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A. R. & I. Improvements

To Take Place Before
June 1st.

A platform with passenger and freight shelter at the following points: Wilson, Welling, Bradshaw, Raley, and New Dayton. Small station at Milk River. A waiting room to be added to station at Spring Coulee, and that during the grain shipping season in each and every year, an agent will be appointed and maintained at this point.

The stock yards at Cardston to be improved and enlarged as follows:

A fence to be erected through the center of the larger of the pen yards, making two pens; an additional large pen to be erected at the north or south end of the present yard, with a wing drive and a gate at the end of the drive. The bottoms of the pens will be floored with ties and covered with cinders. The fence on the leading chute will be made two feet higher; a water-trough will be placed on the ground and a new gang-plank provided.

The train service between Cardston and Lethbridge to be improved. Passenger or mixed train, to leave Cardston at about seven o'clock a. m. daily, except Sundays and returning, leave Lethbridge about four or five o'clock p. m. daily, except Sundays.

Alberta Seed Fairs

List of seed fairs to be held in Alberta during January 1910.
Viking—January 15th.
Vegreville—January 18.
Camrose—January 20.
Sedgewick—January 21.
Irma—January 22.
Daysland—January 24.
Lacombe—January 26.
Bowden—January 27.
Olds—January 28.
Didsbury—January 29.
Irvine—January 20.
Taber—January 21.
Lethbridge—January 22.
Cardston—January 24.
Nanton—January 26.
Okotoks—January 27.
Strathmore—January 29.

Alberta Oats For Phillippines

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—Three thousand tons of Alberta oats are to be shipped from this port to the Phillippines on account of the shortage. They have been ordered by the United States government.

New Year Resolutions

To drink no more I now resolve
Except when I am dry:
And smoking too, I'll shun, of course—

At least that is I'll try.
And flirting? Well it's rather hard;
But like cures like they say—
And so to break myself I'll try
The homeopathic way.
And spending money, too, I'll quit—
As soon as it's all gone—
That is unless my watch will bring
Ten dollars more in pawn.
And swearing also I'll avoid;
Please don't say that I scoff,
For swearing I hate so very much
I'll e'en stop swearing off.

There is nothing like shoveling snow to produce an appetite.
Ever try it?

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

Liberal Donations from Neighboring Boards of Trade
—Splendid Report of Executive—
Election of Officers

The regular monthly meeting of Cardston Board of Trade convened in the Council Chambers on Tuesday evening. Pres. D. S. Beach in the chair.

Present: D. E. Harris Jr., S. N. Pratt, S. M. Woolf, Van Brown, D. E. Harris Sr., F. Burton, G. M. Proud, Wm. Laurie, A. M. Heppler.

Minutes of last regular meeting and executive meeting were read and received.

A communication from The Board of Railway Commissioners was read and ordered filed.

Several bills were voted upon and ordered paid.

Pres. Beach who had been appointed a delegate to interview the neighboring Boards of Trade in regards to the amount they would give towards defraying the expenses of Mr. Jelliff who appeared before the Railway Commission at Ottawa, and accomplished such good work, reported his trip as follows:

Magrath—\$100.00, Raymond—\$50.00, Stirling—\$100.00, Warner—\$25.00, Milk River—\$25.00, Spring Coulee—\$25.00.

It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be given Pres. Beach. Carried.

The report of the executive was read by Secretary Harris. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

The secretary's salary for the past year was ordered to be paid. The election of officers took place as follows:

President—D. S. Beach
Vice President—G. M. Proud,
Secretary—D. E. Harris Jr.
Treasurer—F. G. Woods.
Executive—Wm. Laurie, A. M. Heppler, Van Brown.

Meeting adjourned.

Following is the Executive Report as read by the secretary:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE
To the members of the Cardston Board of Trade:—
Gentlemen,—

Your Executive beg to submit herewith their report of the transactions of the Board for the year 1909.

During the year eight meetings have been held, and also three special meetings of the Executive. At the close of 1908 there were 30 members of the Board in good standing, while this year we wind up with 32, an increase of two.

The report of the Treasurer will show the financial transactions of the Board, and your Executive are pleased to draw your attention to the healthy condition of its monetary affairs, all current debts being paid, and a balance remaining on hand in the bank to our credit.

Railway Commission.

In February last several matters in connection with freight and passenger rates on the A. R. & I. Co's. railway were brought before the Railway Commission, Mr. L. H. Jelliff appearing on behalf of the Board. The immediate result of the hearing was that the passenger rates were reduced to 4 cents per mile, and later an order was issued to the company requiring a 3 cent rate to be granted, which reduction has now been in force for some months. The local freight tariff on goods from Lethbridge has also been reduced.

At the request of your Commission, your Executive gathered a

large amount of information as to the population, area under cultivation, yield and shipments of grain, numbers of live stock owned and exported, etc. During the summer our Town was visited by Mr. Billinger, the commissions' traffic expert, and your Executive are just in receipt of a copy of an order issued by the Commission, based on his report, in which the A. R. & I. Co. are ordered to establish a train service after May 1, leaving Cardston in the morning and returning the same evening, thus giving two trains a day each way. In addition the company is directed to increase the capacity of the stock yards and to make sundry much needed and valuable improvements. It is also expected that further reductions in the freight and express tariffs will also be made.

In connection with the proceedings before the Railway Commission, Mr. Jelliff, in addition to spending a great deal of his time, incurred very large expenditures of his own means in travelling to attend the different meetings of the Commission, including a trip to Ottawa, to submit additional documentary evidence which he had been instructed by the Commission to prepare. Feeling it to be an injustice that Mr. Jelliff should be called upon to bear this outlay himself, and at the same time holding the view that other places were reaping the benefit of his labors beside Cardston, your Executive authorized a delegate to visit the other towns on the A. R. & I. Co's. system to ascertain if financial assistance could be obtained to compensate Mr. Jelliff in part, at least, for his loss of time and expenses. Mr. Beach, your President, accordingly visited the neighboring towns of Spring Coulee, Magrath, Raymond, Stirling, Milk River, Warner and New Dayton, and was most successful in his mission, returning to day with the assurance of contributions totalling at least \$300.00.

Dry Farming Congress at Billings.

Your Executive caused an exhibit of the products of this district to be sent to Billings, Montana, for display and competition at the fair held in connection with the Dry Farming Congress held at that place, with results which have already been made known through the local press. This exhibit was in charge of Messrs. S. M. Woolf and R. W. Pilling, and was a complete success. Our delegates report that great interest was manifested by the visitors and the delegates to the Congress. Not having funds on hand for this purpose, your Executive solicited subscriptions from the public with the result that \$200.50 was raised. The bills incurred have not yet all been presented, but the outlay it is estimated will be fully covered by the receipts. Our delegates to the Congress further state that the literature at their disposal was eagerly sought after, and that they were kept busy replying to inquiries of parties attracted by the display and interested in Southern Alberta.

Finances.

As previously mentioned, we end the year with a balance of cash on hand, largely due to the

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Convention of School Trustees

At Lethbridge, Jan. 26th. and 27th.

Wednesday, January 26th.

OPENING SESSION

9.45 a. m. Presidents address.
10.30 a. m. Consolidation of Rural Schools, J. F. Boyce, B. A., Inspector of Schools.

Discussion on this subject will be led by Theo. Reist, Didsbury; G. W. Davis, Sedgewick; D. McKinnon, Red Deer; and other trustees who are interested.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2 p. m. Report of the delegate to British Columbia Convention at Chilliwack.

3 p. m. The Program of Studies for Rural Schools. (How it is prepared and what it should include.) Discussion by all interested.

4.30 p. m. Addresses from British Columbia delegates.

EVENING SESSION

8 p. m. Improvement of School Grounds by Tree Planting, Arch. Mitchell, Forestry Branch, Indian Head.

This will be illustrated if arrangements for a lantern can be made; and will be followed by discussion.

A short program will be furnished by the Lethbridge School Board.

Thursday, January 27th.

MORNING SESSION

9 a. m. Resolutions.

AFTERNOON

1.30 p. m. Meeting of Lethbridge Schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Other subjects which have been suggested for discussion, if time will permit, are:

Agricultural Education.
Salary Schedules,
Inspection from the Trustees' Standpoint.
The Use of School Gardens.

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.

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