

FRED W. TOBEY TELLS ABOUT TOWN OF NORTH BATTLEFORD

An Interesting Letter From An Old Chatham Boy Who is Making Things Hustle in The West—Remarkable Growth Of A Young Town

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—As a number of Chatham parties are now interested in North Battleford, and a great number of these are anxious to hear about this thriving town, I shall undertake in a general way to give some information about this place.

Four years ago we came to the west, drove 100 miles across country. On May 4th we crossed the river, drove near where our office now stands, passed this now valuable property, with no thought of homesteading. This many others followed, and for another year, the land near where the town now stands, was passed by all eyes, and interest was centered in Jack Fish. As homesteaders, we hoped for a railroad, and looked forward to some busy towns along its route.

For two years we hoped, when at last our hopes and fears were set at rest by the knowledge that the leading gang had crossed the Saskatchewan at the elbow. You can imagine our feelings, when we were all hoping for it to pass our very doors. Of course, we all could not be pleased, but we all were pleased from necessity.

As the gang worked their way westward, they came upon a group some find. Stretched on the open prairie, a few hundred feet from the survey stakes, lay the body of a man. He was a surveyor, who had been lost, had died, and the prairie wolves had finished him. That spot was the scene of death, and on that spot was built another scene of death, the Saskatchewan Hotel. "But why," you will ask, "do you call that a scene of death?" Because if one but reflects, there dies daily, hope, love, family ties and human feelings.

The hotels started first, as in all western towns. The church followed. The lumber yards opened, a grocery store in tents, then the real estate office, and soon the chosen town site, took on the form and appearance of business activity. Some one had to show his confidence in the future of the town. That confidence had inspired others, and the so-called spirit of the west began to effect all. The easterner cannot realize the spirit of adventure, enterprise and hustle of the new and old westerners. Something in the atmosphere or the environment of the west seems to inspire one to plunge. For an easterner to see, an opportunity, is to sit and think over it, to weigh it and dream over it, and then act. For a westerner to see it is to act and to act to-day. There used to be failures, bubble towns, etc., in western towns, but that day is past. The progress, the growth, the future of the west is past the experimental stage. At one time Manitoba, and but a small part of that province represented the west. A failure there meant a slump in the whole west. The immigration of these years doubling all past records, and will continue to do so. Each district gets its settlers, and with them come money, settlers' effects, new life, new energy, new enterprises, and new spirits to encourage others. Each settler brings at least \$400 with him, and the most of that is left in the town. What made Saskatchewan? It was the confidence and energy of such men as J. F. Cairns. New railroads as a rule avoid old towns that are dead, and look for the new ones that are alive.

North Battleford is showing the same energy that prevails in Saskatchewan, and as a result it is growing. There is a vast area of agricultural ground north of here, and new districts are opening up all the time. The Dominion Land Surveyors passed the office this morning bound for 30 miles north of Jack Fish Lake, where they will mark out new townships. They will be busy until fall at this work. This country will be homesteaded next spring. Those people will have to all come to North Battleford. You can imagine what this means. Never yet did a number of homesteaders arrive in any town but a good percentage of them changed their minds and never went farther than the town. These are the men who make the towns and who help the real estate men. When the real estate business is good, common sense will tell the biggest fool that the investors are making money. No man has lost money in North Battleford in real estate, and no one will for some time to come.

Possible you readers of The Planet thought that I put it on when I wrote about North Battleford, but I conscientiously wrote what I believed to be the truth, and the truth of those statements was verified when Dave Smith, Charlie Smith, Mr. Sawyer, and Mr. Woolworth came out here and told me that the town was larger than they imagined. I am an optimist, and I have good grounds for being one. I back it by putting every dollar I make into it, and intend to hold as long as I can meet the next payments.

Battleford is about half way between Dauphin, Manitoba, and Edmonton, Alberta. It is the geographical centre of the Battleford district. It is by far the most important divisional point between Winnipeg and Edmonton. It is on the main line of the C. N. R. It has the assurance of at least two new railroads—one from Prince Albert, and the other from Calgary. It has no competition as a distributing centre for freight, passengers or merchandise as yet, and is enterprising. In every town one finds a few wind bags and over-confident people, but few towns are there where all are fools. Saturday the tender

was let for a \$32,000 school of eight rooms, to be completed by December 1st, and four rooms to be ready by September 1st. The tender was let Saturday; on Monday the contractor was at work on the foundation. The lack of material is the only detriment to very active building operations here. There are six important permanent blocks being built. These blocks are, the new hotel, Gregory's block, Dr. Sparling's block, Chisholm's \$40,000 block of three stores, the new school and the new brick works. The sash and door factory is almost ready to begin operations and the flour mill, in all probability, will be doing business by fall.

What gives me more confidence in this town, than any thing I ever heard or saw, is the new brick plant. If same business men like the Outknife Trading & Realty Co. see a market for the output of that plant, the machinery alone costing \$35,000, then they must see a large local market for the 20,000 bricks a day. I have been backward about writing any more to The Planet since I have gone into the real estate business, but have complied with the requests of Chatham parties. What I wrote, have written or will write is what I conscientiously believe to be true, and it is not with the wish of conveying or exciting false hopes in my friends or acquaintances.

The mere fact that we bought lots three and four from Lawyer Kerr for \$1,500 when I had bought them for him at \$1,100 not more than two months ago, is proof enough along that way. The lot four was sold when we bought them. The lot three we wanted for ourselves as a good investment, and mark my word when I say that that property will make more money by fall than it made Lawyer Kerr.

In less than two years the citizens of this place saw fit to support the building of a \$6,000 rink and a \$2,000 water works and electric light and sewage systems, to be installed here at once.

J. A. Gregory is mayor. I did my part to elect him. Gregory has nearly \$200,000 at stake in this town, and outside of any public spiritedness, and he is a public spirited man, his own holdings will insure his best efforts on behalf of this town. He has more power at Ottawa and Regina than any dozen men in this town, and he will make use of that influence as the political boss of the Battleford district. He was elected on a Monday and on the following Thursday he was in Regina pulling the wires for a government-built post office and customs house, and letters were on the way to Ottawa—letters that are headed. You will see North Battleford advertised as she never was before, and this fall and next spring will see a boom here which will make this winter's and last year's boom look small.

This is not a business letter nor yet an advertisement, it is the simple truthful thoughts and observations of your friend, Fred Tobey. What I write I believe and know to be true, and if anyone loses in this town Fred Tobey will go with the bunch, but honestly, that thought never so much as takes up an idle second of my time.

Hoping this is fit for publication and thanking you in anticipation, I am,

Yours truly,

FRED.

WATER TANKS FOR SALE

Auction sale of water tanks will be held in the yard next to Dr. Holmes' Office on Saturday, June 15th, 1907, commencing at 1.30 p. m. These tanks are suitable for watering stock and cisterns. They hold from 280 gallons to 700 gallons, and will be sold without reserve. Terms cash.

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SOCIETY

The following interesting piece of poetry was composed by one of the clever young Chatham girls who attended the Tennis Tea on Monday afternoon. The theme was suggested by a number of incidents which are said to have happened at this pleasant social event:

LOST AND WON.

A tennis court,
Some pretty sport,
The lawn is bright with gauze,
And pouring tea,
So daintily,
Are pretty girls in blazers.

Battling volley,
This is jolly,
Good playing at the net;
No cream for you!
One lump or two!
For really I forget.

Yes; she is pretty;
What a pity,
She hasn't any sense;
The men don't care—
O see! look there,
That really was immense.

Can Dupuy play?
Well, in a way—
Too short to have much reach,
You think my gown,
A poem in brown,
Thanks for that pretty speech.

— you here too!
So nice of you,
To stroll in for our tea;
Please drop my hand;
They'll understand;
Don't look that way at me.

'Tis game and set,
You won't forget;
Her eyes seek his above;
He's won the game,
Though all the same,
His only score is "love."

The young man's name which fills in the space left vacant in the fifth verse, is purposely omitted, in view of the fact that the young lady in question has not as yet seen fit to announce anything definite in connection with the glad event.

Miss Helen J. Carter will be at Home on Tuesday evening, June 25th only. She then will be pleased to see her many friends and wish them adieu before leaving for her trip to England. Miss Carter intends to leave our city on the 3rd of July, and to sail on the 19th. In the meantime she will visit with her friends in Brantford, Hamilton, Burford and Toronto.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place in St. Simon's Church, Toronto, when Miss Edythe Alice Moulson became the bride of Mr. George Moray Anderson. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Violet Moulson, who was the guest of Miss Helen Rispin, of this city, last winter. The wedding was a very fashionable one. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore white liberty satin, made in princess fashion with an empire train. The bodice had some lovely rose point lace and yoke studded with seed pearl. Her tulle veil was arranged about a chaplet of orange blossoms, and she held a bouquet of white heather, lilies of the valley and orchids.

The bridesmaid wore a very pretty empire frock of white silk mull, stamped with violets, and trimmed elaborately with ruffles and insertions of Valenciennes lace.

The Tennis Tea, which was given on the grounds on King St. West last Monday afternoon, was a great success. The affair was managed by Miss Helen Rispin, assisted by Miss Belle Smith, Miss Jessie Wilson, Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Rispin, and Messrs. Dickson, Fraser, Lawson and Bonedict. There were about 100 present. The grounds were beautifully decorated for the occasion with the club colors, pale blue and white. Miss Rispin was dressed in blue and white, Miss Smith in white, Miss Wilson in white, Mrs. Taylor in a white linen suit, Mrs. Montgomery in a blue linen suit, and Mrs. Rispin in white and mauve. Several games were played. Messrs. Lawson and Dupuy played against Messrs. Rispin and Dickson, the game ending in a tie.

Miss Winifred Gray gave a pleasant tea on Thursday for Miss Weir, of Hamilton, who is visiting her.

Miss Rutledge entertained a number of her friends last Monday evening. Games were enjoyed until a late hour, after which dainty refreshments were served. A new feature was introduced during the evening. The party started out in couples to promenade certain city streets, interchanging their partners whenever they met. A fine musical program was also provided for the entertainment of her guests. Miss Rutledge leaves shortly for London. She has many friends in this city who will be sorry to see her go.

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Some People Visit Our 9th Anniversary Sale EVERY DAY

It's more than an ordinary Anniversary Sale. Its a sort of special function. Women meet their friends here and chat while they shop. So much good will as you observe on every hand, beaming smiles, pleasant nods, warm hand clasps, such friendly spirit prevails all through the store. We think the bargains do much toward putting everyone in good spirit. One can't be ill-natured while surrounded with a beautiful array of bargains and with savings accomplished in every section of the store. Come and see what you think about it. Come to-night.

\$1.25 Shirtwaists 89c

15 dozen beautiful lawn shirtwaists, cut in latest styles trimmed with embroidery lace, tucks etc., regular \$1 and \$1.25 each, sale price

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10 dozen beautiful silk linen, all-over embroidery, and rich mercerized covering, trimmed with ruffles, lace, insertion etc., white, black and colors, special at each \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$2.90, \$3.75, \$4.25 and

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In silk, muslin etc. prettily trimmed with ruffles, lace, etc., white and colors at each 25c, 50c, 75c and

\$1.00

Extraordinary White-wear Bargains

25c Corset Covers, 19c

10 dozen fine lawn covers, made with fancy yoke of 4 inch lace insertion, finished with ribbon and lace, the best 25c. cover in the city, sale price,

19c

35c Covers at 25c

8 dozen fine lawn covers, yoke of 6 rows fine lace insertion, ribbon and lace, all sizes, regular 35c, sale price,

25c

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Fine Lonsdale cambric, yoke made with 6 rows of fine lace insertion, trimmed with heading, lace and ribbon, fine tucks on back, regular 40c, each, sale price

29c

75c Cambric Underskirts, 58c

Good quality cambric, 12 in. lawn frill, trimmed with cluster tucks, finished with 2 in. torchon lace, lengths 38 to 42 in., a snap at 75c, sale price,

58c

\$1 Underskirts, 75c

Fine cambric, 12 in. lawn flounce trimmed with two rows embroidery, insertion, and hemstitched tucks, edged with 5 in. Swiss embroidery, regular \$1 value, sale price,

75c

\$1.25 Cambric Underskirts, 98c

Fine quality, with 18 in. lawn frill trimmed with two rows 6 in. Swiss embroidery, a snap at \$1.25 regular, sale price,

98c

\$1.75 Skirts at \$1.39

Fine Lonsdale cambric, deep lawn frill, with 3 rows tucks, 1 row 2 in. embroidery insertion, finished with 7 inch frill of fine Swiss embroidery, special at \$1.75 each, sale price,

\$1.39

85c Cambric Gowns, 69c

Good quality cambric, cut full size, yoke of fine tucks with 6 rows lace insertion, finished with heading, lace and ribbon, lace and insertion, on sleeves, very special at 85c, each, sale price

69c

\$1.25 Gowns 89c

Fine cambric, yoke trimmed with 4 clusters fine tucks and 3 rows torchon insertion, 6 in. sleeves, trimmed with heading, lace and ribbon, extra value, regular at \$1.25 each, sale price,

89c

\$2 Gowns, \$1.63

Fine cambric gowns, with yoke of fine 1-1/2 inch tuck, lace 1-1/2 inch and heading, panel of fine embroidery insertion, trimmed with lace down front, short sleeves, trimmed with tucks, insertion, heading and lace, a special \$2 gown, sale price,

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Good quality, in black and white, navy and white, pink and white, and sky and white stripes, fast colors, trimmed with tucks on skirt and waist, sizes 32 to 42, at each, sale price,

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Good quality, white lawn, full length skirt, trimmed with 3 rows wide Swiss insertion, waist with all-over

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Perfect fitting, prettily made and trimmed with tucks, lace embroidery, insertion, etc., at each, sale price, \$1.50, \$2.19, \$4.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$9.90 and

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Ladies' Hose, 12c pair

60 doz. ladies' fine full fashioned fast black hose, seamless feet, double heels and toes, sizes 8-12 to 10 in., regular 15c pair, sale price

12 1-2c

Children's Hose, 15c pr.

Plain and rib, in all sizes up to 10 in., fast black, seamless feet, double heels and toes, regular values up to 20c per pair, sale price

15c

Embroidered Hose, 25c pr.

35 doz. ladies' fine Egyptian cotton hose, fast black, colored embroidered ankles, seamless feet, sizes 8-12 to 10 in., regular 35c a pair, sale price

25c

Ladies' Lace Lisle Hose, 25c

Fine imported quality, Hermsdorf fast black, full fashioned, fancy lace designs, at a pair, sale price

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25c Vests, 15c each

20 doz. ladies' fine Swiss rib white vests, sleeveless, front and back yoke of lace insertion, trimmed with heading, lace, lace and heading on sleeves and shoulder straps, regular 25c each, sale price

15c

Ladies' Vests

Fine, blacked quality, sleeveless, half sleeves and sleeveless, elastic knit, trimmed with lace, heading and ribbon, two special lines at sale price, 10c and

12 1-2

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18 doz. ladies' misses' and children's hats and shapes, manufacturers' samples, this season's best shapes and colors, closing at sale price

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75c to \$1.50 Flowers and Roses for 35c each

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19c

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Foster's 4 strap hose supporters, in black and colors, the best 25c, supporter made, sale price

19c

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28 doz. fine imported all-over laces, 18 in. wide in choice designs, regular 75c, 85c, and \$1 a yard, sale price

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16c

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