

Irrigated Land Provides Wealth For Farmers In Southern Alberta

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(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
LETHBRIDGE, Alta., (CP)—The blank eyes in the bas-relief head of Sir Alexander Gait peer straight through the farming soul who seeks a share in southern Alberta's "green acres."
Sir Alexander, noted politician and pioneer in western development, whose plaster head hangs above the door to the irrigation building, fathered the province's first farm-watering canals built in 1902. The building is the headquarters of the St. Mary-Milk rivers development, successor to Gait's Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company.
The task undertaken with a Mormon labor crew from Utah has since turned into a \$60,000,000 Dominion-provincial venture that will eventually increase by \$200 the productivity of each of the SMRD's 610,000 acres. Some of the land was worthless or had at best a productivity of \$5 to \$10 an acre a year.

HAND-PICKED FARMERS

The man settled on irrigated land in the early 1900's had to be an experienced farmer, able to get over the homesteading hump and into a spot where he could cancel the debt to his provider.
The requirements, for the times, were tough and they still are.
P. M. Sauder, colonization manager for the SMRD, now handles the new wet wealth from the St. Mary river which has piled up 288,000 acre-feet of water behind Canada's largest earth-fill dam, a \$7,500,000 structure about 35 miles southwest of Lethbridge.
The irrigated territory administered by Mr. Sauder has come largely from tax-recovery and crown-owned lands, once occupied by dust-imperished ranchers, sold to the SMRD by municipalities and the provincial government.
Each applicant is rated for age, health, agricultural experience, education, personal capital and character. His wife, if he has one, is also screened. No settler can start with more than 160 acres of irrigable land.

VETERANS FIRST

Veterans get first consideration. The veteran pays an average of \$10 an acre and also a water-right charge of \$10 an acre.
The young couple satisfied with a low-cost, four-room house can—with a minimum of equipment and their Veterans' Land Act grant of \$2,320—get started with about \$3,500 in capital and be debt-free after 10 years.
The price to non-veterans is roughly doubled. They also make a water-right payment of \$10 an acre. Veterans and others pay an annual charge of \$2 for water service for each acre of irrigable land.
But what happens to the farmers firmly rooted on dry land once hesitatingly settled by their grand-children?
They "sign-up"—pay the \$10 an acre water right—before the government levels their land and diverts water from the distribution canal to their dusty fields. A majority of farmers in any one district is needed before the work is started. So far, says Mr. Sauder, the "sign-up" has been almost 100 per cent.

NOT FOR OLDSTERS

Again, some of the elderly farm people are too far along to take up this new watering idea.
"We realize that these people cannot change over to irrigation farming and we do not try to persuade them," says Mr. Sauder.
"When the land changes hands, the new owners will most likely sign up. Even if they don't, they can be forced to pay the water rate if the majority of farmers have signed up."
Many of the farms are large; dry-land farming on this drought-ridden but fertile land requires

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Mr. and Mrs. Hessel Matthews and their two sons, Elroy and Allan, Arlington, were the guests of Laughlin MacLean and sisters on Oct. 3.
Mr. Woodland Colwill is visiting his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sanderson, Summerside.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Young and family of Port Elgin, N. B., spent Thanksgiving visiting friends in this community.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Clifford Biggar upon the death of her mother.

Messrs. William McKay and Charles Dymont, spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKay and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dymont.

Misses Norma Dymont, Blanche Colwill and Wanda Rodd who are attending St. Mary's Academy, Summerside, spent Thanksgiving with their parents.

Friends regret to learn that Mr. Wilfred McDougall, is confined to his home with a severe cold. His many friends hope to see him about soon. —AW.

HUNTER RIVER UNITED CHURCH W.M.S.

The October meeting of the Auxiliary of the W.M.S., was held at the home of Mrs. L. W. Ripley. The president, Mrs. J. S. MacLeod, who presided, had as her theme, "The Influence of a Christian Nation," opened the meeting with a reading. After the singing of hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the scripture lesson was read by Mrs. E. Bernard and Mrs. Moase.

The story, "Out of the Experience of one Missionary" was read by the president. The first chapter of the stud. book, "The Church in India" was given by Mrs. MacLeod, Mrs. Seaman and Mrs. Ripley. This was followed by the Circle of Prayer and hymn, "Jesus United by Thy Grace." The Benediction closed the worship period.

Seventeen members answered the roll. Fifty-two home, 6 hospital calls were reported and 15 books read.

REDS VISIT HANOI

PARIS (Reuters) — Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, commander-in-chief of the Communists' Vietnam army, visited Hanoi Wednesday for the first time since his troops occupied the capital of northern Indochina, according to reports received here Thursday. Ho Chi Minh, the Vietnam leader, is expected Saturday to greet India's Prime Minister Nehru, who will pass through Hanoi on his way to Red China.

Construction Of Homes And Schools For Canadians In Germany Nears Completion

SOEST, Germany, (CP) — New homes and schools, prime ingredients for a balanced community, are rising around this rural Westphalia town, where the bulk of Canada's NATO ground forces are stationed.

The buildings, now nearing completion by German contractors, will house dependants of troops serving with the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade group.

The three Canadian-designed schools will accommodate some 900 children in all grades from kindergarten to senior matriculation. The homes, built in three-story rectangular blocks, will take about 1,700 families of assorted sizes. Both should be completed early next year and the first families will move into the new homes before the end of this month.

MAKE-SHIFT SCHOOLS

Meanwhile, the 2,500 dependants now living in Soest lack neither housing nor schooling. Canadian families are scattered through private German homes around the area and the children are getting their lessons either in borrowed German school rooms or in makeshift classes in the camps.

For instance, at Fort Henry, one of the four Canadian camps at Soest and site of brigade headquarters, some 90 children are studying in the bright, modern camp gymnasium.

There are 48 Canadian teachers and 100 Canadian school children living with their mothers at the British army leave centre in Winlerberg, 50 miles away.

FORMER TEACHERS

Dr. Jean Martin of Longueuil, Que. formerly a professor at the Université de Montreal, is supervising principal for the brigade schools.

He told reporters who visited the camp: "We're really pioneers here. There are so few of us that we cannot specialize in certain subjects, we must teach as many as we can."

"Also, because we have children coming here from all parts of Canada for only a few years study, we must give them courses which will fit in with the educational

omy." Lunch committee will be Mrs. J. Craswell, Mrs. L. Carew and Mrs. G. Smith. Roll call word is to be "Offspring."

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Lunch was served and a social hour spent.

Burton

—All schools of the community are now closed for the fall holidays. Many of the pupils are assisting the farmers in the harvesting of their potato crop.

Misses Ruth and Norma Reid students of Commercial College, Summerside, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Reid, Campbellton.

Friends and neighbors of Mrs. Frank Butler, Glengarry, are sorry to learn she had the misfortune to fall off a load of grain and fracture her ankle. All wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Penny Griffin, student of Notre Dame Academy, Charlottetown, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Griffin, Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Murphy, Hope River, also Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McKenna and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bradley of Charlottetown, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler, and Patrick Butler, Glengarry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Dalton, Mrs. Calridge Rogers, Misses Kemmie and June MacGregor and Mrs. Ralph Sanderson, Burton, were recent visitors to Summerside.

Miss Beverley Howard, student of Tignish High School, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the

FLACID LYNX

home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Howard, Glengarry.

Mr. Rayburne Doyle, Summerside, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. Harold Doyle, Campbellton.

VANCOUVER (CP) — s. P. Nyman's four-month-old lynx doesn't really live up to her name, "Fury" unless she's antagonized. Nyman said that on a plane trip from Whitehorse "I had her in a special box, but she chewed her way out. After that she sat with me and enjoyed the rest of the trip."



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