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OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Introduction

All of the photos used in the book were taken by myself unless attributed to others.

I have visited several other collectors and they have graciously allowed me to photograph bottles in their collection. I have actually seen virtually all the bottles described in this book, with the following exceptions:

- Central Creameries - PINT described by Brian Matlock.
- Saskatoon Drinkle Creamery bottle described by Brian Matlock.
- Sutherland Dairy. While I have seen pint bottles from bottle groups 61-01, I have not seen the pint from bottle group 61-02, as described by Brian Matlock.
- Robert Thomas - Watrous. I have not seen this quart bottle, as pictured in George Chopping's book.

As we go to press, the book includes information about 65 dairies & creameries. At the beginning of 2008 there were 57 dairies and creameries with bottles with their names on them on my list. By November 2008 this list had grown to 65, following visits to several collectors I knew to have bottles of interest.

Included in the book is an extensive selection of pictures of bottles front and reverse. I have not tried to provide a photo of everything listed in the bottle groups. Rather I have tried to include enough, so that the collector reader will have a good representative guide to follow.

Sketches of many of the embossed bottles have been used herein because of the challenge of consistently getting good photos (and getting the lighting right) of these bottles. The sketches are close approximations of embossed labels. The reader should note that the sketches are interpreted into the graphics program from hand sketches done by me, a non artist.

The bottle sizes and description details I have included are based on my collection and what I have seen in the collections of others. Almost certainly other bottle groups and bottle sizes are out there and will come to light as the months go by.

As I was completing the book, I realized that there were several cases where I had placed varieties together and not set out separate bottle groups in the usual manner. While there are informational notes in the bottle group charts, I summarize these cases here for clarity:

- Glass Dairies - Red ACL - Group 16-5. Two different marks on the bases.
- Palm Dairies- Bottle Groups 32-06 and 32-10. Two different marks on the bases.
- Regina City Dairy Ltd. - Bottle groups 46-02. Two varieties of bottle fronts with same base mark.
- Saskatoon Creamery Co. - Bottle Group 52-02. There are bottles with 2 varieties of lettering on the fronts.



Attribution of Bottles

Based on the best information available to me, I have attributed certain bottles to certain dairies and creameries. While these attributions intuitively seem correct, there is technically no direct documentation to confirm them. These include;

- ½ gallon and 3 quart Purity jugs, attributed to Purity Dairy, Regina and Saskatoon.
- Bottles attributed to Ross Dairy, Saskatoon. There are a number of these bottles showing up in Saskatoon, which helps to lead to this attribution to Ross Dairy, a sizeable operation.
- S P D bottles attributed to Saskatoon Dairy Pool.
- City Dairy – Bottle Group 5 – 02. I have included this bottle because it is in Brian Matlock's notes and I assume he had a reason to attribute it to Saskatoon. City Dairy was a common name for the dairies in many locations. I have several such bottles, as do other Western Canadian collectors, with no way of attributing the bottles to a specific city.
- CCC – I have attributed these to Crescent Creamery Co. They could also be bottles used by Central Creamery Co, Saskatoon.
- Bottle Group 09 – 02 may not be a bottle used by Crescent, even though it was made by Mid-West Glass at Winnipeg.
- Quality Dairy. At the time I published Milk Delivery in the Battlefords, this round embossed quart was attributed to North Battleford. I feel strongly that it is a Western Canadian dairy bottle because it was made at the Redcliff Dominion Glass plant and to my knowledge, bottles made there were not made for or shipped to Eastern Canada.

I know of only one other Quality Dairy in Western Canada. It was operated by Emile Cherot on St. Albert Trail, just north of the Edmonton City limits at the time. At this date I am not able to attribute this bottle to either dairy.



Mystery Dairies

At this point in my research, there are three Saskatchewan dairies that are mysteries, at least in terms of who operated them and when. I have seen bottles from the dairies, but to date the considerable time spent on searching for information about them has not unearthed results. The three are:

- Munro Dairy - Bulyea
- The North Battleford Pure Milk Co.
- Sunny Brae Dairy – Saskatoon

In the case of Sunny Brae Dairy we do know the proprietor was James Graham since he was kind enough to have his name embossed on his milk bottles.

The reader will note that there are a few others on the dairy list for which the historical information provided is skimpy. Most notable in this category are Model Dairy – Regina and Primrose Farm Dairy – Regina.

Any information that can be provided on these dairies will be much appreciated.

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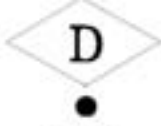
Artist rendering of planned Laurentia milk building, Battleford Sask. Photo courtesy of Irv Goldenberg.

Bottle Manufacturers and Dairy Equipment Distributors and Their Marks



Dominion Glass Company - Hamilton, Ontario

Had its beginnings in the 1800s in Canada, and grew rapidly with a series of mergers and acquisitions. This mark is used for their main plant in Hamilton.



Dominion Glass Company - Redcliff, Alberta

Dominion Glass had several plants across Canada, each with an identifying mark. This is the mark used for the Redcliff plant.



Midwest Glass Company Limited - Winnipeg, Manitoba

Operated from 1928 to 1930, but the company was never an operational success.



Consumers Glass Company - Toronto, Ontario

Formed in 1917, Consumers grew to be a large Canadian bottle and glass container manufacturer. This mark was used until 1962.

Creamery Package Mfg. Co. - Chicago, Illinois

A U.S. company that made a few bottles used in Canada.



Thatcher Manufacturing Co. - Elmira, New York

A large U.S. manufacturer, with roots dating to the 1890s, which made a number of bottles for Canadian dairies.

Travis Glass Company - Clarksburg, West Virginia

Travis, a little-known U.S. manufacturer from Clarksburg, West Virginia shipped bottles to England, across the U.S.A., and at least one order to E.C.D. in Canada. Travis operated from about 1913 to 1920.

W. A. Drummond and Co. - Toronto, Ontario

Drummond was a dairy equipment distributor based in Toronto.

DELAVAL

The De Laval Company Limited - Peterborough, Ontario

De Laval was a dairy equipment distributor and manufacturer of milking machines and cream separators.



Alberta Dairy Supplies Limited - Edmonton, Alberta

A.D.S. was a dairy equipment distributor, the successor after 1937 to Dairy Supplies Ltd.



Abbreviations and Terms

QT	Quart, Imperial Quart bottle.
PT	Pint, Imperial Pint bottle.
1/2 PT	One half-pint. Imperial one -half pint bottle.
B.P.	Bowling pin shaped bottle, an early style. Also known as Empire style.
Stubby	Stubby bottles are an early style that are shorter and fatter than later standard height bottles. "Standard" bottle heights are: - QT - 10 Inches - PT - 8.25 Inches - 1/2 PT - 6.25 Inches There are numerous pint bottles which are not stubby and are only a little shorter or a little taller than the "standard" 8.25". Various examples of these are 7.625" tall and 8.5" tall.
Embossed	Embossed bottles are those which have the dairy name and slogan mold- ed into the glass.
ACL or A.C.L.	Applied coloured label is the term used in Canada for the coloured labels baked onto bottles. (in the U.S.A., the term used is "pyroglaze").
Front	Front refers to the front of the bottle where the dairy name is found.
Reverse	Reverse refers to the "back" of the bottle (opposite side from where the name is found) where an advertisement or other slogan is found.
Round	All early and many later milk bottles are round in shape.
Square	Later styles of milk bottles were square.
w.m.	Wide-mouth square bottles (mouth same size as round bottles) were the next style used after round bottles.
n.m.	Narrow-mouth square lightweight bottles were the last style used as ap- plied coloured labels were phased out, and indeed glass bottles them- selves were phased out.
ribbed	Some early styles of bottle have many narrowly spaced vertical ribs run- ning the full height of the bottle.
mfr mark	Bottle manufacturer's mark and/or bottle distributor's mark. In a few cas- es, dairies also embossed their initials on the base or bottom of the bottle.



Master List of Saskatchewan Creameries and Dairies that Used Milk Bottles with Names on them

This is the list of such distributors as are known to me at the date of publishing.

01. Battleford's United Dairies
02. Bell's Dairy – Melville
03. Caulder's Creameries Ltd.
04. Central Creamery Co. Ltd – Saskatoon
05. City Dairy – Saskatoon
06. City Dairy – Yorkton (City Dairy Products)
07. Cloverdale Dairy – North Battleford
08. Cobourg Dairy – Moose Jaw
09. Crescent Creamery Co – Yorkton
10. W.A. Davis Dairy – Saskatoon
11. The Dairy Pool – Saskatoon Dairy Pool (Quality Dairy Products)
12. The Dairy Pool – Prince Albert
13. Dominion Dairy & Produce – Regina
14. T. Eaton Company - Regina
15. Farmers' Creamery Co. Ltd. – Saskatoon
16. Glass Dairies Ltd – Prince Albert
17. Hawkin – Prince Albert
18. Hel-O-Lynn Dairies Limited. – Unity
19. Hill's Dairy – Saskatoon
20. Hudson Bay Dairy – Hudson Bay
21. Johnstone Dairies – Moose Jaw
22. Lakeview Dairy, Murray and Fraser – Regina
23. Laurentia Milk Co – Battleford
24. Maddock Dairy Co. – Saskatoon
25. Maple Crest Dairy – Regina – K. Haun, Proprietor
26. Maple Leaf Dairy-Swift Current
27. McLachlan Dairy – Swift Current
28. Model Dairy - Regina
29. Moose Jaw City Dairy Company Limited
30. Munro Dairy - Bulyea
31. The North Battleford Pure Milk Co.
32. Palm Dairies Ltd. – Saskatchewan branches
33. Portland Dairy – Regina
34. Premier Dairy (B.G. Jones, Proprietor) - Regina
35. Primrose Farm Dairy – Regina – M.A. Fletcher
36. Prince Albert Creamery Co. (PAC Co)
37. Prince Albert Dairy
38. Producers' Creamery – Unity
39. Producers' Dairy Ltd. – Regina
40. Pszedwoyski's Dairy – Swift Current
41. Purity Dairy – North Battleford
42. Purity Dairy – Prince Albert, Sask.
43. Purity Dairy Ltd. – Regina/Saskatoon (Purity Dairy Products)
44. Quality Dairy – North Battleford
45. Redenbach's Dairy – Melville
46. Regina City Dairy Ltd.
47. Regina Dairy Co.
48. Regina Pure Milk Ltd.
49. Rideau Heights Dairy Farm – Moose Jaw
50. Rose Glen Dairy – Eston
51. Ross Dairy - Saskatoon
52. Saskatoon Creamery Co.
53. Saskatoon Creamery Co. Ltd.
54. Saskatoon Pure Milk Co. Ltd.
55. Savarnake – Regina
56. Scott's Dairy – Saskatoon
57. Souris Valley Creamery – Estevan
58. Sask. Co-op Creamery Association Ltd.
59. Sask. Co-op Creameries Ltd.
60. Sunny Brae Dairy (Jas Graham) - Saskatoon
61. Sutherland Dairy – Sutherland
62. Thomas, Robert – Watrous
63. Town View Dairy – Herbert
64. University Dairy (U of S)
65. Wilhelm Bros. Farm Dairy - Swift Current



Dairy Histories and Milk Bottle Descriptions

01. Battleford's United Dairies

This was the operating agency for The Battleford Dairy Co-operative Marketing Association, which was incorporated on April 19, 1937. The following individual distributors were the founding members:

- Charles Davies –Supreme Dairy
- R.H. Spears
- C. Flury
- R.C. Caplette
- J. Macht
- J. Reiskie
- J.A. Prince
- H.A. Martin
- Quality Dairy

To promote their new co-operative venture, following it's incorporation, Battleford's United Dairies placed a series of display ads in the North Battleford News. One example has been included here. For others, please refer

to pages 26 and 27 of Milk Delivery in the Battlefords. This Battleford Co-operative pasteurized and delivered milk until the business was sold to the Saskatoon Dairy Pool in 1946. Gordon Church reports in his book that in 1937 there were ten producers/distributors in the Battleford area. There was also one pasteurization plant operating. Nine of the ten raw milk dealers joined to form Battleford's United Dairies. From the records available today, there appears to be considerable uncertainty about who was a part of this organization. See appendices 2 and 7 of Milk Delivery in the Battlefords for my detailed analysis of who the members were.

Sources:

- The North Battleford News in September


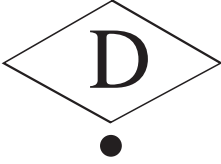


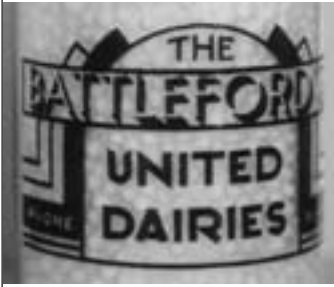
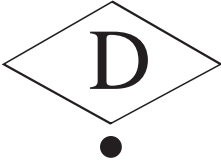


through December, 1937.

- An Unfailing Faith, pages 191 – 192, by Gordon Church.
- Milk Delivery in the Battlefords by Bob Snyder.

Bottle Group	Front	Reverse Slogan	Sizes and Details	Base Marks
01-01		None	Round Embossed PT	No Mark
01-02		None	Round Embossed PT	



Bottle Group	Front	Reverse Slogan	Sizes and Details	Base Marks
01-03		None	Round Embossed QT.	
01-04	 (no apostrophe)	None	Round Embossed ½ PT	
01-05		QT - Guard your Health, Drink Milk PT and ½ PT - Watch them Gain, thanks to Milk	Round Red A.C.L. First Slogan: QT Second Slogan: PT ½ PT	

Collectors Notes:

1. The bottles of the 4 groups of embossed bottles all have enclosing circles around the lettering on the front.
2. The bottles of the 1st three groups have an apostrophe in Battleford's while the fourth group does not.



Bottle Group 01-05 reverse. Round quart with red ACL. Photo courtesy of Irv Goldenberg.

Bottle Group 01-05 reverse. Round half-pint and pint with red ACL.

Bottle Group 01-05 fronts. Half-pint and pint bottles with red ACL.

Bottle Groups 01-03, 01-02, and 01-04. Quart, pint, and half-pint. Round, embossed bottles.

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