

"Saskatchewan Homesteading Experiences", 1870-1926 3 vols. 6 in.

Transcripts of accounts of true pioneer experiences, chiefly in Saskatchewan. Items No. 1-30 were entries in a competition arranged by the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, Regina, and the Women's Canadian Club, Regina, in 1923 for the five best true stories of pioneer life in Saskatchewan. The original manuscripts were placed in the library of the University of Saskatchewan and at the suggestion of Dr. Arthur S. Morton of the History Department, transcript copies of the entries were presented to the Public Archives in 1936. Items No. 31-73 are copies of accounts of homesteaders' experiences submitted to the grain growers' organ The Grain Growers' Guide in 1926; the originals were returned to the writers, transcript copies being made by Dr. Morton and presented to the Public Archives in 1926.

Most of the writers were immigrants, chiefly from Great Britain, and of these many were the wives of homesteaders. They describe travels by ocean, rail, and waggon trail; homesteading and farming experiences; prairie fires; social life; wildlife; etc. A few relate to the Barr Colony, notably item No. 28. Many describe Indian customs and activities and the Northwest Rebellion of 1885, particularly items No. 9, 10, 13, 18, and 41, besides Nos. 49-68 mentioned below. They chiefly relate to pioneer life in Saskatchewan; item No. 45 concerns Alberta. Of particular interest are items No. 49 to 68 inclusive, describing the experiences of a former Hudson's Bay Company clerk, 1870-1892. Most of the narratives fall between the Eighties and the first decade of the Twentieth Century; a few carry the narrators' experiences up to contemporary times. The transcripts have been numbered

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1. "The Bush Fire in the Moose Mountains" [1893] pp. 2-6
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33. "Homestead Experiences" [1888-] pp. 518-542
34. "My Experience on a Homestead" [1882-1885] pp. 543-551
35. "Homesteading Twenty Years Ago" [1903-c. 1910] pp. 552-587
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37. "A Saskatchewan Homestead Experience" [1905-1926] pp. 597-606
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40. "Homestead Experience" [1877-1894] pp. 636-647
41. "Early Eighties Were Really Good Days" [1882-1892] pp. 648-652
42. "Incidents of Threshing" [1882-] pp. 653-657
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46. "Homesteading Days" [1904-1909] pp. 693-698
47. "Homestead Experiences" [c. 1905 -] pp. 699-703
48. "A Green Englishman's Homestead Experience" [1903-] pp. 704-708
- 49-68. [A series of articles published in the Melfort, Sask., Moon by Reginald Beattie, a former Hudson's Bay Co. clerk, describing dog-sledding visits to posts, trapping, steamboating, life at the forts and on the prairies, experiences with Sioux and Cree Indians, the rebellion of 1885, etc.] [1870-1892] pp. 709-836
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