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THE CITY FATHERS

Debentures Being Inquired For

Several Amendments to By-Laws

INCREASE IN PRICE OF GAS PROPOSED

The adjourned meeting of the council was held on Thursday last. There were only three aldermen present at eight o'clock, and for a time it appeared as though the meeting could not take place as the necessary quorum could not be formed. Ald. Forster and Penhale were engaged in a Masonic function. At last Ald. Forster turned up and the council proceeded to business, there being present the Mayor, Alds. Baker, Spencer, Forster, Huckvale. The mayor stated that he had had a talk with Mr. James, as a result of which he had agreed to pay the exchange on the debenture payments from place of payment. If this had not been done the city might lose the sale of the bonds. The council endorsed the mayor's action in a resolution on the subject.

Ald. Spencer moved the adoption of the police report:

Arrests and cases on summons, 51; drunk and disorderly 12; disorderly 16; drunk and incapable, 8; indecent acts, 3; theft, 1; vagrancy, 4; cruelty to animals, 2; obstructing police officer, 2; refusing to pay wages, 1; breach of pool room by-law, 2. Fines $136.50; $14.00; total $150.50.

Major Sissons then brought up the matter of a piece of land which had been transferred to the Dept. of Militia by the C. P. R. for the building of an armory. As there was a gas well on the property he could not recommend the armory being built there, and asked that an exchange be made with a block on the south side of the track at the corner of Fourth Ave. and the river. The Y. M. C. A. had a piece reserved 70 feet or so from the river, leaving there a corner suitable for the armory. The contract price was $16,000 and Mr. Burns estimated that the cost would total $17,000 before the building was completed. In shape and size it would be similar to the new Cypress Club, but larger each way and a little plainer in design. Building operations would go in the spring and if the city could agree to an exchange they would get a good building in Medicine Hat. He would recommend the granting of a piece 300 feet square in the locality mentioned in exchange for the land already transferred to the Department of Militia by the C. P. R. for the same purpose. Also the clerk to be instructed to open up correspondence with the C. P. R. with a view to getting transference of all the park property offered by the C. P. R. under certain conditions to the city.

Mr. Kennedy requested that sewer connections should be made for the Young Men's Club on Fourth Ave. They would exchange labor for making the connections under the direction of the city engineer, for cement. Referred to the board of works committee with power to act.

Ald. Baker gave notice of a by-law governing the election of an alderman for Ward IV in place of T. M. Babington, resigned. Also a by-law to raise money by debentures for the extension of the gas system.

Ald. Spencer gave notice of by-laws for raising money by debentures for sewers, waterworks and market place. The mayor gave notice of a by-law to amend the price of gas.

A by-law amending by-law 132, relating to injuring of the fire department's chemical hose, bell ropes, telephone poles, etc., to deal with the giving of false alarms, and to prevent lighting of bonfires after sunset, was read a first and second time. Also a by-law to amend by-law No. 38, relating to streets and sidewalks. These were considered in committee of the whole and taken as read a third time.

Mr. Crosskill made application for the assessorship for 1908, and for various clerical duties to be added in connection with the making and sending out of assessment notices and attending to the voters' list. He wished to take over any work which does not require to be signed by the clerk. He asked for an increase of salary. For last year's work he received $600 and he would ask that this be raised to $65 a month. The matter was referred to the committee on salaries, composed of Ald. Baker, Forster, Penhale and Spencer.

Ald. Baker brought up a matter in connection with the laying off of employees of the city on account of slackness of work. He said that in some cases which had come under his notice married men had been dispensed with and single men kept on, and was told considerable distress was caused. He thought the work should be divided up as nearly as possible between the employees. It was a custom amongst workmen to do this. A resolution was carried to instruct the engineer to see into the matter and divide the work up as nearly as possible between employees of the city.

Ald. Baker brought up the matter of the chairmen of committees getting better acquainted with their departments than they had been in the past, and thought the engineer should submit a report, for instance, as to number of men employed. If the chairman of each committee would O. K. the expenditure in his own department it would greatly help the finance committee. Ald. Baker also thought the city should buy wholesale as far as possible, mentioning the case of gas fittings as one in which this course should be followed.

The accounts as presented in last week's issue of The Times were not formally passed until this special meeting of the council.

The council adjourned at 10.30.

All This in Medicine Hat

What Natural Gas Has Done for the Only Town In Canada That Has It

Under the above caption a Hot Springs, Ark., paper publishes the following:

"The Natural Gas Town of Canada is the other name for Medicine Hat," said W. B. Marshall, a hotel-keeper at Medicine Hat. The town has a population of 6,000, and is in the province of Alberta. Mr. Marshall has just registered at the Midland hotel.

"Six years ago drillers sinking a shaft for coal struck gas at 400 ft. Now our town is the only one in the Dominion which has gas in paying quantities. The town owns two gas wells and controls the gas business. It gives a rate to manufacturers of five cents a thousand feet. As a result two brick plants, a flour mill and a canning factory are using the gas. The canning factory cans only meats as Medicine Hat is in a big range country. The rate to private consumers is 15 cents for the first 100,000 feet, 12½ cents for the second 100,000 and ten cents for the third 100,000 feet. The system the city control of the gas works has worked satisfactorily there.

"The strike of gas has made Medicine Hat a prosperous town. Five miles of cement sidewalk were built this summer and a new $50,00 town hall is in process of construction."

Railroad Men Meet

Fifty Officials Discuss Important Matters

MEDICINE HAT HAS BIG MEETING

Three Transcontinentals This Year

A meeting of the officers of the western division of the C. P. R. was held in Medicine Hat on Tuesday and Wednesday last, during two of the most ideal days of a week of summer weather. Mayor Cousins placed the city hall at the disposal of the company and the four meetings of the session were held in the council chamber. The following is a list of the officials present:

Calgary—A. Price, general superintendent; J. Niblock, superintendent; T. W. Alexander, resident engineer; G. Bell, roadmaster; C. E. Mansfield, chief dispatcher; A. Halstead, general freight agent; W. B. Harris, fuel agent; N. E. Brooks, divisional engineer; T. Bradshaw, roadmaster; B. Reddick, roadmaster; T. R. Flett, trainmaster; W. McKinty, B. & B. master; T. Martin, asst. divisional engineer; J. C. Cardell, general foreman; W. E. Woodhouse, master mechanic.

Medicine Hat.—J. S. Lawrence, superintendent; H. W. McLeod, resident engineer; W. H. Gordon, B. & B. master; A. Hobkirk, trainmaster; A. Allan, chief dispatcher; T. W. Scott, roadmaster; W. J. Marchen, roadmaster.

Cranbrook.—G. Erickson, superintendent; J. R. McNabb, trainmaster; J. S. Rossiter, resident engineer; J. H. Scott, chief dispatcher; G. Glassford, dist. master mechanic; O. Olson, roadmaster; K. Laborne, roadmaster.

Moose Jaw.—J. Brownlee, superintendent; H. B. Sims, resident engineer; J. B. McTaggart, B. & B. master.

The discussions were of a widely varied nature and were conducted throughout in a frank and open manner which from the first augured well for their success. The meetings, with the exceptions of the last on Wednesday afternoon, were conducted in camera and the following subjects amongst others came up for discussion: Divisional organization; the best methods to adopt to avoid accidents; handling of fast freight trains; handling of L. C. L. freight shipments; and way freight trains; the unnecessary use of the telegraph; and other subjects of importance.

The Times representative obtained admission to the closing meeting, which was devoted to a discussion on fuel consumption, in which the following gentlemen participated: W. E. Woodhouse, master mechanic; Grant Hall, superintendent of motive power; W. B. Harris, fuel agent; J. Brownlee, supt. Moose Jaw; J. Cardell, fuel expert; trainmasters Hobkirk and Flett; and foreman Smith. The leakages which run up the fuel bill was the theme of the first speaker. There was, he said, much difference in the capacity of men, and to have thoroughly efficient engineers or firemen was the greatest of economies. Young firemen showed a tendency to work their fires too heavy, to use the poker too freely and to feed their fires in an irregular manner. A source of loss which he believed was one of the greatest was carelessness in coaling.

Another speaker attributed to the engineer primary responsibility for the saving of coal. A careful eye on the steam gauge was the best fuel saver. Improper use of the injector, leaky joints and various other causes of waste should be checked by the engineer. When the busy times come on the road and overtime is worked it continued, the increase of expenditure was excessive.

It was stated that the mines had done much of late to improve the quality of coal supplied to the company.

Mr. Price appointed a committee to go into the matter of coal supply and to make a recommendation as to means to be adopted with a view to economy.

Mr. McMullen brought up the question of making better time with shipments of live stock.

The service for the summer was outlined by Mr. Price.

Interviewed later the general superintendent stated that the schedule was not final, but three transcontinentals would begin to run in April and the Soo-Spokane Flyer would be put on again.

The following was moved by N. E. Brooks, seconded by T. R. Flett and carried with acclamation:

"Upon behalf of the C. P. R. Company, especially the officers of the western division, I move a resolution of thanks to His Worship Mayor Cousins, the Council and citizens of Medicine Hat for the warm and courteous welcome given us; and we deeply appreciate the kind, thoughtful manner in which the use of this beautiful city hall was placed at our disposal for two days to hold our meetings in.

"I regret that it has not fallen upon one more competent to express our thanks, but railroaders as a rule are men of deeds rather than words, I move therefore His Worship Mayor Cousins be asked to convey to the council and citizens of Medicine Hat our deep gratitude for the many kindnesses shown us at our first meeting of western division officers, for which Medicine Hat was selected, and I am sure I am voicing the wish of one and all when I say that we hope that we may soon meet here again.

"We particularly appreciate among the other advantages, the ideal weather which could not be beaten anywhere."

A vote of thanks to Mr. Price for his courtesy and the free and open manner in which he conducted the discussion was moved by Mr. Hall. The value of these meetings, he said, was much intensified by freedom and openness in discussion. With great enthusiasm the vote was carried.

Mr. Price briefly responded, expressing his gratification at the result of the meetings, and announcing that in all probability these meetings would be held periodically. A program of the subjects for discussion to be prepared a month or so before the date arranged for, these to be sent to all the superintendents of the division, so that a preliminary meeting of the local officers might be held.

To The Times representative Mr. Price stated that the trade outlook was improving. The mines at the Crow's Nest were reopening and he considered a general revival of trade in the spring would take place. With his visit to Medicine Hat he was highly pleased. He left on No. 18 Wednesday night, going down the Crow line and thence on to Calgary.

The visiting officials all left Wednesday night or Thursday morning to return to their respective districts.

GIFT TO Y. M. C.

Check from Chester Massey

WORK PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

S. McClellan, secretary of the Young Men's Club, has received the following letter from a friend of the Club in the city:

Jan. 10, 1908.

S. McClellan, Esq.,
Sec. Y. M. C.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that I have at your disposal a $100 check from my cousin Chester D. Massey, Toronto, towards the fitting up of the Y. M. C. buildings.

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Massey, of which the following is a portion:

Toronto, Can., Jan. 6, 1908

Dear Cousin:

I am in receipt of your letter of 30th ultimo., and the efforts of the young men in Medicine Hat appeal to me as being so commendable that I am disposed to help them, though the demands upon me here, in all directions, are heavy. I enclose check for $100 in behalf of the Y. M. C. project of which you write, with the hope that it may be of some service.....

I remain,
Very sincerely yours,
C. D. MASSEY

This check will be devoted to extending the equipment of the gymnasium which I consider the most important part of the institution you are forming.

Again expressing my pleasure at being able to secure this assistance for the good work you will do,

I am,
Yours sincerely,

This money will help in the better equipment of the gymnasium. The subscription list is growing rapidly and the interest of the citizens is most apparent. The work is being rushed along. Brick is on the ground, and the foundation is finished. There is some little delay in securing facing brick.

The building, as it looks from the plans, is going to be an addition to the city, although only one story of it will at first be built immediately. The door will enter about a third of the distance from the east wall, and there will be two windows on the right hand side, opening into the gymnasium, and one into the library and reading room on the left.

The interior has not been definitely planned, but the good size of the gymnasium can be judged from the present building. The gymnasium will be used for Sunday meetings for men, for which the floor will probably be protected by heavy duck or canvas.

IRVINE MAN ARRESTED.

(Lethbridge Herald,)

John Brown, who claims to hail from Irvine, Alberta, is safe in the arms of the police, simply because a slick game didn't work. Yesterday there were several papers stolen from a suit case belonging to T. S. McKenzie, of the O. W. Kerr Co., while it was in his room in the Lethbridge hotel. Among others, a certificate of stock for $1000, but because of the company's declared dividend of 55 per cent., is worth about $1600, and several certificates of stock in the O. W. Kerr Company.

While Mr. McKenzie was in his office unaware of the theft a fellow came in to try and "cash in" the $1,000 certificate, saying that he had bought it from a man for $30 who told him it was worth $100 and that he could cash it at the O. W. Kerr Company office.

Recognizing his own papers, the owner kept hold of them and escorted the man to the police station. He was brought up this morning but was remanded until Wednesday. In the meantime he is in durance vile.

NEW RAILROADS

Medicine Hat to Have Them Soon

C.N.R. and G.N.R. Coming This Way

Again comes verification of the rumors of new railroads for this city. When J. K. Drinnan was in Saskatchewan for the holiday, a friend reported to him a conversation with a son of Wm. Mackenzie of the C. N. R. Mr. Mackenzie said, during an inspection of the line, that the road which now reaches Regina is to be continued immediately towards the west, and Medicine Hat would be reached during the fall of this year. The plan is to build through Medicine Hat to Lethbridge and the coal district in order to secure coal direct from the mines for the engineers. When this line is built another will run from this district north to the Edmonton-Winnipeg line of the C. N. R.

That this railway was coming west has been known for some time, as it was known it would not stop at Regina, but the words of Mr. Mackenzie bring it nearer than expected.

The G. N. R. at the last session of the Saskatchewan House, secured the right of extending their line from Manitoba through the province of Saskatchewan, and the route outlined in The Times some months ago brings it to a point where it must go through Medicine Hat. When active operations will be started is not known.

Now word comes from the southwest that the G. N. R. has almost completed its extension from Fernie east to Michel. This is the point from which an extension to Medicine Hat has been expected for a couple of years. As soon as the road passes Michel a few miles it will progress much more rapidly, as the mountain building is both slow and expensive.

Grain Judging School

Government Experts Visit Medicine Hat

GOOD ATTENDANCE AND INSTRUCTIVE TALKS

About 40 persons attended the grain judging school on Friday afternoon. The special train was delayed and accordingly an extra hour was allowed in the afternoon, the meetings being held from 1 to 5 o'clock, although the full program could not be carried out, a very profitable afternoon was spent by those who were present at the lectures, where in a few hours knowledge of grain was gained by some which could otherwise have only come as the result of many years experience.

For the old established farmer the meetings proved of high value, enabling him to correct some of his ideas on grain grading and so forth.

Sample trays of wheat, barley and oats, according to which grain was under consideration were placed before the students on tables in the car. These were divided into a large number of sections and each lecturer gave a general description of the varieties. One or two samples were used for judging purposes.

Among the subjects dealt with were the varieties and milling qualities of wheat and oats, the identification and eradication of weeds, examination for seed qualities and a short talk on dry farming.

W. C. McKillican, of the Dominion Seed Branch, spoke on the varieties and milling qualities of wheat. First he enumerated some of the common wheats, dividing them into spring and fall varieties and these again into hard and soft varieties. The constituents which caused differences in the results were starch and glue. The glutinous varieties were hard and usually red, and made "strength" in flour. The dough being of a highly plastic nature would retain the gas better, aiding in the rising process, thus flour from the red wheats was the most suitable for breadmaking. The starchy wheats were white in color, were soft and the flour lacked in plasticity. This would make tough bread, but for biscuits, pastry and other "short" foods, was the best. Only the hard wheats could be grown to advantage in the west, and as the standard was continually rising and better wheats demanded, it paid to raise only the best.

Going on to deal with the special varieties, Red Fife, Preston, Dore etc., the speaker said that the first was the standard for spring wheats, and should be grown in the west wherever it was not essential to have the early maturing varieties. In this district it could be grown successfully, and in fact the first prize wheat at the provincial seed fair at Edmonton last winter came from Medicine Hat district.

Winter wheat was next discussed. Turkey Red, or as it was now usually termed, Alberta Red, was the winter variety which was best adapted to this province, and was the most common here. The first carload of seed came in from Kansas 6 years ago, and weighed 57 lbs. to the bushel. The first crop yielded 64 lbs. to the bushel, and now 65 lbs. was sometimes obtained, and he had known a case of 67 lbs. to the bushel being realized. A glass jar containing samples of Kansas Red and Alberta Red for comparison was passed around for examination, and the latter showed marked improvement on the original seed.

Mr. McKillican strongly advised the growing of some one variety, whichever that might be, by each farmer. There was no place, he said, for a mixture. Each variety required a special treatment in milling, and consequently the milling of mixed grains was not satisfactory.

T. Jamieson, elevator inspector for the Alberta Pacific Company spoke on the commercial grading of grain. He thought the seed train would be of great benefit to the province at large. The first year 60 per cent. of the wheat was smutty; now there was only 5 per cent. smut in this district. The Lethbridge district, which he would imagine somewhat similar to Medicine Hat, was largely devoted to the growing of Alberta Red. The farmers there had had great success with winter wheat, raising an average of 25 bushels to the acre. A Kansas man whom he had met expressed wonder at the wheat raised in this country. He thought Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Macleod, Leavings—from here right along the Crow line—was eminently adapted for winter wheat growing. In spring wheats, Red Fyfe was the best in the world, and this also was well suited to this climate.

James Murray, superintendent of the experimental farm, Brandon, spoke on seed wheat. He advised the growing of the best hard wheat, which paid in the long run. He knew a farmer who had been selecting his wheat for eight years. His crop was sold for seed at $2.50 a bushel. There was an association now for registering pure-bred Red Fyfe, just as there was one for registering live stock. He advised every farmer to devote five, ten or fifteen acres to seed growing. The portion of the crop set apart for this purpose should be allowed to ripen to perfection before the cutting. Grain for milling purposes was better not dead ripe when cut.

Other speakers were W. H. Fairfield, superintendent of experimental farm, Lethbridge; A. Mitchell, chief inspector of weeds; H. A. Craig, superintendent of fairs and institutes.

The tour, which commenced on 6th inst., will last about two months, and practically every station on the C. P. R. and C. N. R. and irrigation railway in Alberta will be covered. From time to time other experts will relieve those mentioned. From Medicine Hat the school proceeded to Taber, thence to the Mormon country, thence north to Edmonton.

To The Times Mr. Craig expressed himself as highly satisfied with the results of the tour so far. The meetings have been more successful than anticipated, in numbers and interest taken. The best was that held at Gleichen, where fifty farmers attended the lectures. The notable feature at each station has been the large proportion of farmers and grain growers present.

All the features of the stock judging school have been incorporated and new ones added by the grain experts. On the subject of dry farming, Mr. Craig stated that one or two farmers in the district have harrowed according to the Campbell system, and two or three are taking it up. He believes this system cannot be taken up too soon by local farmers.

E. S. Martin Married

Martin—Bullock

(Halifax Mail, Jan. 6.)

The marriage at half past seven o'clock this evening, in St. Stephen's chapel, of Gwladys, daughter of Mrs. C. Beverley Bullock, 94 Victoria Road, and E. S. Martin, now manager of the branch of the Bank of Montreal at Medicine Hat, and formerly accountant in the Halifax branch. The social prominence of the bride and the fact that Mr. Martin has a host of friends here have made the wedding the chief social interest of the week. However, owing to the very recent death of the groom's father, the utmost simplicity will be observed. The wedding will be a very quiet one. Both bride and groom will be unattended, and no invitations have been issued for the wedding.

The ceremony will be performed by the uncle of the bride, Canon Bullock, chaplain to His Majesty the King, who will be assisted by the Very Reverend the Dean of Nova Scotia.

Miss Bullock will be given away by her brother Aubrey Bullock.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Martin will leave for St John, where they will sail by the Empress of Ireland for England. They anticipate an absence of about two months. On their return they will proceed to the west, visiting the principal Canadian cities en route. The one regret here in connection with the wedding is that it will take Miss Bullock away from us. She has been a great favorite in Halifax society and will be greatly missed.

The collection of wedding gifts is a notably large, valuable and beautiful one. Few Halifax brides for years back have been so fortunate.

The groom's gift to the bride was a really exquisite pendant of emeralds and diamonds.

She will be followed on her wedding trip by the best wishes of all who know her.

(Halifax Mail, Jan. 7.)

The wedding last evening in St. Stephen's chapel, of Gwladys, daughter of Mrs. Charles Beverley Bullock, 94 Tower Road, and E. S. Martin, manager of the branch of the Bank of Montreal at Medicine Hat, was witnessed by a large number of the friends of both. As has been stated the utmost simplicity was observed, and, owing to the recent death of Mr. Martin's father, the wedding was a quiet one. However, no similar ceremony ever performed in the chapel was more impressive and beautiful. The uncle of the bride, the Rev. Canon Bullock, honorary chaplain to His Majesty the King, officiated, being assisted by the Very Reverend the Dean of Nova Scotia and Rev. Kenneth Hind, chaplain to His Lordship the Bishop.

Miss Bullock was unattended. So also was the groom.

The chapel still wore its Christmas dress of evergreen. As the bride entered the wedding arch from "Lohengrin" was finely rendered by the organist, Mendelssohn's march being played at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Aubrey Bullock gave his sister away.

Miss Bullock made a very lovely bride, her gown of cream serge, worn with large white picture hat, being ideally suited to her tall grace and general style. She carried a boquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Immediately after the ceremony, followed by the best wishes of their hosts of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Martin left for St. John, whence they will sail on the Empress of Ireland for England, anticipating an absence of two months. On their return they will proceed to the west, visiting the principal Canadian cities en route.

The collection of wedding gifts was equally remarkable for beauty and extent. Seldom indeed has any Halifax bride been so fortunate in this respect as was Miss Bullock. The groom's gift to the bride was a pendant of emeralds and diamonds.

To Protest Against Railroad Act

DELEGATION TO PROCEED TO OTTAWA

A month ago The Times published the resolutions of the five railway unions which met in Medicine Hat on December 9, to protest against the new railroad act which makes a mistake through error of judgment or lapse of memory punishable as a criminal offence. The five unions concerned, to wit, the Order of Railroad Conductors, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and Order of Railroad Telegraphers, have decided to send delegates to lay their grievance before the Ottawa authorities. Ash Kennedy, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the C. P. R. system was in this city on Thursday last in connection with this matter.

The following will be the delegates from Medicine Hat:

Engineers, J. A. S. Canty; Firemen and engineers, J. Smeaton; Telegraphers, Harvey Hall.

D. Campbell, of Toronto, 3rd Vice President of the Order, and E. Trotter, Montreal, will also be there to represent the telegraphers. The delegate of the Calgary engineers will be W. Fuller. The 22nd inst. is fixed as the time of meeting in Ottawa.

Business Change.

E. E. Hersant, who is well known in the city as a practical butcher, has acquired Roberts Bros.' meat market on the East Allowance.

F. Magnuson has sold out his barber shop to J. D. Matheson, formerly of Winnipeg. Mr. Matheson has had large experience in barbering and comes well recommended. He was on his way to the coast, and dropped off to see a friend, but was so impressed with the city and climate that he decided to stay.

MASONIC RITES

Calgary Lodgemen Visit Medicine Hat

On Thursday morning about 35 of Perfection Lodge of Masons came down from Calgary to put on the third degree here. Among the members were: A. G. Austin, H. S. Waterbury, A. V. Bilton, A. R. Eawar, E. Ross, G. H. McLeod, A. L. Falkins, S. Blair, A. Newham, E. Blewilette, R. H. Finch, W. H. Irvine, J. Winn, A. S. Estey, J. Kinby, W. W. Piper, J. Johnston, W. C. Armstrong, H. J. Robie, Jas. H. Tomlinson, F. W. Tomlinson, F. M. Troredin, W. J. Kirby, W. F. Wright, J. F. Macdonald, Frank Wrigley, J. E. McComb, M. S. Dickson, P. H. Johnson.

The ceremony was carried on in the evening and a fine banquet and programme were enjoyed.

The special Soo-Spokane car was attached to a freight Thursday night to take the lodge members back to Calgary.

Bank of Commerce Moves

The Bank of Commerce moved into their spacious new premises on the corner of Main Street and Fourth Avenue on Saturday afternoon, beginning business there promptly at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. At the present time the workmen are engaged in adding the finishing touches to the interior, and it will be several days before the bank is completely fitted up. Architecturally, the building, of Colonial design, adds materially in quiet dignity to Main St., and Fourth Ave.

At the entrance the gates fold back when not in use, forming panels in the side walls. Within, the desks and teller's office are in fine mahogany and brass, mahogany, too, being used extensively throughout the building. The manager's office is on the left as the bank is entered, and here, as in other portions of the building, is a fireplace which lends much to the appearance and comfort of the room.

On this floor is one of the two large vaults; the other being in the basement, where are also the messenger's room, lavatory and the furnace room. Here, in addition to the furnace, a boiler is installed for water heating during months when artificial heat is not required in the building.

On the second floor are the well equipped rooms for the staff, the bath-room and lavatory, whilst on the third are a large room suitable for billiards or some such purpose, and another smaller room.

The building is wired throughout for electric lighting, to be installed at a future date. The wires are carried through iron tubing, eliminating very largely, danger from fire. The fittings are of a combination type—for gas or incandescent electric lights.

The first customer in the bank after its opening was Mr. Bintoul, and the second was The Times. Mr. Bintoul got ahead only by being inside the building, as contractor, from 6 in the morning. He deposited the first money and The Times received the first.