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Two Men Drowned In Ross Lake

On Monday morning word was brought into Cardston of the drowning of Tom Owen and John True, of the Bar K 2 ranch.

The fatality occurred on the Ross lake on the Brown Ranch which is situated nearly 20 miles southeast of town. It appears that these two men in company with two others went over to the lake on Sunday afternoon. Owen and True went out in a small canoe that was there while the other two remained on shore. The two on land did not see the canoe upset but heard the men calling and saw them clinging to the canoe about four or five hundred yards out. Although the boys were clad in heavy clothes they were apparently chilled by the ice cold water. There was no one at the Ross ranch nearby to help so they had to do the best they could themselves to reach the boys in the water. They first tried to reach them by means of another small canoe but both were unaccustomed to it and it capsized several times with them.

Then they tried to swim out with the saddle ponies but the ponies would not go so far out. An effort was then made to make a raft out of an old wagon box that was nearby, but that proved useless. By this time it had become dark and the boys could do nothing more. The last they saw of the boys in the water they were still clinging to the canoe, one at each end, trying to work their way into the land.

THE NEXT MORNING

As soon as it was daylight they made diligent search of the lake and its shores to see whether the boys had been successful in reaching land, but nothing could be seen of either the canoe or the boys. They then came into Cardston and reported the sad affair to the Police and to the Lethbridge office of the O. W. Kerr Co. Both of the boys were nephews of R. H. Owen, vice-president of the O. W. Kerr Co.

O. J. Owen and Ford Cummins immediately started from Lethbridge by auto and a cousin of the

boys, E. G. Owen, who was at Raymond, also started. The Pilling brothers and others in town arranged for boats, dynamite, rafts and hooks and started for the lake so as to start dragging for the bodies first thing Tuesday morning. The lake is one hundred and fifty feet deep in places.

WHO THE DECEASED WERE

Tom Owen was the son of J. A. Owen of Portage, Wis., and was in charge of R. H. Owen's farm on the old Bar K 2 ranch. He was about twenty-six years of age and has been in Alberta since last spring. John True was the son of R. H. Owen's sister, Mrs. True, who is in Lethbridge and lives at the O. W. Kerr Co. residence, Corner of Ashmead and Dufferin Sts. He arrived there only a couple of weeks ago. He had just got out of the hospital at St. Paul and came here to regain strength. He was twenty-one years of age. Both were unmarried.

Undertaker Addison, Lethbridge, arrived in Cardston Tuesday morning and will prepare the bodies for shipment to Wisconsin when they are recovered.

Both young men are very highly spoken of by those who knew them and deep regret is felt at their untimely end.

LATER

Up to the time of going to press the bodies have not been recovered.

Juvenile Bostonians To Appear Here Nov. 19-20

The Juvenile Bostonians will be the attraction at the Assembly Hall on Friday and Saturday Nov. 19th. and 20th. and will no doubt draw a crowded house. The clever little girls will appear in the bright and tuneful musical comedy "Berta's Billion" which is handsomely staged, and is brimful of bright catchy music. The Juvenile Bostonians established themselves in favor with Cardston theatre-goers upon their former visit here, and many recruits will be added to their admirers here this time.

Council Meeting

Adjourned meeting of Town Council Wednesday, Nov. 10th.

Members present were Barton, Cahoon, Coombs, Duce, Hunt and Stacpoole.

Councillor Duce owing to the absence of the Mayor was appointed acting Mayor to preside over meeting.

Dr. Brant made application for reinstatement of electric lights at his residence. Moved by councillor Coombs and seconded by Councillor Stacpoole that application be granted subject to by-law governing same. Carried.

J. W. Kearn made application for reinstatement of electric lights at his residence. Application granted subject to by-law governing same.

Ed. J. Wood made application for one more electric light. Moved by Councillor Cahoon and seconded by Councillor Burton that petition be granted. Carried.

J. M. Wight made application to be re-connected with water system. Referred to Fire, licence and police committee with power to act.

A. M. Hepler applied for connection of electric light for his residence naming 4 lights as the number required. Moved by Councillor Cahoon and seconded by Councillor Burton that petition be granted subject to by-law. Carried.

E. L. Jessen applied for installment of Electric light. Referred to fire, licence and police committee.

R. W. Pilling made application for installment of electric light and metre. Referred to fire, licence and police committee.

A communication was received from E. A. Law, Sec.-Treasurer of school board notifying council of expiration of D. E. Harris' Jr. and Sterling Williams' term of office as school trustees. Communication filed.

Messrs. George A. Stumpson & Co. notified Council that their offer for sidewalk debentures would have to be submitted to them for approval before acceptance. Communication filed.

A detailed account was received from Messrs. Batchelor, Marshall & Skarin for sidewalk contract and extras as claimed to have been agreed upon from time to time. Total amount \$5,424.40. Referred to works and property committee.

A communication was read from the Canadian Westinghouse Co. notifying council of their having signed contract for metres. Filed.

A report from Solicitor showed that he made collection of \$193.68 delinquent amounts on electric light and water accounts and \$65.87 on current monthly account.

The finance committee reported and recommended that a number of accounts be accepted and ordered paid. Carried.

A by-law was introduced to appoint a returning officer and polling place for election of school trustees, Mayor and Councillors in place of those whose terms expire at the end of the year. The Sec.-treasurer was appointed returning officer, Fred Burton deputy returning officer and the polling place named as the Council Chambers.

Councillor Coombs moved, seconded by Dr. Stacpoole that notice be inserted in the Alberta Star that only those who have paid their taxes by Dec. 11th, are entitled to vote in the election. Carried.

The application from School Board to place wind break and tie post on street opposite school was not granted.

The Sec.-treasurer was requested to notify Mr. Ainscough to move wire fence off street.

Moved Councillor Cahoon and seconded by Councillor Coombs that \$100 be granted the Board of Trade. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Cahoon and seconded by Councillor Burton that the Mayor and Sec.-treasurer be authorized to sign note for \$5000 at 2 months. Carried.

A petition was received from J. C. Cahoon for permission to erect a temporary crossing in front of his property on Leavitt St. Moved by Councillor Hunt and seconded by Councillor Coombs that the petitioner be allowed to erect a temporary crossing not less than 10 nor more than 14 feet wide. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Cahoon and seconded by Councillor Burton that the Sec.-treasurer notify all who are under yearly contract for electric light or water that such contracts will expire on Dec. 31st, 1909. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Hunt and seconded by Councillor Coombs that meeting adjourn till Wednesday Nov. 17th. at 7.30 p. m.

Official Crop Report Given

Alberta Raised Over Thirty Million Bushels of Grain This Year

Edmonton, Nov. 4.—Following is the official estimate which the government has made of the year's crop in Alberta. There may be some slight changes when the figures are approximately correct.

Spring wheat, 250,000 acres, 6,250,000 bushels, 25 bushels per acre.

Winter wheat, 80,000 acres, 2,000,000 bushels, 25 bushels per acre.

Oats, 500,000 acres, 20,000,000 bus., 40 bus. per acre.

Barley, 100,000 acres, 2,500,000 bus., 25 bus. per acre.

Rye, 1,000 acres, 18,000 bus., 18 bus. per acre.

Flax, 9,100 acres, 82,500 bus., 8 1/2 bus. per acre.

Speltz, 500 acres, 11,500 bus., 23 bus. per acre.

Total, 941,200 acres, 30,861,950 bus.

Municipal Elections

The Municipal Elections will be coming off soon; nominations taking place the first Monday in December.

Do you as a rate payer intend to take an active interest in municipal matters this year, or are you indifferent whether we get the best council possible or not? The public offices will be filled by good men or poor men just as the rate-payers wish themselves. Let us pull together and get the best men available whether they happen to be our intimate friends or not.

Take an interest in our coming elections. Write to the local paper and tell the public what you want.

The Standard of Empire has this complimentary reference to Canada: "If the people of the Mother country would only recognize the fact, all that many of them bitterly lack at this moment they can find in Canada. There are openings—probably unequalled openings—for capital; there are thousands of square miles of virgin land; there is a white man's climate. Here, in this country, are various excitable persons trying to turn England upside down, on the pretext of curing evils whose remedy lies just over the way."—Toronto News.