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The 24th of May--THE  
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY--falls on  
the Sabbath this year. We can  
do honor to the same--according  
to the desire of His Majesty--on  
the following Monday. Let's  
have some sports at the Athletic  
Grounds and some kind of an en-  
tertainment in the evening.  
Wouldn't it be a good night for  
the Board of Trade to give another  
Grand Ball or Concert to raise  
funds for the Cardston Exhibit at  
the Dominion Fair. Think it over!  
The time is short yet long  
enough if judiciously and exped-  
itiously utilized to arrange for a  
splendid program for the after-  
noon and evening.

Its about time we were making  
some preparations for our Dom-  
inion Day Sports and Celebration.  
It does not take the weeks long  
to pass or the months to roll  
round. The first thing we know  
Dominion Day will be right here.  
Let us be ready for it and thus  
keep up the good record for Card-  
ston has never missed celebrating  
Dominion Day since 1887.  
Floods, storms and other adver-  
sities have never quenched the  
patriotic public demonstration on  
this Natal Day of our Nation's  
Confederation. Its too late to  
quit now. Let us get together  
and start the various committees  
at work.

We want it distinctly under-  
stood that this paper is no calam-  
ity howler. We believe in fight-  
ing for the right rather than rail-  
ing at the ill. "The right" in our  
special calling is "Cardston" and  
we have a right to fight for her  
interest both long and loud. Say  
what you will, the conditions in  
Cardston are such that we can  
say to the prospective settler  
"Come in and cast your lot with  
us and help us make a beautiful  
city where natural resources are  
prolific and a generous-hearted  
people dwell."

Every effort should be made to  
have the Cardston Exhibit at the  
Dominion Fair the best that the  
country can produce. In order  
to accomplish this every man must  
be willing to do his share when  
called upon by the Committee  
having the same in charge. It  
should be the work of the people  
and not of the Committee for in  
order that it might be what it  
ought to be, everybody must take  
part and do something.

This is splendid weather but  
there will be no kick made if we  
have a little more rain. Did you  
ever see warmer, nicer summer  
weather that we have been hav-  
ing for the last week. Some  
people are surprised to wake up  
and find they are in Southern  
Alberta and apt to exclaim, "My  
goodness me I thought I was in  
California." These are the old  
days come again once more.

Yesterday was Arbor Day--  
the day specially set apart for  
the planting of trees and other-  
wise beautifying home and prem-  
ises. The Council did the right  
and proper thing in asking the  
people to clean up for if there is  
one thing more than any other  
that speaks well for the general  
standing of a town it is clean-  
liness. We are pleased to note  
the hearty response that met the  
Mayor's proclamation in this  
matter.

"In case of doubt take the safe  
side," said the Old Quaker to his  
son. That advice is still pretty  
good. As long as there is doubt  
let the other fellow have the best  
of it. Don't go round howling  
your heads off about something  
of which you have no proof other  
than "they said so." "They said  
so" will get you into more trou-  
ble than a little.

If it must be quarantine then  
let it be quarantine then let it be  
quarantine hard and fast and in  
strict keeping with the letter of  
the law. Put on the clamps and  
let her squeeze. The Council has  
issued the mandate and the ukase  
has gone forth, now see to it that  
it is strictly and vigorously obey-  
ed. It is the only way to forestall  
the spread of disease.

Did you get in on the City  
"Rake off" yesterday? Now  
don't say that the Mayor has  
any clique for everybody was  
given a "rake off." You must  
also admit that it is "clean gov-  
ernment." We regret that we  
have not a "Half Tone" of our  
worthy Town Solicitor with a  
great big rake off. If you didn't  
get it on this rake off its no fault  
of the Mayor.

**THE TREELESS PRAIRIE**

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There is no other, probably there  
was no other place in the crack  
where roots could pierce, to the  
soil below and the rest of the sur-  
face of the great slab is quite bare  
but right here in the middle, fac-  
ing the southwest, the direction of  
the so-called tree-killing chinook  
winds come from, was this tree  
growing. It must have been quite  
a striking object standing there  
alone with its spreading branches  
till that settler, with no eye for  
the beautiful or the wonderful, or  
the lessons it could teach, came  
along, greedy after timber, and  
cut it down. If the chinooks are  
the tree destroyers they are sup-  
posed to be, they surely had here  
an excellent opportunity to do  
their deadly work. But no, the  
tree lived on for many years, sim-  
ply because grass will not grow  
upon stone and there was no  
grass to carry the forest fires over  
to it and so it escaped destruction.

There are plenty of other proofs.  
A stranger coming north to Cal-  
gary on the Calgary and Edmon-  
ton line from the real bare prairie  
is agreeably surprised to find that  
on the hill sides and even in some  
places, from the old days, are  
still remaining quite a number of  
groves and clumps of native trees  
of anywhere from 6 to 20 feet high.  
They are pleasant to look upon  
and the stranger wonders why they  
are there. The reason is not far to  
seek. Look at the map of Alberta  
and at this part of it, and you will  
see a great number of little creeks  
marked upon it. The map does  
not record them, but creeks usually  
mean coulees in the west country,  
and coulees mean snow drifts and  
snow drifts mean "bus far and no  
further." Then later on the prairie  
fires come sweeping along burning  
everything before them. Hence  
the trees in that part of the coun-  
try. They have been protected in  
this way on the east, south and  
west, and the great Bow River has  
rolled between them and the open  
prairie to the north and they have  
escaped the fires. North of the  
Bow you have to go nearly 60  
miles before striking the tall tim-  
ber and half that distance ere you find  
willow scrub or small bush poplar  
brush.

Another striking proof are those  
two small clumps of poplars about  
twenty odd miles east of High  
River. Towering up on the prairie  
they can be seen for miles and the  
reason is not far to seek, for there  
are sloughs and little cut-banks  
and coulees all around them, which  
held the snow-drifts and kept back  
the fires. And the same can be  
seen all over the West. Wherever  
the fires have kept out, the forest  
is slowly but surely working its  
way back on the prairie, and in  
time there is every reason to be-  
lieve that the prairie would become  
completely forest covered.

The dry climate and the drying  
action of the chinook winds are  
doubtless a serious drawback, but  
they are not everything and in

time nature would find its own  
way to overcome them. Even the  
very fertility of the prairie soil is  
against natural tree growth for the  
delicate seedlings are easily chok-  
ed out by the long grass and it is  
usually where there is a bare spot  
the result of the valloving of some  
old buffalo years ago, or of some  
busy badger hunting for gophers  
and turning up the soil as he digs  
down after them, that the tree  
seedlings have been able to get a  
start, as may be easily seen at sev-  
eral places in the Porcupine hill-  
and elsewhere.

There is at least one cotton-  
wood about sixteen feet high, near-  
ly half way between Glendon and  
Medicine Hat on the north side of  
the north side of the main line of  
the C.P.R., and there will soon be  
thousands like it.

To the settler on the prairie  
these things are of great moment  
and to the man who is building a  
home for himself and his children  
they are very encouraging for he  
knows that, given the conditions  
necessary for tree growth, thorough  
preparation of the soil, and a little  
attention afterwards, it is possible  
to grow as many trees as he wants  
on the "bald-headed prairie" and  
that the causes detrimental to tree  
growth are none but what may be  
easily overcome. Planting mat-  
erial can be easily obtained, for if it  
is not to be had in natural bluffs  
in the vicinity, it may be got by  
application to the Forestry branch  
of the Department of Interior at  
Ottawa. Eighty five per cent. of  
the trees planted under the auspi-  
ces of the department are growing,  
surely proof enough that planting  
can be done successfully, and this  
added to nature's own incontrovert-  
ible testimony as we have seen, is  
answer enough to the question,  
"Why are the prairies treeless?"

Nature is doing her share, to prove  
that they need not fear, it only re-  
mains for man to follow rightly  
and assist her, wherever he feels it  
necessary, to grow a belt of trees.  
They will grow as they get a  
chance.

Arch. Mitchell,  
Indian Head.

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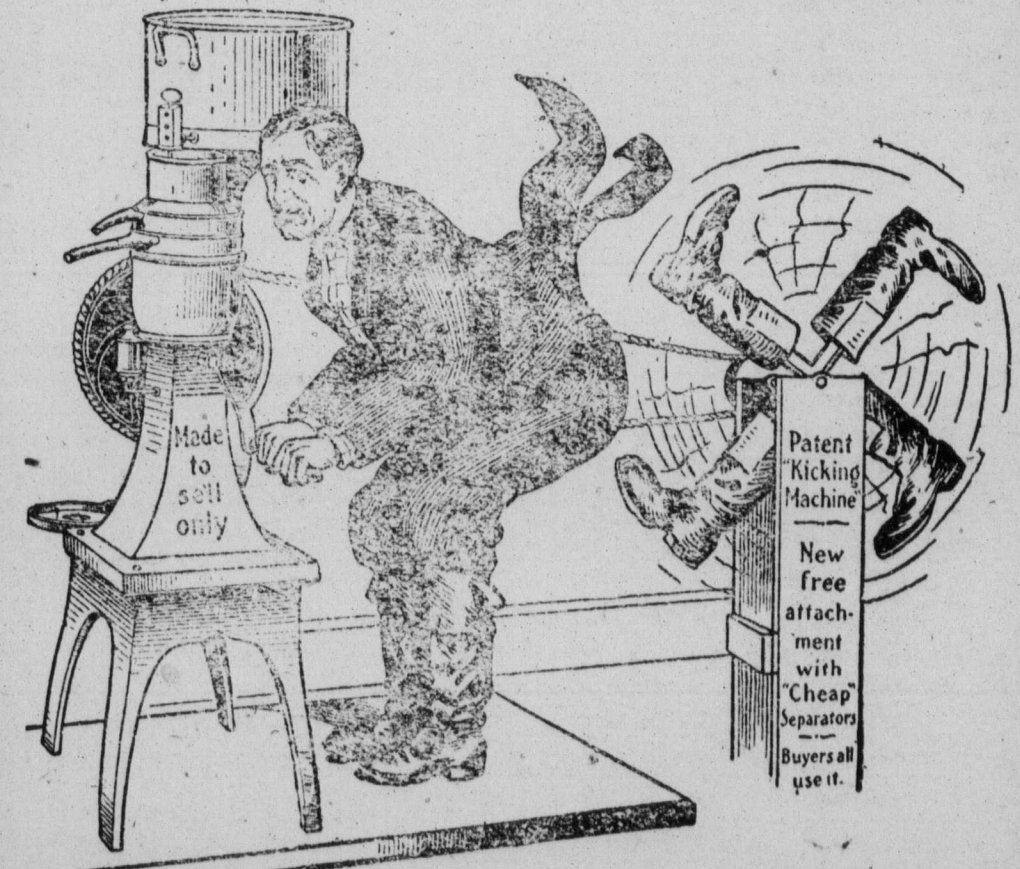
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