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IN MORMONDOM.

Our Old Friend "Bob" Smyth
Writes a Chatty Letter

To The Planet About the Utah Colony
Now Settled in the Great
Canadian West.

To those interested in the settlement and permanent up-building of the great Canadian North West, Southern Alberta offers an object lesson replete with interest. While appeals for aid are going up from the Doukhobor and Galician colonists, the Mormons in Southern Alberta, recently settled upon land commonly deemed inferior to that of the farther north, are doing well. They have no dependent poor, and ask no more than to be left alone.

Until quite recently it was the common belief that Manitoba and the Edmonton districts alone of all the west, could be turned to the account of agriculture. Southern Alberta was but little known, and was looked upon as a broad tract of land naturally unfitted for anything but the raising of stock. That it is peculiarly adapted to this important industry there can be no doubt. The Mormons, however, are firm in the faith that they can and will make Southern Alberta a country to which the beautiful State of Utah cannot hold a tallow dip.

To those familiar with the west, any description, however minute, can be of no use. Let those who do not know it as it is imagine themselves alone upon an apparently boundless ocean in which a growth of short brown grass does duty in lieu of water. Then let such an one stride a horse and travel fifty miles in almost any direction. In this trip he may pass one house, and perhaps two, but still upon every side, so far as eye can reach rolls the monotonous prairie. Even the houses, except in the case of the towns, do not break in upon the wearisome sameness, as they are built in the coolness and the river bottoms, and must be sought out. They form no part of the landscape.

During the past year, however, there has been a marked change in the appearance of this section. Cardston, the business and ecclesiastical centre of the Mormon settlement, has been here for some years. It lies about fifty miles to the south-west of Lethbridge, and is situated at the junction of the Canadian and the St. Mary's River. It has two churches, two hotels, (in one of which I am now writing) a flour mill, three general stores all doing good business, two blacksmith shops, two drug stores, one billiard hall, a live weekly paper and other appurtenances of a good little town. A new Mormon church has come up this year, and a commodious new school house has been built since New Year's and will be ready for occupancy in two or three weeks. Several new business places are now going up, and the town is daily assuming an air of greater stability. I mentioned two churches. There is a small, but growing, Presbyterian congregation here, under the pastorate of the Rev. Gavin Hamilton. The land near here is being farmed and the growth of the town must be regarded as the fairest index to the success of its neighboring farmers.

OTHER TOWNS GROWING UP.

About 18 miles from Lethbridge, and four and a half miles east of the trail between here and Lethbridge, a new town was started in May of last year. That is Magrath. There are now nearly 40 houses in the town, the townspeople being all farmers. A great deal of soil is being turned there this year for the first time. The Mormons are a people who have much to say in regard to irrigation. They prefer it to the gentle rain from heaven, and base their preference upon the fact that they need both sunshine and water, and that in irrigation the water does not interfere with the other. Their faith in it is shown by the work they have already done, and by the sale, on the part of many, of good homes in the States previous to their coming here.

Still farther east, about 18-2 miles from both Lethbridge and Magrath, is a second new town, Stirling. It is shown on the newest maps, there having been an A. R. & C. R. water tank at that place for several years. But the first houses there were begun in May of last year. It's growth is about equal to that of Magrath. The Irrigation Company own about 500,000 acres of land along the line where it is hoped to have water this year, and are selling it at \$3 an acre. The Mormons of Magrath and Stirling, acting under advice—presumably from the church—are buying every acre they can. It is apparently their desire to possess the land to the exclusion of the "gentile" (that's us) but several of the latter are buying considerably, believing this to be a safe and profitable manner of putting away money.

Leavitt, another little town, lies about seven miles west and two miles south from Cardston. It hides in a hollow of the everlasting hills, and was, in the old days, known as Buffalo Flat. The trail from here to Leavitt is mostly on end. It is all up hill and down, then wade a bog hole and climb up again. Fences, newly built have queered the trails, and the road allowance in several spots stands upon edge in such a way as to be utterly impassable even on horseback. At a forking in the trail stands a crude sign "This road is closed" and it would puzzle anyone but George Gordon Martin to say which of the

twain was closed until he had travelled a mile of four farther, rounded the end of a hill and run bump into a little farm house and any amount of wire fence. Then the traveller knows. The climate there is of an entirely different brand to that which makes this such a delightful spot. There is too much water and too little sunshine. Before the sun bobs up over the eastern hills it is cold. Soon it sinks from sight behind the higher hills of the west, and it is colder. Vegetation is consequently more backward and slower. The fencing in that part has unfitted the place for ranching, and farming has not proven an abundant success. Good crops, though, are a material and temporary consideration. As Latter Day Saints, these are of secondary importance. It is a man's status in

THE HEAVENLY HENCEFORTH hinges, in some manner not exactly clear to me, upon the dimensions of his family circle. In this regard their eternal interests are carefully seen to. If, here as in Lower Canada, the Government strove to popularize the supposedly unlucky number 13, many a good hundred acres would go to reward Mormon enterprise.

Naturally enough, they claim to have the one true religion. Who does not? And they are, as a class, temperate, honest, and industrious. In their dealings with strangers, and worthy of watching in a horse deal. They are exceedingly hospitable, and it is not upon the stranger within their gates to kiss all the little ones, after the manner of some eastern politicians, to enter into their good graces. So is the winter temperance of the present practice of polygamy, though it is a peculiarity of their religion and would, no doubt, be religiously adhered to, did Government permit. Those opposing them as colonists contradict them on this point, endeavoring to bolster up their contention by calling attention to the fact that many of their recognized leaders have a plurality of wives. This is not denied. But they take the same stand as Senator Roberts, of Utah, who, while agreeing to make no further additions to his matrimonial holdings, flatly refused to be "divorced" from any of the ministering angels annexed in the years that are gone. It might be added that those having several wives have brought only one with them. They should surely know whether or not they practice polygamy. If they don't, who does? And in dealing with them it is apparently forgotten that even the noble red man is permitted to retain all squaws taken prior to a certain year—1890, I think. Besides, we all expand our lungs and shout that everyone is free in the exercise of his religion. Wherein lies the chief glory of this freedom, if it is to be hampered in and bounded on all sides by the wall "Thou shalt not"? It seems to me puerile to go into ecstasies over a freedom which leaves one free only in so far as their belief coincides with our own. This is freedom indeed for me and me and all who believe as we do; but it is a degree of freedom—calculated to cause the minority, (the Mormon minority, for instance), to rush madly away to the mountain peaks and shout with the very joy of living? Still, I didn't make the law. If I had I'd very probably repeal it, and make this freedom something more than a euphonious name.

However, I did not set out to discuss questions of religion and legislation. I did not propose at the outset to discuss anything in particular, but rather to let your many readers, my friends, know something of what is going on in this part of Canada, so little known in Kent.

If this letter has been drawn out to too great length, I hope for forgiveness on the ground that I seldom offend in this manner. My time is pretty fully taken up, travelling the territory on horseback as special agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York; and I would not be before now had not my horse sprained his ankle while carrying me across country yesterday. Time hangs heavily on my hands, and I take this means of making you and your readers share my misfortune.

Yours respectfully,
ROBERT S. SMYTH.
Cardston, Alta., April 12.

THE PROPOSED ELECTRIC ROAD.
To The Planet.—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper for a few words in regard to the proposed electric road. I think that if the electric road ran to the village of Shrewsbury and crossing E. & H. Road at Rondeau, thence up the Communication Road to Blenheim to the main line at Charing Cross, it would catch all traffic on that part. Of passengers and small fruit there is a greater quantity on the road than on any other road in the county of Kent. We are really shut off of market as much or more than all other outside towns or villages. Although we wish to have communication with your city our transport is slow to get there in time by horse. There is a large quantity of small fruit grown in this section that could as well be marketed by this road as not. Providing such a road was in operation there would be a great number of excursionists coming to the bay for pleasure. As our friend said, we cannot take advantage of the market when prices are good simply because our roads are bad. At this time of the year, also products of the farm such as wheat and beans and other produce could be marketed by said road. I really think that the proposed road would be one of the most paying projects or best investments that the county could place their money in. I am certain that there are enough level-headed men in this end of the county to agitate this matter. As the United States are making all such improvements and are paying I am confident that the people of this county will not be behind in improving this, our beautiful part of Kent. I would say more but do not want to take up any more of your valuable paper. I remain yours,
E. F.
Rondeau, April 23.

TILBURY.
April 24.—Miss Cora Wright is visiting relatives in Detroit.
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wilson left last night for Calgary, where they intend to reside.
Robt. McWilliams leaves to-morrow to accept a position as foreman in a factory in Blyth. The family will not leave for some time.
Joseph Anthier and Miss Christina LaLiberte, of Tilbury North, were married in St. Francis church here yesterday.
Rev. Mr. McPhail and Mrs. McPhail are visiting in Windsor this week.
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On Tuesday evening, April 24, a concert will be given for the benefit of St. Joseph's Church, at the Grand Opera House. The program will be a very elaborate one, comprising the production of the opera, "Laila," and several selections on the piano by the celebrated American pianist, Prof. Oscar J. Kleimeyer. Prices 35c, 25c and 15c.

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WALLACEBURG.

April 24.—Harry Green, of Chatham, is in town.
The musical entertainment given in the Opera House last night was well attended.
Dr. Livingstone lectures on the Boer and his daring escape from them, this evening in the Methodist Church.
Mrs. F. W. Robinson and children arrived from Cleveland yesterday.
Jas. Colling spent Sunday in Detroit.
Miss Beaton, after a short visit with Miss Ethel Fuller, returned to Chatham Monday.

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