

SOUTHERN ALBERTA.

I have told you something of the transformation of great tracts of prairie land in Southern Alberta into farms. Farm houses are being built by scores and hundreds; fences are being run up. The sense of ownership, no doubt, determines a man to build a fence, and he does it to the confusion of all who are using the trail. When out driving it is exasperating to find the trail meandering into the centre of a fence. It is humiliating to a free wanderer to drive around and then as like as not repeat the misadventure many times during the day. This kind of thing is "jarring," and calls for the exercise of more philosophy than the average man is usually endowed with. There are breezy Western expletives used

to adorn occasions like these, but the strongest of them fail to do justice to the outraged sense of ordinary mortals. Cattle wintered fairly well in Alberta, and there is now an unprecedentedly large calf crop, one rancher having no less than 4,000 calves to brand.

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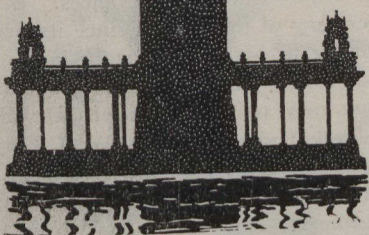
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