

# AN ALBERTA CHAMPION



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*P. Burns.*

**PATRICK  
BURNS**  
1856-1937

Patrick Burns was born in Ontario. In 1878, Mr. Burns set out to homestead in Manitoba, but instead of focusing on breaking the land, he thrived at buying cattle and selling meat. Based on his reputation, he obtained the contract to supply meat to the workers on the Canadian Pacific Railway. As the railway expanded, Burns moved with it, and created a base in Calgary, where he diversified to include meatpacking and production, dairy, mining, and oil. Burns' ranches were so expansive that he became one of Alberta's "Big Four" ranchers, who financed the first Calgary Stampede. In 1928, he sold the meatpacking and related businesses and focused his attention on his true love - ranching.

In 1931, Prime Minister R.B. Bennett recognized Mr. Burns' impact on the development of Western Canada by appointing him to the Senate.

Throughout his career, Burns was known for his caring, compassion, and support of local children's charities. Burns' philanthropic legacy is the Burns Memorial Fund, which continues to the present day to assist disadvantaged youth, and families of police officers and firefighters.



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