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ALBERTA STAKE CONFERENCE

Large Attendance Throughout Meetings Temperance
Main Theme of Conference, Resolution
Passed.

The regular quarterly conference of the Alberta Stake convened in the Assembly Hall, Cardston Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20 and 21st.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION
Opening exercises.
The roll was called to show the representatives present from the different wards.

Pres. Thos Duce was the first speaker. He rejoiced at the large attendance at the first meeting. In reporting the general condition of the Stake, he stated all the wards except those in the north had been visited two or three times since the last Conference and the Stake was never in a better condition.

Singing "Oh My Father" by choir.

Pres. E. J. Wood was the next speaker. He adverted to the condition of some of the young people. Did not desire to reproach the Saints, but felt that as they were under the Spirit of the Lord, they would be benefited by reproof. Adverted to the conduct of the boys in Church Schools.

Read from the Doc. and Cov. and adverted to the keeping of the Word of Wisdom. Read further from Doc and Cov. Sec. 84.

Read two letters from the 1st Presidency relative to our local conditions as to temperance and advising that such be dealt with for their fellowship in the Church.

Commented upon each paragraph as the letters were read. Felt that he had not done his full duty in the matter of disciplining those who were careless in their duty and who still hold fellowship in the church.

Pres. Sterling Williams followed with a few remarks. He felt that every Latter Day Saint was in accord with the remarks of Pres. Wood and with the letters from the 1st Presidency, and that they were without excuse in breaking the Word of Wisdom. He adverted to Tithing and the keeping of the Word of Wisdom as safeguards against apostasy. Urged all to fall in favor of prohibition, and to support those who preside over them. Closing exercises.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening exercises

Patriarch Henry L. Hinman was the first speaker. He dwelt upon individual responsibility, and urged upon all a full testimony of the truth of the Gospel. Said the great danger of apostasy is in taking a stand against the Priesthood. Adverted to the necessity of union under the Stake Presidency just as it should be under the 1st Presidency.

Elder James T. Brown testified to the truth and power of the instructions of Pres. Wood during the morning session. Thought the time had come when the people must take sides for or against the night. Hoped all who were in transgression would be able to right themselves without anyone being severed from the Church.

Bishop D. E. Harris reported the Cardston Ward as being in good condition. Spoke of the disunion apparent in some quarters, but thought that any dissatisfaction arose from the efforts of the presiding brethren to bring about a reform. Felt that progress was being made in right "would many pray that each one had a responsibility in the matter."

Anthem by the Choir.
Elder Seth H. Thomas spoke of the inspiration attending the discourses of the morning, and of the authorities in this connection. Dwelt upon the evils of bad habits in general.

Pres. Rhoda Hinman reported the Relief Societies of the Stake.

Pres. Annie Snow reported the Y. L. M. I. A. of the Stake.
Pres. Emily Bigelow reported the Primary Associations of the Stake.

Elder John F. Parrish rejoiced in the plainness of the instructions of the morning session and endorsed every word of it. Closing exercises.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening exercises.

Patriarch John A. Woolf was the first speaker. He bore his testimony and summed up the duty of each one in the remark: "Learn the will of the Lord and then do it."

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R. WM. PILLING

Cardston, Alta., Feb. 24th, '09

As a candidate for the nomination in the Liberal Convention, I gladly avail myself of the opportunity offered under Temperance Notes, to let the people know exactly where I stand on the liquor question.

First: I have all my life been a total abstainer from the use of intoxicating liquors.

Second: From observations I have been able to make, through extensive travel, both in the United States and in Canada, I have seen the evil and disastrous results from intemperance.

Third: I know, from my associations with mankind, that there are those who could and would be men if the temptation to evil in this direction were removed from them, but of themselves are too weak to resist when given the chance to gratify cravings, for which, in many cases, they are not entirely responsible.

Fourth: Prohibition, provincial wide, is the only safe solution to this question, which I can see at the present time. Local option could have accomplished much good in its way, if hearty co operation could have been secured in all departments, but failing in this, the only solution now is in absolute prohibition.

Fifth: I pledge myself to work for prohibition and will be willing that the people in the Cardston Electoral District shall say if my life and actions have always been in harmony with these declarations or not.

Sixth: I am not making these statements of my position because I am proposed as a candidate, but because they are the sincere sentiments of my heart, and I know they are the express wishes of a majority of the people.

R. Wm. Pilling

Edmonton Notes

A detailed and full statement of the telephone system of Alberta was given to the Legislature this week by Hon. Mr. Cushing, Minister of Public Works. The total expenditure up to December 31st, 1908 was \$1,380,219.

EXPENDED:

1906.....\$ 22,036
1907.....\$ 262,262.79
1908.....\$ 1,095,920.49

Up to last December also the revenue derived from the telephone amounted to \$137,118.10

Other facts are:

Total circuit mileage.....1,842
Total long distance.....1,427
Rural telephones.....363
Urban telephones.....4,340
Toll stations.....159
Exchanges.....49

The Minister also stated that the rate for rural telephones was \$15.00 per year, but where it was found necessary to put in a station to operate an exchange, the expense of installation was increased and a small toll was collected in this exchange to help for the present to meet the expense. This has given rise to some misunderstanding in the case of farmers who could not get direct connection.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

At Red Deer last week the Conservatives of the Province held a Convention and drew up a platform, which in its essentials strongly resembles the Liberal Platform and policy. By the fact that no criticism was offered the present Government or policy it seemed as though the entire convention could be said to be in favor of the Rutherford Government policy or aims and the mistake it would be to offer any opposition to it. Mr. Heibert cross examined by the Convention as to his purpose in giving that statement held to it and said he wished to prevent useless slandering in the next election campaign here.

In their railway plank they differed from A. J. Robertson in the House, the latter having stated he would defend his policy of Government Ownership to the last, and alone if need be. "Like Horatius," he said he would stand. The Convention decided that while Government ownership was a good principle that parties cannot a survey favor their principles and the plan of guaranteeing bonds—the policy which it is generally believed has been adopted for some time by the Rutherford Government.

LOOKING TO FOUR PER CENT

With a view to securing lower interest for the farmer and others borrowing money in Alberta and Stoney, General Cross introduced an amendment to the Corporation's Taxation Act, making it unlawful for a loan Company to make any borrower or mortgagor cover the tax payable by the company to the revenues of the Province. The premier supporting this advanced the argument that this would have the effect of lowering the rates of interest on money, and he was anxious for the time to come when farmers in the West could borrow money when they needed it, as cheaply as eastern farmers do. The Premier's arguments were echoed by Mr. Heibert.

Among other matter that has been brought before the House during the past busy week, was Dr. Steele's application to practice medicine in Alberta, notwithstanding the Medical Council's decision that he could not. The case brought up a good deal of argument in the Committee room where legislation is really put in shape and discussed and amended before reaching the House. Dr. Lafferty representing the executive of the Medical Council was present. He claimed that Dr. Steele had made application for registration after the Medical Act came in force. It was shown that Dr. Steele had made application on the very day the bill came into force, and on this question of a few hours time, the Committee wrestled finally deciding in favor of Dr. Steele. St. Albert municipality made

a request to the municipal Committee, to permit a very considerable extension of its borders, but the Committee were disinclined to take any such important step, until the wishes of a greater majority of the residents were made known formally to them, so St. Albert's request is shelved for this year. Several bills referring to the incorporation of various companies, were introduced by J. W. Woolf, John T. Moore and others.

An evidence of the progressive trend of young western communities was given in the bills, read for a second time, concerning two propositions of electric railways in the vicinity of Lacombe and Wetaskiwin, bill to raise \$18,000 for purposes of prospecting for natural gas.

SOME HEAR RAILWAY POLICY.

The railway policy of the Government has not yet been made known by the Government but its announcement is looked forward to as one of the interesting features of next week's sessions. A few days ago, however, Premier Rutherford announced to the House that the Government certainly would not give any assistance to any but bona-fide roads. They would not help railroads to peddle charters.

The question of railway aid was received by E. H. Riley, the member for Gleichen who opposed any extension of time to the Calgary & Kneehill Railway. Mr. Heibert supported Mr. Riley's arguments. John R. Boyle, W. H. McKenney, John T. Moore and A. J. Robertson favored a free giving of charters to prospective railroads but to withhold any exclusive rights. Then any and all companies had great Waterways Railway, which is proposed to build from Edmonton to Lac la Biche and thence to Fort McMurray has been brought into the house by the Premier, which fact guarantees this company means business, as the member remarked.

The leading capitalists behind the proposition are the Messrs. Clarke of Kansas City, bankers, and William Bain of Winnipeg. The road will tap the Great northern waterways at McMurray and in this way bring all Alberta into speedy and direct communication with the Arctic Ocean, as well as open up the rich mineral and agricultural wealth north and south of Lake Athabasca. J. R. Boyle and Fletcher Bredin spoke strongly in favor of this road. It is opening up as it would immense regions which they know to be available.

SESSIONAL BRIEFS.

One of the numerous delegations to the Government recently was that from Great Falls, Montana. Leading men from that city came to find out what they could about the lines likely to be built to the boundary, or likely to get Government assistance, and they pointed out while here the advantages of the city of Great Falls, 140 miles distant from the boundary.

A life insurance company, the first to be formed in Alberta, has applied for incorporation, but the matter is held over for a time as there is no provincial insurance act to regulate these companies, and moreover the whole subject of insurance is now under consideration of the Federal Government.

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Conservative Meeting

A meeting of Conservative voters of Cardston Polling Division will be held in the Assembly Hall, (up-stairs) on Wednesday, March 3rd., at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the nominating convention. A full attendance is requested.

E. Harker, Pres.
D. S. Beach, Sec.