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Geologist Finds Giant Coal Deposit and Surprise Skull



George Tyrrell
(Source Tyrrell Museum)

26 year old geologist, Joseph Tyrrell found a giant coal deposit near to the ranching town of Drumheller. It is estimated to be worth \$1 million dollars. It will last for over twenty years.

Coal mining will provide many jobs for new immigrants to the Drumheller region.

While Mr. Tyrrell was climbing a cliff looking for coal, he was surprised to find the skull of a dinosaur—large lizards who died out long ago.

After cleaning away the dust and dirt, Tyrrell uncov-

ered the fossil remains and named the new fossil find, *Albertosaurus*. When asked about his find, he said, "It is interesting, but it won't pay the bills, finding coal does that."

When asked what he will do with the fossil, Mr. Tyrrell said, "I want to learn more, but we don't have anyone skilled in looking at these creatures. I will send it to the United States—where scientists there can study it and teach us about them."

He added, "I am just a geologist. Learning about these animals is not what I have been trained for. Besides," he added, "Anyone can come to Alberta and dig these fossils up. There's tons of them."

CATTLE SALE

Inmar Hansen is selling his herd of cattle. He is returning to Sweden and wants to sell his herd by the end of the month. Cattle occupy a unique role in human history, domesticated since at least the early Neolithic. They are raised for meat (beef cattle), dairy products and hides. They are also used as draft animals and in certain sports. Some consider cattle the oldest form of wealth, and cattle raiding consequently one of the earliest forms of theft.

Cattle are often raised by allowing herds to graze on the grasses of large tracts of rangeland. The most common interactions with cattle involve daily feeding, cleaning and milking.

Inmar has spent two years in Canada but has decided to take his wife and five children back to Sweden after learning through the mail that his father has died. He plans on taking over his father's farm in northwest Sweden.

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GRAIN PRICES RISE

Grain prices are on the rise. Estimates say that grain will gain 2-5% next fall, based on the Canadian Wheat Board futures.

Gerald Robinson, president of the wheat board was interviewed on Friday. "It is all based on the terrible crop we've had so far this year. Supply and demand state that prices have to rise. There just isn't the same amount of grain as last year. Simple enough to figure out."

Farmers in the Calgary area are thinking about what to do. Some, like Joseph VanLitner plans on selling some of his herd. "I can't afford to feed the whole herd through the winter. So I will probably sell about 10% or 50 steers this fall."

Another farmer, August Berle, says he will stay put. "I won't sell any. As a matter of fact, I'll be buying some steers at a good price this fall. We've been fortunate to have had good growing conditions where my fields are. They are sheltered and haven't had the same problems."

MYSTERIOUS BONES FOUND

A geologist, Dr. George Dawson found some interesting bones last week. At first, he thought they were bison bones, but on closer examination, he realized they were actually made of rock. Dr. Dawson said that he has

heard of these old bones, from animals that are called "dinosaurs," from the Greek words meaning **terrible lizard**. These dinosaurs lived a long time ago.

"I wasn't looking for old bones," said Dr. Dawson. I was

out surveying for coal and gold in the ground." When asked what he will do with the bone, Dr. Dawson said, "I don't know, it sure isn't worth as much as the gold and coal I look for in my job. I'll probably keep it on a shelf in my office."

Dr. George Dawson
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