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## STETTLER THE CENTRE OF SPLENDID DISTRICT

A Million Dollars Worth of Cattle Shipped From The Town Last Year—One Recent Shipment Worth a Quarter of a Million.

Bulletin Staff Correspondence.

Stettler is one of the busiest towns in Alberta. For a while it had all the advantage of being a terminal town on the branch of the C.P.R., fifty miles east of Lacombe, and it has continued to make steady progress since the line has been extended to Castor. When the line is further extended east to Kerr Robert, then to connect with the C.P.R. line from Edmonton to Moosejaw and St. Paul, much advantage will be gained in still cheaper freight rates.

**Railway Competition.** Already since the freight can come from Fort William to Wetaskiwin and back via Lacombe and Stettler, the freight rate is less than by the old route around Calgary.

But Stettler has the C.N.R. as well, which will bring a healthy competition in freight and passenger rates.

**A Glimpse of Stettler.** On nearing Stettler the fine new brick school on the one side and the four elevators and a "doug" mill on the other are conspicuous objects.

**Fine View From Mill Top.** A view from the top of the Stettler four mill is well worth the climb. It is a pleasing panorama of level prairie. The bluffs add beauty to the parkland district from Stettler west, while a look to the eastward reveals a level treeless prairie.

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A. G. Fox, Dr. Brown and W. Typer, with D. Mitchell as secretary-treasurer.

**An Incorporated Town.** Stettler is an incorporated town. The council for 1917 are: Mayor, J. B. Griffith; councillors, W. Dunlop, J. B. Griffith, T. H. Riggs, Geo. Skinner, David Caldwell and L. B. Julien. The officers of the town are: Secretary-treasurer and publicity commissioner, D. Mitchell; solicitor, J. T. Costigan; medical health officer, H. J. Denovan, M.D.; town constable, R. Hoe; fire chief, W. Fyson.

**Good Fire Department.** The tax rate is 25 mills, but the assessment is not high. From \$322,000 in 1907 it has decreased to \$277,010.00 in 1910. The town has a good fire hall, the apparatus of which consists of a gasoline fire engine, a chemical engine and a full equipment of hose reels and hooks and ladders, handled by an efficient volunteer fire brigade.

The upstairs is fitted up for a council chamber, while at the rear is the office of the secretary-treasurer.

**Installing New Waterworks.** A waterworks system is now being installed at a cost of \$30,000. The mains have been laid and the finishing touches out on the tank on the high steel tower behind the fire hall. The underground tank has been constructed to hold the water which will be pumped from large wells. When the power station is completed the system will be ready.

**A Busy Board of Trade.** The Stettler Board of Trade have issued considerable publicity literature. They have circulated quite widely an artistic booklet entitled, "A Glimpse of Stettler." The emblem of the Board of Trade is a heart bear-

ing the words, "Heart of Alberta, Stettler bears 'em all'." The officers are: President, V. D. Brackett; an secretary, D. Mitchell. The board has found good results from their publicity campaign. Representations were made to the C.N.R. urging that railway corporation to connect Stettler direct with the new branch to the Brazeau coal mines.

**School to be Promoted.** Stettler citizens are proud of their schools. The first frame school cost \$5,000.00, and is only two years old, but has been found inadequate and a new three story brick school is now being erected at a cost of \$40,000. The new school has eight class rooms, teachers' rooms, cloak rooms, play rooms in the basement, and a large assembly room in the attic. It is expected that the new school will be ready for use in March. The contractors are Shannon Bros. and Cassidy, of Saskatoon.

The present teaching staff are Principal M. O. Nelson, B.A., with six assistants, Miss Bryan, Miss Cole, Miss Rowe, Miss Munroe, Miss Hannah and Miss Smith. The total enrollment is about 300. The school library consists of about 150 volumes. A chemical and physical apparatus is a great help in the High School department.

**Successful at Examination Time.** The classes range from primary to standard VIII and all are making steady progress. On the 1910 department examination all who wrote passed, 6 in standard V, 6 in standard VI, and 1 in standard VII. For the examinations in 1911, 10 are preparing for standard V, 14 for standard VI, 8 for standard VII, and 1 for standard VIII. The pupils have several athletic clubs, including a girls' basketball team, a boys' baseball team, a football club and a boys' hockey team.

The school board of 1910 were E. A. Hargreaves, chairman; G. M. Ball,

Miss K. Raemer is postmistress. The post office is in a separate building and has a large number of lock boxes. The heavy mail requires a staff of four clerks.

**Cheap Fuel—Many Industries.** Coal sells for about \$4.00 per ton delivered in Stettler. There are mines to both north and south of the town. Some of the farmers mine their own coal on their farms. This cheap fuel is an important factor for cheap living and also will assist local industries.

The Stettler flour mills have a capacity of 150 barrels per day, and are gristing for the farmers in the surrounding district for 20 or 40 miles. The Stettler steam laundry has just installed machinery.

The Stettler iron works have both a foundry and a machine shop. The Imperial Oil Co. have a large warehouse and a set of oil storage tanks.

**A Good Hospital.** Stettler has a good private hospital popular institution and conducted by a first class ward by Mrs. J. H. Hunt, a graduate nurse with medical training. There is accommodation for eighteen patients.

The various religious denominations represented in Stettler are: Church of England, Rev. W. H. T. Harris; Methodist, Rev. F. P. Woodworth; Presbyterian, Rev. D. Robertson; Roman Catholic, Rev. Father Bazin; Swedish Lutheran, and Jewish Mission.

**Amateur.** Baseball and tennis are numbered among the pastimes of summer. This winter the Stettler hockey team has entered the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association and will compete in the league. R. B. Baxter is president, and T. Reilly, secretary of the hockey

club. Four local town teams are competing in a series of local matches for a cup donated by Paul Clin.

The curling club has about 72 members. G. C. Bentley is president and W. Dunlop, secretary-treasurer. A successful bonspiel was held last season. Buffalo lake, 15 miles to the north is well patronized in the summer as a pleasure resort, while in winter it is to see a sleigh load of fish from the lake standing at a street corner in Stettler.

Stettler has a sub agency of the Dominion Lands. All the land is taken up except more than twenty miles south, towards the Hand Hills. Many settlers are now being proved up and getting their patents. Last year there were over 2,300 transactions recorded; over 2,300 entries made and nearly 900 applications for patents at the local office.

**Heavy Sales of Machines and Lumber.** The implement business has been considerable in the Stettler district. For one line alone the sales for 1909 totalled \$110,000.00, and for eleven months of 1910 reached \$74,000.00. One agent sold 180 mowers in 1909.

Considerable building was done this year both in town and district. Good houses are now being built, better than in previous years.

Stettler has a good tributary settlement from which to draw trade. These districts often bear the name of the local school, among the list are Wild Rose, Red Willow, Blue Ridge, Silver Prairie, Liberal, Stewart, Foreman, Harker, Monval, Whitebrush, Hastings Coulee, Ewing and the Zenith.

**Agricultural Society.** The Stettler Agricultural Society held a very successful fall fair in

October, for which much credit is due to the members and the officers. President, T. H. Adair, Secretary, W. Lester and Treasurer G. M. Ball.

The United Farmers of Alberta have about 100 very active members who hold well attended regular meetings. The officers are: President, T. H. Adair; vice-president, C. Strick; secretary, H. A. Steele; executive, Buckingham, R. Zimmerman, H. W. Kerridge, A. J. S. Webber and F. Schertenleib.

**After Good Grain.** It has been estimated that the total grain crop of Stettler district for 1910 was about 130,000 bushels. The district has a good reputation for the production of spring wheat. Even this year the grain is grading well. Among the good grain yields of 1910 a few might be mentioned:

The Ball farm had a yield of 31.2 bushels of spring wheat to the acre. Richardson Bros. had 35 bushels spring wheat to the acre; Ch. Hiskley had over 35 bushels wheat to the acre; Althe Schimmermidt had 28 bushels wheat to the acre; Herb Scott had 600 acres of crop and J. Hinkley had over 5,000 bushels of wheat, grading No. 2 and 3.

**Flax Pays Well.** Flax yields well around Stettler. W. Ferguson had a half section in flax, part of it yielding 15 bushels to the acre. Clark and McCullough had 480 acres of flax. It is not all threshed, it is expected to yield 10 bushels to the acre. Over 400 acres of this field was broken last spring in time for seeding to flax.

The crop returns for a half section in one year will be about as follows: breaking, double disk and double harrowing, cost \$6.00 per acre; seed \$7.50 per acre; harvesting 75c per acre; stacking 50c per acre; total cost \$12.25 per acre; or a total cost of \$23.35 per acre.

**\$24.00 Land Yields \$22.50 Crop.** At a yield of ten bushels per acre of flax at a market price of \$2.25 per bushel this would return \$22.50 per acre. After deducting the cost of the crop, the farmer would be left with \$9.35 per acre. \$13.15 per acre is left to pay for the land, which was bought at a school land sale at \$13.00 and \$5.00 per acre in the fall of 1909, with ten years to pay.

**Big Cattle Sales Swift Business.** Cattle shipments have also been a valuable item in the trade of Stettler. Recently one shipment alone totalled \$250,000.00. It came from the Hand Hills district to the south of Stettler. From here last year were shipped 32 trainloads of cattle amounting in value to a million dollars. Many hogs and a few sheep were also shipped.

The banks are busy places and every day their counters are crowded with customers, both farmers and business men. Since the farmers are adopting the modern methods of marketing their grain, holding in store for a rise in price, this makes more business for the banks.

**Grain Growing Cuts Out Dairying.** The Stettler creamery has been idle for two years because the farmers will not milk cows when they can raise grain so profitably.

Real estate is valuable in the Stettler district. Land sells at from \$10 to \$20 per acre. Improved land from \$20 to \$40.50. Farm land is always in good demand. One quarter of Stettler land has been sold in three months and each time at 5% more. Most sellers use the proceeds to buy more land or to ship to locate further west.

The soil is a clay loam with a clay subsoil and is well adapted to the raising of spring wheat.

Many farmers have been at work in the district, especially to the eastward on the prairie. A settler estimated that at least 10,000 acres of new land had been prospectively summer within a radius of ten miles of town. Much more land will be broken each year until the whole district is under cultivation. The farmers are prosperous and many are now in a position to hold their grain. They will "get there." It is a thriving town in a prosperous district.—F. R. P. McKITTRICK.

**GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME.** Nipped In The Bud By Post Office Authorities.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Upon a complaint made by the Post Office authorities in Saskatoon, that David W. Spencer was heading that town with literature promoting a "get-rich-quick" scheme with headquarters in Toronto, Spencer was taken into custody last night by detective McKelvey on a charge of obscenity.

It is stated that Spencer's circulars had to do with the placing of money on race horses, advertised that he would