

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE RESERVE

11-13-1

The Red Deer School was closed in July 1919, and the business closed in April 1920. We had an auction sale of all the household goods, farm machinery and some of the live stock. We transferred eighteen horses and thirteen head of cattle to the new farm at Edmonton. This farm consists of 633 acres of rich agricultural soil. It was purchased for \$40,000.00. Mr. Woodworth, the principal, moved to Edmonton and took charge of the farming operations, giving considerable over-sight to our building programme. He engaged Mr. L. B. Farmer to erect the buildings. This was done by purchasing the material under tender and day labor; Mr. Farmer superintended the work. He and Mr. Woodworth gave their whole time to the enterprise. The following buildings were constructed:

1. A principal's home. This is a two-storey building with attic and full sized basement. The outside walls are built of hollow tile and finished by number one pressed brick. There are three air spaces in this wall which practically makes it frost proof. The building is 26' x 38'. It is an eight roomed house.

2. A horse stable. This building is 40' x 90' including the shed at the east end. This has a mow above which will hold about one hundred tons of hay. The stable accommodates 27 head of horses. The building is well constructed throughout and finished with brick veneer. It is considered one of the best in the province of Alberta.

3. A Utility building. This is 30' x 60' having three floors. The basement is intended for the storage of potatoes and vegetables. It is well drained and the walls are lined with hollow tile. The ceiling of the basement is re-inforced concrete 8" thick. The next floor is for a drive house, baggage cutters and autos, with a blacksmith shop and store-room for tools. The third floor is for carpenter shop and manual training. The attic is valuable as a storage room.

4. The Pump house. This is a frost proof building with a pump well installed. The supply of water appears to be sufficient. When first installed the flow was at the rate of 40 gallons a minute. This was under a strong engine. The present engine is not strong enough and too slow in speed. While I was there I had it turned on and the flow was 10 gallons a minute but only one valve was working. I think the other was out of order on account of the collection of sand which is frequently the case in connection with new wells. The pump should be taken out and the valves put in order, with a stronger engine installed. There is no evidence to show that the water supply is not as good as at first. The water is soft with a slight taste of what appears to be soda.

5. Farmers' residence. This is a building that we have moved up from the east end of the farm and is to be used for the farmer's dwelling. It is to be placed upon a cement foundation and brick veneered. It will then be in keeping in appearance with the rest of the buildings, which are all to have an outside finish of brick.

The plans and specifications of the main building and school room are about completed and we expect they will be built during the coming summer.

The following list of stock and implements is now on hand. -

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29 fat steers	1 separator	\$1671.00
1 bull	1 Grain Grinder	115.00
12 yearlings	3 heavy farm wagons	436.00
3 calves	1 demount	166.00
22 cows	8' tandem disc	152.00
28 horses	8' binder	257.00
	1 set of harness	55.00

The farm machinery consists of what was purchased from Mr. Fimo together with the above mentioned which were purchased during the year. To this should be added \$1,000.00 that was paid back to the Indian Department on a gasoline engine purchased at Red Deer. This shows an outlay of about \$3,800.00 for machinery which was needed to carry on the farming operations.

The cost of the buildings and the material on hand is \$61,565.58. About \$25,000.00 of this amount is for wages and the balance of \$36,565.58 is for material. The total of the Department cheques for wages was \$20,005.25. Amount paid for wages was \$20,557.00. This leaves a balance due the Department of \$105.95.

Mr. Parney received \$1,125.00 more than the Department paid for his services. Mr. Woodsworth's services have not cost the Department anything.

Board was provided for the men who worked upon the buildings. The statement of the board account is as follows:-

Receipts:

Board collected	2,649.25
Cement sacks sold	337.25
Cement sold	101.80
Steel casing sold	262.00
Balance of wage account	105.95
Rebate Kinsilla Sand Co.	210.45
Cash discount, cement	9.85

Expenditures:

Food for men	2,047.89
Hotels Limited	237.91
Adams Company	51.25
Edmonton Paint	.83
Edmonton Iron Works	1.50
Moorehouse Blue Prints	5.75
Ross Brothers	37.63
Balance due Indian Department	494.82
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	\$3,677.55
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The crop returns last year were as follows:

Oats	10,000 bushels
Wheat	1,500 "
Barley	860 "
Potatoes	400 "

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There was sufficient hay and green feed to winter the entire stock well. The following acreage is prepared for crop this year:

Wheat	105 acres
Oats	150 "
Barley	25 "
Roads	10 "
Green Feed	25 "
Meadow	25 "

We have sufficient seed on hand for all purposes.

The financial statement in connection with closing the business at Red Deer transferring to Edmonton and operating of farm is as follows:

Receipts.

Bank overdraft	\$7,000.00
Red Deer Funds	13,543.73
Missionary Society	5,000.00
Farm Produce	2,260.30

Expenditures.

Salary, Joseph Woodsworth	\$1,300.00
House rent, "	875.00
Feed, "	300.00
Fuel & Light "	228.87
Farm and Garden	18,327.75
House Equipment,	808.99
Travelling & Freight	851.32
Extra Labor	1,280.89
Miscellaneous	750.78
Indian Department, Balance, due	494.30
Cash on Hand	90.72
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	\$23,806.05
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To meet the amount of the overdraft we have 29 head of fat steers and 7,000 bushel of oats for sale. As the expenditure for farm and garden is \$18,327.75 the following note is in order:

Wages for farm	\$4,000.00
Paid to Mr. Hume	7,500.00
Exp. Implements	2,800.00
Paid Dept. (engine)	1,000.00
Purchased cattle	1,800.00
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	\$17,100.00

This leaves a balance of \$1,227.00 for seed, feed, oil and general expenses. As Mr. Woodsworth has given all his time to this enterprise, I would recommend that the \$5,000.00 advanced by the Missionary Society as a loan be cancelled.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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