umpire ought to have been sent back to the hay. He was certainly punk.

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