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Full Moon, 6 h day 1 48 morn
Last Quarter, 12h day 5 13 after
New Moon, 20h day 2 0 after
First Quarter, 28h day 5 2 after
Perigee, 7th day 5 h. morn

Day of Month.	Day of Week.	High Water.	
		Morn.	After.
1	Saturday	6 1	6 39
2	Sunday	7 17	7 56
3	Monday	8 25	8 54
4	Tuesday	9 22	9 43
5	Wednesday	10 4	10 24
6	Thursday	11 43	11 0
7	Friday	11 17	11 45
8	Saturday	11 33	12 18
9	Sunday	0 10	0 31
10	Monday	0 52	1 14
11	Tuesday	1 40	2 6
12	Wednesday	2 26	3 9
13	Thursday	3 47	4 25
14	Friday	5 11	5 57
15	Saturday	6 33	7 8
16	Sunday	7 35	8 2
17	Monday	8 24	8 46
18	Tuesday	9 5	9 24
19	Wednesday	9 40	9 56
20	Thursday	10 12	10 29
21	Friday	10 44	10 59
22	Saturday	11 17	11 35
23	Sunday	11 51	12 11
24	Monday	0 8	0 26
25	Tuesday	0 45	1 5
26	Wednesday	1 25	1 46
27	Thursday	2 7	2 32
28	Friday	2 57	3 28
29	Saturday	4 9	4 41
30	Sunday	5 14	5 51
31	Monday	6 34	7 15

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(Special correspondence of THE EXAMINER)

It is said that old Edmonton, from which this Alberta counterpart is named, possessed so many charms as to completely captivate the citizens of "famous London town." The new town has the same pleasing features; the wild, high strait lined with pretentious mansions, all embowered in groves and shrubbery; the same most atmospheric and rich vegetation and the great Saskatchewan for the "Wash," which so heightened the horse-catch adventure of John Gilpin, who, we are assured, rather enjoyed his ride.

"Until I came into the wash of Edmonton so gay; And then she threw the wash about On both sides of the way, Just like unto a trunling mop, Or a wild goose at play."

Well, we have no such difficulty in crossing our Wash and, therefore, carried away with us pleasant recollections, indeed, of the most northern, and, at the same time, one of the most beautiful towns we had ever visited. The charms and advantages of the country were not unregarded by others either, or at least one member of our party manifested a desire to linger longer in it, with a view to buying himself a section of country and enjoy life's evening amid scenes so fair. But there was other work at hand to be done, and re-crossing the river we found our tourist car ready to make the journey south again.

The trains had many passengers; not settlers this time, surrounded by their household gods, but contented-looking farmers and business men, with their wives, going down to Calgary on special missions; or land and immigration agents returning to their respective fields of labor, having secured the sections requisite to plant a new colony in the rich Saskatchewan valley. We had with us, too, no less a personage than a cousin of Gordon Cunningham, of the big, loose, brutal looking cowboy attire, buckskin, belt, blouse, knife and flask. He looked much more savage and forbidding than any Indian we had so far met and certainly lived with less restraint in his several ranches—if all counts were true. The diction of the Latin poet—*minimus est crederet color*, was certainly justified in his case. Where the animal alone is developed, what an ignoble being is man!

Arrived at Calgary again, we found the town greatly agitated over the outbreak of small-pox. On the right bank of the B.W., within a mile of the city, a cluster of canvas tents, with their ominous yellow flag and sentry on guard, indicated the improvised pest house. Seven cases were confined here, five of which were Chinese. They had either brought the dread disease with them from the Flowery Kingdom, where it always luxuriates, or contracted it at the coast. If it could be rubbed up against anywhere, you might be sure John Chinaman must have it, for he is everywhere in the West. Little wonder, too, that his presence causes alarm. The outbreak, we found, had paralyzed trade to a considerable extent in the city. Strangers would not stop off passing through and ranchers remained on their reserves. The citizens themselves were much exercised; indeed the state of feeling was much the same as prevailed there in the early days of our late epidemic. Doctors were slow to decide to be had, and after shifting about for days the mayor was obliged to solicit the services of the Sisters of Charity. They responded cheerfully and promptly as usual, and, as with us, such action reassured the public mind. They were there nursing as no other, the unfortunate in the hospital. Naturally enough, under such circumstances, our delegation were not anxious to tarry longer than could possibly be helped in Alberta, so eastward all hurried in the morning after coming down from the north. Some of us had, however, spent a couple of days south of the C. P. R., while the others were doing the Red Deer country in detail.

Southern Alberta stands unequalled it is claimed, among the cattle countries of the world. We were no further south in it than High River, for reasons before mentioned, but an examination of more than half the entire 100 miles it comprises, convinced us that at these were not empty claims. It is in this country that the celebrated Coltrane ranch is situated. Here, no son of John Ings, Esq., among so many others, raises large herds of cattle for exportation, and southwest from Fort McLeod, Dr. Jenkins has his horse ranch. Unfortunately we were unable to visit these famed enterprises, but if the success which is remarked as crowning the labors of those we visited, were shared in to even a slight degree by our own friends, there can be no doubt whatever as to the judiciousness of their choice of these rich pastures as a superior place for cattle and horse raising. We passed through many ranches on our way to High River, among them two of the immense Winter Cattle ranches. The one nearest Calgary is devoted to cattle; that further south to horses. On both farms the number of animals is very large—away up in the thousands—and the cattle especially in full bloom. Horses of every strain, from the full blood to the native pony, are to be met with. One of the pretty sights no one wants to miss is that of a well stocked rancho, the rolling prairie dotted with ideal herds of cattle, some grazing, some resting, some scampering away at full gallop, with the head down and tail in the air, while the agile cowboy seems to completely overcome the difficulty of space is always

successful in being just where he wants to keep the scattering cattle from getting out of range. If you are lucky enough to strike a round-up and witness the branding process when an exhibition of lassoing that would do Buffalo Bill credit, is always to be had, the interest and pleasure of the visit is much enhanced. The cowboy ventures anything. His flocks and herds know him and fear him. But let not the stranger count upon this immunity and take liberties with the cattle or he may have little to do with the final disposition of his effects. As the public roads or trails pass through rancho after rancho in the grazing country, and as many stock men, whether they have bought out or leased their wide acres, are now fencing them around, we are obliged to slight at every owner's boundary line crosses and open and shut the ponderous gates. No unnecessary time is lost either in the act when we find ourselves in the very center of a wild and treacherous-looking troop of steers. Some, however, forget that prudence is the better part of valor, and by their folly add new matter to the cowboy's repertoire of stampedes, attacks, experiences in broncho-breaking and general deeds of prowess on the plain. The cowboys are, for the most part, fine, big, athletic fellows, free and easy though respectful in their manners, and generous to a fault. Many of them are sons of good parents, who have left the comforts of a luxurious home to lead the life they love on the wild and boundless prairie; others again enlist in the service to which they have long been accustomed in other lands, *Passez ret ante, bones, pieri, submitite lauros* being to them a council as pleasing as could have been that to Tyrus and his master in the days of Augustus.

The roads in Alberta have not cost the administration much. Only within the past year or so have they made a start in road-work at all, by cutting away a difficult hillside here and there. The public roads are, as we have said, simply Indian trails, and they cover the prairie in all directions, making it necessary to the traveller to be as good a navigator as Barney O'Riordan. Even then he will find it difficult to find his north-east or any other course if not accustomed to the plain. About Calgary and south of it the surface seems to cover a bed of round rocks, which show up in the roads when they are much used, and oblige the teamster to make a new trail near by. Other than these specimens turned up by travel, or covering the bottom of some drying-up rivulet or gully, one sees no stones on the prairie. These found in this way, as well as the general formation of the land about us, clearly indicate the recent, geologically speaking, retirement of the waters from what, no doubt, was once a great inland sea. To mark the king's highway, among the many other ways by which the plains are networked, the provincial government has caused piles of these rocks to be made on each side of the road at regular distances. It will take many years before it is fenced out as with us; and some time must pass, too, before an Albertan, James D. Dewar, will make the wilds of the West resound with his whoop of praise for the wonderful road-making machine he has so lately ridden to victory. Do these trails make good carriage roads? many may ask. We have travelled over none better. The peculiar soil forms, when pressed, a substance almost like asphalt, over which vehicles pass with wonderful ease, and which brings no discomfort to the unshod cayuse. The Northwest trail makes a splendid road to haul over, and except for a hole here and there, made by the burrowing gopher or badger, you are wheeled along as smoothly in your carriage as on the driving parks. After a long and tiring ride with the rustic enough, though such as have been built by the settler to carry himself and team over a gully or small stream. As the country becomes improved all such works will, no doubt, make proportionate strides.

The settlers in Southern Alberta are wide apart. Much land is taken up—often a whole township—for a cattle ranch, and consequently the dwellings are at long distances. Still, the entire country south is well settled by the flower and choice of many provinces of this and other lands, and even those who went out there with no other capital than their industry have made amazing progress. To raise a four-year-old steer costs, we were told, \$18; he sells readily at \$40. What more money-making investment could a man make? And so with cattle, so with sheep and horses. But one might relate a chivalry of wonders connected with pastoral life, its duties, pleasures and profits in Alberta. After saying a word about the late rebellion, however, and the Indian tribes of the country in our next, we will rejoin our friends in Assiniboia.

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