



Guy Weadick

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Guy Weadick was a city slicker from way back,
But he imagined himself standing on a haystack.
He was born in Rochester in 1883,
And he loved those cowboys and said: "that's for me".

With his ropes on his shoulder he headed west,
Learning about ranching was his quest.
He became a trick roper that people wanted to see,
Performing his stunts all the way to Calgary!

In 1908, he dreamed of something big for the city.
He thought and thought and decided to be witty:

What could be better than a Wild West show?

Why, when you could see real cowboys in a rodeo?

Did Calgary love it? Think again!

They said they were too urban for that kind of thing....

But Weadick didn't give up, his eyes gave a flash,

And he got the "Big Four" to give him loads of cash!

In 1912, he took the lead,

And was there to see the first Stampede.

It wasn't easy and there were a few bumps,

But the popularity of the Stampede saw jumps!

A hundred years later, Stampede is one of a kind,

We thank you Guy Weadick for an idea so fine!

From pancakes to bull riding and cowboys galore,

The Calgary Stampede is one to adore!