

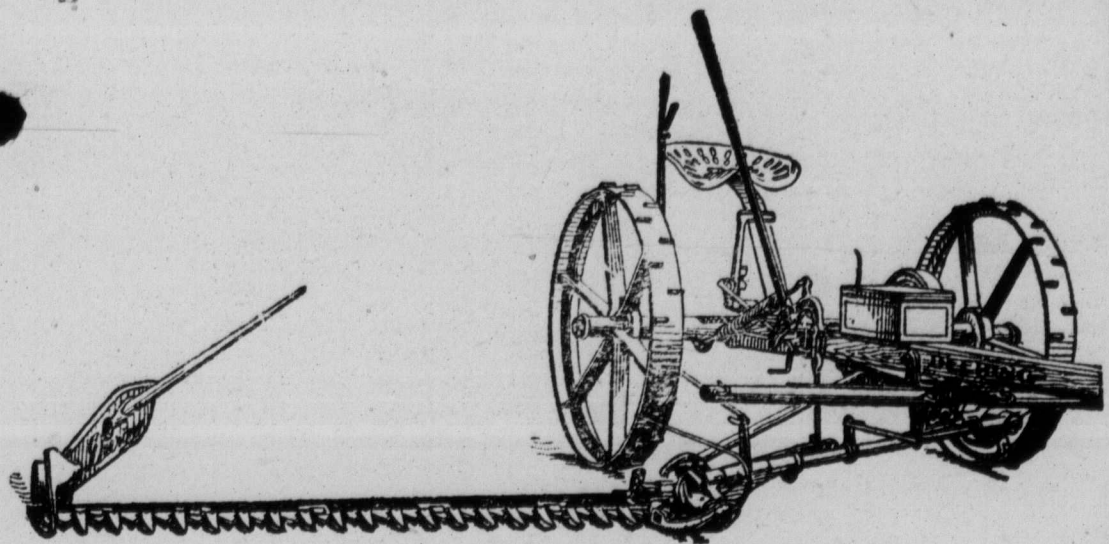
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### CARDSTON VICTORIOUS

One the most interesting, exciting and evenly-contested games of baseball ever played in Cardston took place on Friday, June 12 when the Raymond team "crossed swords" with the local nine. For the final score, the game was very much a repetition of the one played here three years ago by the same teams, a record of which we have before us at this writing. Three years ago at the end of 9th innings the score stood 5 to 5 and until the 12th innings not a tally was made. In the 12th innings Cardston made a couple of runs leaving the final score 7 to 5. There was only one Raymond player present on Friday that was here three years ago and only one Cardston player that took part in that game was on the field last Friday, one week ago. They were respectively, Clarence O'Brien and David Spencer.

Mr. Mark Spencer was the Umpire last Friday and the game by innings, was as follows:

#### 1st INNINGS

Raymond at the bat first. Green made a base hit and reached 1st. He was advanced by Brewerton. Gibb and Christensen were put out on 1st while Green reached the home plate, Skouson went on a fly.

Spencer went out on strikes and Hudson duplicated. Goble was hit by the ball and given 1st base. He made a steal to 2nd. Bailey also came in contact with the ball and walked to 1st. Goble stole to 3rd. Harris failed to make connections and the score stood, Raymond 1, Cardston 0.

#### 2nd INNINGS

O'Brien made a one bagger and stole to 2nd. Hickens made 1st and advanced O'Brien to third. Hickens was advanced to 2nd by Johnson who was put out at 1st. O'Brien scored. Ellison went out on a fly. Green made 1st base and brought Hickens in. He tried to steal to third and was put out. Hendry fanned. Ellison went to his base on balls. Woolf and Vic. Spencer went out on 1st base and the score stood, Raymond 3, Cardston 0.

#### 3rd INNINGS

Brewerton was put out on 1st and Gibb on a foul. Christensen made a two bagger and stole 3rd. Skouson struck to 1st and Christensen was put out on home.

Spencer went out on 1st. Hudson made a two bagger and stole 3rd. Goble went out on fly. Hudson scored. Bailey went out on 1st base. Score Raymond 3, Cardston 1.

#### 4th INNINGS

O'Brien, Hickens and Johnson went out at 1st base. Harris, Hendry and Ellison followed suit. Score same as 3rd innings.

#### 5th INNINGS

Green was hit by the ball and reached 1st. He was advanced to 2nd by Brewerton who also reached 1st. Brewerton stole 2nd and Green stole 3rd. Gibb brought in Green, advanced Brewerton and landed on 1st. Christensen brought in Brewerton. Skouson went out on 1st and O'Brien fanned. Gibb was put out on 3rd.

Woolf and Vic. Spencer fanned and David Spencer went out on 1st. Score, Raymond 5, Cardston 1.

#### 6th INNINGS

Hickens was hit and stole 2nd. He was advanced to 3rd by Johnson who went out on 1st. Ellison made a three bagger and brought in Hickens. Ellison was put out in attempting to make home. Green reached first on base hit, stole 2nd and was advanced to 3rd by Brewerton who landed safely

on 1st. Gibb brought Green in on pass ball and then went out on 1st. It was in this innings that Harris began to pitch for Cardston.

Hudson made 1st base and was advanced to 2nd by Goble. Hudson stole third and was brought in by Bailey. Goble was put out on 3rd. Harris went out on 1st and Bailey scored. Hendry made hit to 1st but died on 3rd. Ellison going out on 1st. Score, Raymond 7, Cardston 3.

#### 7th INNINGS

Christensen went out on 1st. Skouson took his base on balls but was put out on 3rd. O'Brien was hit and succeeded in stealing 2nd where he died while Hickens fanned.

Cardston doubled her score in this innings. Woolf and the two Spencers getting around while Hudson, Goble and Bailey were the unlucky ones. Score Raymond 7, Cardston 6.

#### 8th INNINGS

Johnson, Ellison and Green went out in quick succession. Harris went out on 1st. Hendry made a hit and stole 2nd. He also stole 3rd and was brought in by Ellison. Woolf and Vic Spencer failed to make connections. Score, Raymond 7, Cardston 7.

#### 9th INNINGS

It was a case of "One, two, three" and side out, leaving the score the same. The excitement was intense and silence so great you could hear a coupling pin drop on a tin roof.

#### 10th INNINGS

This was a repetition of the 9th.

#### 11th INNINGS

Read the 9th and 10th.

#### 12th INNINGS

Fairbanks arrived on the scene and took the bat with two men out. He made a base hit and reached 1st. Stole to 2nd. Skouson fanned and he got no further.

Hudson fanned but Goble hit and reached 1st. He was advanced to 2nd by Bailey. Harris hit and brought them both in and, after sizing up the situation, leisurely trotted around himself although his score is not counted. Score, Raymond 7, Cardston 9.

As said before, the game was a most exciting one and considering the scraggy condition of the field, the last six innings could not be beaten in any man's country. To turn "sure victory" into defeat was no easy task but the Cardston Team made the rifle.

The boys were given a Grand Ball in the evening and everyone seemed to have a first-class time.

### Prof. Campbell on Soil Culture

A very interesting and instructive address on Soil Culture was delivered by Prof. Campbell in the Assembly Hall last Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was largely attended, and great interest was taken by all present in the address.

Mr. Thomas Duce introduced the speaker with a few very appropriate remarks.

Prof. Campbell said he was pleased to be able to address the farmers of this district again, and said he recognized some of those who were present at the meeting which was held last year. He objected to the opening remarks of the chairman. He said he had not come to lecture on "dry farming" but on "soil culture" he said it was a common mistake and that the majority of farmers little understood the principles of soil culture. His method of soil culture applied equally as well in wet climates as in the semi-arid portions

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of the country, by following his method a good physical condition of the soil is obtained, and heavy crops will be the result in either climate. He gave several instances of the result of his methods in several portions of the country. When he first began to study the raising of grain he searched many libraries and tried to obtain information from various countries but with little success, so he began on an entirely new line and he found as a result of his experiments that large crops depended not so much on climatic conditions as on the proper cultivation of the soil. When he first made the statement that he could obtain continuous heavy crops without depleting the soil he was ridiculed. He told of an instance where his methods were followed out in the preparation of the soil. The land was summer tilled and the Professor happened to see the man before he seeded the land and remarked that the land was in excellent condition and advised him to sow 20 lbs of wheat to the acre. The man laughed and said, "Mr. Campbell, I can't come down to that I have always sowed from a bushel to a bushel and a half."

However he finally sowed 30 lbs to the acre, and when the wheat grew it was too thick. He harvested 40 bus. to the acre. The average for that locality the same year amounted from 10 to 16 bus. per acre. Another experiment in which 30, 40, 60, 70, 100 and 150 lbs. to the acre was tried. It all came up too thick, the straw too thin and a slight storm coming just before harvest knocked it down. There was no perceptible difference in the thickness of the wheat in the whole field.

Three important things to remember are; never plow the land when it is too wet or too dry, always see that the land is being thoroughly pulverized when you are discing, and have the soil well packed, fine and firm. He had just come from Medicine Hat where he had visited a field of winter wheat which had nearly all been winter-killed. This was due

to a loose condition of the soil. had the soil been packed properly he said that the grain would not have been killed out. It was absolutely necessary to pack the soil that is intended for the growing of winter wheat and if this is done there will be no grain winter killed. He explained very clearly how the soil holds the moisture and how much better the soil would hold the moisture when the soil was in that physical condition which he termed fine and firm. Water is drawn from the soil by what is known as capillary attraction, and is drawn from the soil much more quickly if a crust is allowed to form. To prevent this the land should be frequently harrowed, especially after a rain storm, he advised harrowing until the grain was 6 or 8 inches high, when it would be high enough to shade the ground.

He gave the results of a man who began to follow his methods. He began as he was harvesting his grain, he had two discs following the binder. About three weeks afterwards he threshed his grain and then started to plow the land he had plowed about 4 or 5 rods wide when he was called away to see his mother who was taken sick. It was several weeks before he could start plowing again. The double discing of his land had caused the weeds to germinate, and when he first began to plow they had not grown much, but while he was away the weeds on the piece that he had not plowed had grown considerably and in so doing had taken moisture from the soil. On harvesting the field the portion that was plowed first was judged to yield 50 bus. to the acre while the rest would go 20 bus.

He told another story of one of his neighbors who was intending to plant 100 acres of corn. Mr. Campbell advised him to double disk his land as soon as he could. The man started to disk his land, and as this was February, he thought this was out of season and some of his neighbors told him that he and his horses would be better if they quit. Finally he got disgusted and left most of the (continued on back page)