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April is a thing of the past and May she treat us a little better.

If you live in Cardston rest assured that you have got the best town in the west.

Quit yer kicken. 'Taint no use to grumble Alberta's the best in the west and Cardston the best in Alberta.

The Cardston Drug and Book Company will not be allowed to "book" any more accounts. Where does the "Book Company" part of the title come in?

Don't forget to tell the good wife that there's "Money in the Mud." Keep your eye on the bald-headed end of the broom while you do so for the Cash System will make you of "no account" if you don't.

Even Tai Sang and Co. has joined the "Cash" List. We couldn't read those Chinese accounts anyway. We suppose Lang Get felt like "Get-ing" in with the rest of the push. Where do we "Get" off at?

Everywhere you go you hear people talking Cardston. Cardston is as well known today as any town in the Province and she will be a great deal better known as her stone, coal, copper, oil and prize grain gets on the world's markets.

Barker has gone to judge the Dog Show, while Donovan looks after the Kittens at home and makes mathematical calculus on the prospective yield of Fall Wheat from that farm of his. Both very busy and first among the pushers for Cardston.

This "Cash System" is hard on the newspaper man from several viewpoints. We shall meet but we shall miss him. There will be a vacant bill. We shall linger for some printing, which the statement used to fill. There are other reasons but they are all so well known that time prohibits the reiteration.

Mr. Martin Woolf as a representative from Cardston in the Irrigation Convention at Calgary could not be put in the shade by any man present, neither can his town. Come and see our light shine a little ahead of the next. We doubt if any two men can eclipse Cardston when Mr. Martin Woolf stands to represent her.

New Shop Opened

On the front page of this weeks issue will be found an announcement of the opening of a new blacksmith firm. Messrs Sloan and Rampton should make a strong combination in the blacksmith line. Mr. Rampton has had good experience in the business while his companion, Mr. H. R. Sloan is an old veteran at the trade. He has worked in Salt Lake City, Manti and Park City in Utah. At the latter place he had charge of the Ontario Quartz Mill for six years. He is well known by all old timers having opened up a shop in Cardston in 1896. Success to the new firm and all others calculated to trade and augment Cardston.

Mr. Cahoon wishes to announce that owing to the rush of business in unloading their big supply of wagons, Buggies, Carriages, Barb Wire, Farm Implements and several cars of Lumber, he has been unable to attend to the change in his display advertisement on the front page. We have time to fill all orders.

Is the C. P. R. After MacKenzie

In the debate on the Blairmore townsite incident in the House on Friday last the puzzle was to determine whether the chief objective of assault was the Department of the Interior or Mr. Malcom MacKenzie, M. P. P. of Macleod. The war was waged with not more fury about the action of the Department than about Mr. MacKenzie, his conduct, his politics and his possessions. It was asserted, repeated and re-repeated by an adroit perversion of the language of the court that Mr. MacKenzie had "obtained the land through fraud" and the users of this equivocal language were at no pains to explain that the fraud had not been committed by Mr. MacKenzie but by another and without his knowledge, consent or suggestion. The conspicuous discrepancy between the persistence repetitions of the equivocal statement and the very casual admission of the exonerating circumstance was so apparent that nothing short of a direct charge could have been calculated to give to the House and the country—that Mr. MacKenzie had personally made fraudulent representations had secured such representations upon the strength of which he had secured the land.

Another line of attack deliberately pressed against Mr. MacKenzie was a fact that he was a Liberal in politics, had been a Liberal candidate in a federal election and was now a member of the legislature of Alberta and a supporter of the Liberal Government of that province. These facts were repeated and reiterated as if supplying in themselves all necessary evidence that his claim to the land was ill-founded and providing good and sufficient reason why his title to ownership should be set aside. This was the half-expressed but ill-concealed grievance which gave the undertone to the entire discussion and was solemnly paraded in the resolution to which the Opposition were pleased to attach their speeches.

Yet another ground of offence was found against Mr. MacKenzie—that the land in question had become valuable. The mover of the resolution estimated it at a value of from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 or cited others who did so. Forthwith the ears of Opposition gentlemen pricked up. "Western lands" is a soul stirring topic with certain of them these days and at the appalling suggestion of a Grit holding land valued at \$2,000,000 "Billy" Bennett dropped his Eye-opener while the dull-grey visage of Hon. Geo. E. Foster emerged from under his hat—a duller grey than usual. The figures probably were suggestive—the sum was exactly the rake-off gathered in on the first shuffle of the Pope-Fowler land. Whether the disturbing emotion was envy or recollection, it apparently was overpowering, for neither Mr. Foster nor Mr. Bennett were in the Canadian Pacific Railway exemption might be evaded. His plan was that while the C. P. R. main line was exempt the province should simply assess and tax the branch line heavily enough to make up to the provinces the loss sustained by the exemption of the main line. Upon this question of whether or not the railways of the province should or should not be taxed, for if the older and stronger company could not be taxed in would only be confirming and entrenching its monopolistic features to tax its younger and weaker competitor.

That the Canadian Pacific Railway appreciated the situation was immediately revealed and all the influence that company could command was thrown into the fight against Mr. MacKenzie and every other Liberal candidate in the province. Fortunately the people of Alberta also appreciated the position and the Government endorsed by overwhelming majority. One of the bills passed at the first session of the legislature coined

Mr. MacKenzie's plan into law and forthwith the railways of the province became tax-payers. By reason of this movement begun and advocated by Mr. MacKenzie the C. P. R. finds itself up against a new proposition and a somewhat disagreeable one, that of paying taxes to the province of Alberta.

That this will be either forgotten or forgiven neither Mr. MacKenzie nor any other Liberal member in Alberta need imagine, and that the Canadian Pacific Railway will call upon its friends and allies wherever and however possible to wreak vengeance upon the originator of the fell design may be assured. Throughout Western Canada the Conservative party and the Canadian Pacific Railway go hand in hand and under normal conditions it would doubtless be left to the corporation's allies in Alberta to avenge the taxation of the company. But the unholy alliance is not in normal condition in Alberta today and the two lone survivors of the fray have not even weight enough to launch a slander. What more natural than that the Federal Opposition should be called upon to discharge? That the assault was in parliament directed against Mr. MacKenzie simply and solely on the ground that he was a Liberal, had been a candidate in a Federal election and is now a member of the Alberta legislature is quite as good evidence as is needed that the Federal Opposition stands prepared to knife the character of the provincial legislature who dares consider the interest of his province superior to the interests of the C. P. R.—Edmonton Bulletin.

DENTISTRY

Dr. Weagant, Dentist of Calgary will be in town on Wednesday, May 8th at the Cahoon Hotel. All orders promptly attended to. Dentistry in all its requirements by a competent dentist.

William Wood celebrated his 70th birthday at Magrath on Wednesday the first day of May. His sons and daughters were present from all parts of Sunny Alberta and "Woodbine" was the scene of gaily and glee the whole day long.

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