

## What Mr. Finlay Isn't

A large proportion of Alberta's total expenditure has gone directly in aid to Agriculture. It went to promoting good Creameries, well-managed poultry fattening Stations, good stock and Grain Judging Schools, Destruction of Noxious weeds, travelling Dairy out-fits, Farmers' Institutes, Fruit-growing Station, Insurance against Hail, War on coyotes and other dangerous vermin, the work of live-stock Commissioners, grants in aid of Agricultural Associations, &c. Farming being Alberta's chief business, has been both directly and indirectly the chief care of the Rutherford Government.

Mr. Finlay ran the Department. We all know he ran it well. In many other Provinces and State where farming is the chief business of the people, their public money goes mostly to folks engaged in other occupations. The Alberta way is best.

Well, now what do the Opposition say against Mr. Finlay? Nothing, except that he isn't a Lochheadite. That is his only crime.

Occasionally their "upper circles" lament that he is a very plain man, so shockingly off-hand and approachable and democratic. He can stand that criticism. He never tried to graduate as a sort of dancing school exemplar of deportment. He was a rancher and farmer so long that he hasn't got into the way of feeling stuck-up, as his critics think a minister should. But the plain people of Alberta don't dislike him for that.

## Richard Vadnais Is Dead

The shooting of Richard Vadnais has developed into a murder, as Vadnais passed away at the Galt Hospital, Lethbridge, Saturday morning at an early hour.

Two weeks or more ago Vadnais was shot while sitting in his house on his ranch at Boundary Creek. His wife, who was with him at the time, claimed the shots came from the outside. Anyway Mrs. Vadnais was arrested and committed for trial.

Vadnais and his wife have had frequent quarrels, and it was only last fall that the woman and her brother appeared in court on a charge of attempted murder, but they were acquitted. Vadnais threatened after this episode to separate from his wife but they came to terms again. The next thing heard of them was when the shooting, which has caused Vadnais' death, and Mrs. Vadnais' arrest, was brought to light.

Vadnais was a French-Canadian of about forty-five years of age, and had been ranching at Boundary Creek for about ten years. He was well to do, and his ranch is a very desirable property. Prior to coming to Alberta Vadnais had roamed about the western states. He was a wild sort of character, and when he had liquor in him he was practically uncontrollable.

The ranch home was a scene of almost continual quarrelling. The row last summer was due to a difference of opinion between man and wife over the presence in the home of relatives of Mrs. Vadnais and their families.

Besides his wife Vadnais is survived by a daughter and son, and two brothers.

Lethbridge Feb. 22.—Richard Vadnais before his death made a declaration in the presence of an officer of the Royal North West Mounted Police that his wife was not guilty of his murder. At his request Mrs. Vadnais was brought from Calgary where she was confined in the barracks, and she was with him in his last hours.

It is understood that there was

a pitiable scene when Mrs. Vadnais saw her husband in the hospital. When she learned that his death was only the matter of a few hours she was overcome with grief.

The police will have no easy task in running down the person who fired the shot which caused Mrs. Vadnais' death. They arrested Mrs. Vadnais on suspicion and it is understood they are in a dilemma as Vadnais' dying statement has cleared his wife. Suspicion has not been directed toward any one else and there is just a possibility that the murderer of Vadnais will never be apprehended.

On Saturday afternoon Coroner Gould arrived from Pincher Creek to hold an inquest enquiring into the death of Vadnais. He swore in the following jury J. L. Manwaring, foreman; A. B. Stafford, H. Macbeth, W. Ott, G. L. Vrooman, F. Askey.

They viewed the body on Saturday evening and adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning when they will proceed to take evidence.

The funeral of the late Richard Vadnais will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1.45 from Messrs Addison and Sons undertaking parlors to the Roman Catholic Church thence to the Roman Catholic cemetery.

## Theatregoers See The Wages of Sin

Not for many months has there been so large a house in Cardston as that which witnessed the presentation of "Wages of Sin," by the clever Leavitt Dramatic Company last Saturday evening.

Practically every seat was taken and throughout the entire performance, the players held the intense attention of their audience.

The performance from beginning to end showed unmistakably how careful and effective the training had been and reflected the greatest credit on the performers and especially on their accomplished director, Prof. Mose Johnson.

Comparison between the players would be manifestly unjust as the company could not have been more evenly balanced, or more carefully played according to their capacity for the various parts than they were Saturday night.

## Temperance Topics

There can be no question as to where the "Mormon" church in Alberta stands on the liquor question after the Quarterly Stake Conference held in Cardston last Saturday and Sunday. The attendance was the largest ever known on the opening day and there must have been six hundred people present Sunday afternoon.

Temperance was the burden of nearly all of the addresses delivered and letters from the First Presidency of the Church in Salt Lake City were read commending local option and requiring the Church authorities here to dis-fellowship all those who claim membership in the church and who are guilty of selling intoxicating liquors or who indulge in their use.

During the Young Peoples Mutual Improvement meeting Sunday evening the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas the use of intoxicating liquors is in our opinion the cause of more misery and crime than any other one thing in this world; therefore be it resolved; that we the officers and members of the Y. M. and Y. L. I. A. of the Alberta Stake pace ourselves on record as being unqualifiedly opposed to the liquor traffic in all its phases, and that we will take advantage of every opportunity to bring about Provincial and Provincial prohibition.

It would warm the hearts of all Moral Reform Leaguers if they

could witness the earnestness with which the majority of the people in this local option district oppose the use and sale of intoxicating liquors.

## ALBERTA STAKE CONFERENCE

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Anthem by the Choir. Pres. E. J. Wood presented the general Authorities of the Church and of the Stake, who were sustained unanimously.

Elder Martin Woolf was released as Secretary of the High Priests Quorum with a vote of thanks, and L. A. Wilson was elected to that position.

The names of the special Missionaries were next read. Pres. Wood read again the letters from the 1st. Presidency. Read from Book of Mormon, Alma 7, as to the duty of obedience.

Dwelt upon the progress being made in the various organizations of the Stake. Urged that no one vote for any liquor dealer or anyone who supports that class.

Anthem by choir. Pres. Sterling Williams read a resolution in response to the letters from the 1st. Presidency, as follows:—

"Where as the 1st. Presidency of the Church have favored us with a communication setting forth our duties with reference to the temperance movement, both as to embodying it in our lives and supporting it by our notes.

Therefore, be it resolved, by the Saints of the Alberta Stake, in Conference assembly.

1. That we do sincerely render our thanks to the 1st. Presidency for that interest in us and their timely words relative to our conditions and that we do hereby place ourselves on record as being willing to use our utmost endeavors to live to the laws of temperance as set forth in the Word of Wisdom.

2. And further be it resolved that we express our appreciation of the local option law now in effect here and only regret that it is not more vigorously enforced.

3. We express our sympathy with our co-religionists in their present struggle for prohibition in the State of Utah and declare ourselves in favor of the enactment of prohibition legislation in the Province of Alberta."

The resolution was adopted with an unanimous vote."

Solo, "Beautiful Land" Mr. R. Curo.

Elder Zebulon W Jacobs contrasted conditions with those of other commonwealth in the world. Felt that the only safe action was that which was in line with the Priesthood. Instanced the action of David as the manner in which we should honor our leaders. Spoke of the devotion of Pres. Card to his duties, as also of Pres. Wood.

Anthem by Choir. Elder Simpson M. Woolf bore his testimony to the Spirit of the Lord.

Pres. Sterling Williams asked Bishops and Supts. of Auxiliary organizations report as to whether they wish representation at the Temperance Reform League Conference to be held at Wetaskiwin on Mar. 17th. & 18th. Closing exercises.

There is an opinion throughout Canada, which is becoming stronger all the time, that the business outlook is very good and that the prospects for expansion are very bright. This is due to several causes. Among them are the reaction from the period of liquidation, the effect of the distribution of the proceeds of a large crop the continued influx of immigrants of means, and an exceptionally active period of railway construction.

## Edmonton Notes

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The Premier stated in the Legislature recently that the question of hail insurance is to be weighed in committee very shortly, with a view to provide indemnity. The statement was made in reply to a question from A. S. Rosenroff, M. P. P.

Johnny Woolf, as the popular member from Cardston is called, is not going to desert Alberta as rumor had it a while ago. From his seat in the House this keen Southerner stated the other day that he had no intention of doing anything of the kind and the rumor could only have been spread for political purposes by persons opposed to him.

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Any protest against the granting of the above mentioned lease must be forwarded to the Minister of Public Works, Edmonton, within thirty days from the date of this notice.  
Dated at Cardston, Feb. 19 1909,  
M. A. Lowry, (Applicant.)

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the present session thereof for an Act incorporating a company under the name of "The Kootenay & Alberta Railway Company" with power in behalf of the Company to:

1. Construct, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway in the Province of Alberta, from a point on the Crow's Nest Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Cowley and Pincher Creek Station in the Province of Alberta, thence in a southerly direction, passing through Beaver Valley to the North Kootenay Pass, thence in a southerly direction down the Valley of the Flathead river, in the Province of British Columbia, to the International Boundary. (b) From a point on or near the Crow's Nest Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, thence in a southerly direction passing through the Town of Pincher Creek, through the Fishburn settlement, through the Bird Indian Reserve, down the Elk River Valley to the International Boundary at or near Gault's. (c) A branch line at or near their said ending of the Westcoast River in the Province of Alberta, thence in a southerly direction down the Valley of the Mountainview, thence down the Valley of Lees Creek to Cardston.

2. Acquire and utilize steam and water power for compounding air or generating electricity for any purpose and commercially dealing in the same.

3. Construct, control and operate telegraph and telephone lines.

4. Enter into agreements with other Railway Companies.

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