

An Open Letter to the Public

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W. L. SAUNDERS

South Grey in the West

Dear Review Readers,—

In this letter we might mention a number of other South Grey friends we met in towns and cities other than those we have already referred to. Only twenty miles north of Calgary in the little village of Airside, we found Dr. and Mrs. Edwards (formerly Miss Annie McCracken of Aberdeen). Dr. Edwards conducts a drug store in connection with Jim McCracken, her brother, for three years ran a successful general store here, sold out and now operates a barber shop and pool room, a lucrative business in any western town. Later on in Airside, we ran across Jim Warmington, another old Durham boy, who is on a ranch a few miles west and likes the open life after four years of it. He may be home this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ledingham, formerly of near Dornoch, we met in Crossfield, where he is manager of a general store. They are now ten years West of home.

While in Olds, Alberta we had opportunity to inspect one of the three Schools of Agriculture, which the Provincial Government has recently opened, the other two being at Claresholm and Vegreville. There are 53 young men in attendance here, of many nationalities, but all are being moulded to form one nationality and that the most efficient type of Canadian farmer.

Alberta's new Provincial Treasurer Hon. A. G. MacKay, M. P., now sits on the Cabinet benches instead of being in the cold shades of Opposition as Ontario's liberal leader. We discovered him standing beside us at Red Deer station but had time for only a few words. Along with Premier Sifton and other prominent Liberals, he recently attended a banquet tendered another Ontario boy at Olds Hon. Duncan Marshall, M. P., for Olds, now Minister of Agriculture, for Alberta.

At Lacombe we were pleased to spend a few minutes with Geo. L. Hughes, for many years in S. F. Morlock's store, now buyer and manager of the dry goods dept. of a large store there. He often sees Fred Smith, who is teaching 12 miles from the town.

Some 200 miles east of Edmonton, we found one of Saskatchewan's baby cities, North Battleford, one of the most enterprising as well. Despite the dull year, building operations were more lively than in other large provincial centres and the 6,500 present inhabitants look for 15,000 by 1915 or 1916. It is prettily located on the north shore of the North Saskatchewan, while across the river lies "the old town" Battleford, with about 1,500 citizens. They are poorly connected, only by one large bridge and that built for trade reasons we learn, some two miles east of North Battleford's main street, when there was a strong rivalry. The distance is thus five miles, whereas a central large bridge would shorten the route to about 1 1/2 to 2 miles. An auto service is run between towns. Both places have up-to-date new post offices. N. Battleford is rapidly developing as a wholesale centre and in company with Cameron McIntosh, an old Dornoch boy, now editor of the North News, we visited their splendid new Collegiate. We also were pleased to see here after four years absence, our cousin and namesake Peter Ramage, of Egremont, who has a homestead a few miles out and is engaged in carpenter work during the summer. Together we visited in the old town Mr. and Mrs. Litter, who is C. N. R. station agent. Mrs. L. intends leaving in a week or so to spend the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Renwick, Dromore.

Still homeward bound, we spent a half day in Saskatoon and on to Regina. In Sherwood's large new department store here, Miss Pearl Wilson, formerly in Grant's store, is one of the most successful salesladies and resides with her sister Ida, who is a graduate nurse here. We later met with W.O. and Mrs. Swanson, formerly of Egremont and residing with them is his sister Miss Elizabeth Bethel, former teacher in Holstein, now teaching in Strathcona school here. We regret she was absent at time of call. Miss Olive Welsh, formerly of Cleveland, a former visitor of the Brooks family when in Durham, we found at her post as librarian of the Children's dept. in the Public Library.

We spent a few hours in Brandon—the second city of Manitoba. It has a well built modern business section and is reported to be the prettiest residential city in the West. Mrs. Herb Ball, formerly of town, here extended us a kindly greeting. Mr. Ball is at present employed in Souris and her sister, Mrs. Geo. Stinson, of Hartney, Man., is with her for a few days. Geo. has a flourishing business in Hartney, having a large grocery, fruit and ice cream store in connection with the bakery. Boarding with Mrs. Ball is Miss Flo Richardson, of Flesherton, who is saleslady in one of the large stores.

Besides the friends mentioned in a previous letter in Port Arthur, we returning met Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Laughton, old Dromore residents, Mr. L. being employed in a store there. Miss Jessie Reid, also of North Egremont, sister of Mrs. L., is with them, while attending Business college and likes the city life. Jim Farquharson is back from summer survey work in Sask. and we found him reporting for the News, Port Arthur, while Charlie looks after Port Arthur's events for the Fort William paper. In the latter city, we looked in on Douglas Sutherland, another old Durhamite, who is in the insurance business there.

While in Port Arthur we took opportunity to inspect the fish hatchery and found it interesting to examine the development and processes of the eggs of whitefish and various species of trout. We regret the sight of Mr. McNab, an old friend of the Mc-

Cormick family of town, was absent on our call.

In returning a little more rapidly than previously anticipated, we much regret we were obliged to forego seeing other friends we had before met, especially in Winnipeg, besides some we had hoped to visit. In bidding a paper good-bye to all we again acknowledge the kindness and hearty welcome extended by old friends and by many new ones, we have been privileged to make. Our tour has left impressions not only of the greatness of our country, its vast possibilities for the future and its wonderful variety of natural features, but also has given us ample evidence of the enterprise of numerous Ontario citizens and of the kindness of hearts of many from old South Grey. —P. R.

MULOCK

Mr Alex McGillivray and son Regie, from Chatsworth, visited Sunday at Mr and Mrs John McGillivray.

Mr Wm. Bailey lost a valuable colt one day last week.

We are pleased to hear that Mr Alex Hobbirk is improving these days and hope he will soon be able to be around again.

A young farmer arrived at the home of Mr and Mrs Thos. Reay to help share the joys and sorrows of life.

Don't forget the Xmas tree on Monday, the 22nd of Dec.

Mr James Brunt has purchased the farm owned by Mr Harry Brunt and has been busy doing fall ploughing there.

Methodist Anniversary.

Owing to the inclement weather on Sunday, the anniversary services in the Methodist Church held that day were not so well attended as this much looked for function generally is. Notwithstanding the storm and chilling atmosphere a large number turned out at night and listened to a powerful discourse from Rev. Eddy of Mt. Forest.

Rev. Mr. Eddy was recently on a trip to the Pacific coast and was greatly inspired by the majestic appearance of the Rockies. In addition to his text, he took the mountains as a setting to his sermon and at times he would give descriptive references of the grandeur of these mountains creating imaginary pictures in the minds of his auditors that were highly pleasing.

Commencing, the minister compared the immensity and majesty of the mountains to the same virtues and qualities reposing in God himself, asserting that the strength and power of the mighty hills were in proportion to the mightiness of Him in heaven. Passing from this point he viewed the attitude of God towards man's sin. This evil he declared grew in a person as rapidly as the person willed it to do so until sin became habitual. But God's attitude never compromised towards it, although he never ceased loving the sinner.

His next lesson he based on the broad horizon of the Pacific ocean after passing the Rockies. The preacher declared that unlike this scene the mind horizon of many people were narrow and they lacked sufficient perspective in the journey of life.

The ascending feature of mountains to heaven and their utter solitude were factors, he considered, that were strongly conducive to prayer. He pleaded that communion with the father might become more common and conducted in a more spiritual mood than hitherto.

Great credit must be given to the choir for the splendid part they took in the services of the day. Never have this body, about 25 strong, displayed a more stellar ability than in the anthems and special selections rendered on Sunday. Both in choral work and in part singing their work was high and praise was not stinted in their behalf by the congregation. They are an organization any church could be proud of.

Farmer's Institute. The December meetings of the Farmers Institute were held last week the itinerary being Ayton, Elmwood, Dornoch, Durham, Varney, Tp. Hall, Glenelg, Dromore and Holstein on Monday of this week.

The Durham meeting was slimly attended last Thursday, though the intelligent farmers present showed a genuine enthusiasm in the topics spoken of. Pres. Scarf had been employed as an Institute instructor and in a brief address gave a synopsis of his experience in other counties. Amongst things he had noticed was a new kind of wheat with a pink straw, just being introduced and he had made arrangements to have it introduced here. He had found great differences of opinion as to the value of fertilizers the weight of opinion being that it was of little value in grain crops but told on turnips and potatoes.

Mr. Barbour of Crosshill, Waterloo Co. was the official delegate and spoke fluently and intelligently on "The Breeding of Draught Horses." In the course of his remarks he gave it as his opinion that the price of horses could not be expected to stay up. The man who sticks to one line of stock whether horse, cattle or sheep kind, and stays with it, will generally come out alright. He gave some useful hints on the care of horses' feet, on the treatment of colts when foaled and after, an effort should be made to mate mares to same type and quality, the breeding mare in winter should have a uniformity of diet, cor severe climatic conditions effect stock favour-

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ably, even as it makes humans more robust and virile, but proper housing was essential.

In reply to a vote of thanks he spoke of his enthusiasm in farming had a son 10 years old, with whom he had already formed a partnership. In the discussion on fertilizers he said he never used any, but ploughed down clover and found manure enough for other fertilizing purposes.

Winter Tours to the Land of Sunshine and Summer Day.

At this season of the year a great many are planning their winter tours. Considerable numbers annually visit the ever popular California Resorts, while many prefer the flowers and sunshine of Florida, together with the very even climate.

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