MILLION ACRES TO BE SERVED BY THE BASSANO DAM

Great Developments Are Taking Place at New Town a Hundred Miles East of Calgary—Gas and Coal Found in Large Quantities

BUILDING ACTIVE IN CANADIAN PACIFIC TOWN

Splendid Hotel Has Just Been Completed While Banks and Schools Are Worthy of a Larger and Older Town—Rapid Progress is Assured

Bassano, May 23.—The town with the "Big dam"—the immense engineering undertaking in connection with the great irrigation scheme—not the other kind. This appellation briefly epitomizes the predominating feature of the new Albertan town of Bassano. This "coming" western town is located on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, being 83 miles east of Calgary. Also it is the chief centre of the eastern section of the recently inaugurated and vast Canadian Pacific railway's irrigation project in southern Alberta. Adjacent to Bassano will be 500,000 acres of these irrigated lands, and in connection therewith the Bassano Electric Power and Traction company has been granted a charter for the installation of a network of electric lines through this irrigated section. This scheme will link up with Bassano the entire half million acres of adjacent land.

The great irrigation dam is situated three miles southwest of Bassano. It is the largest in Canada, and the sources from whence will be derived the water supply to feed the hungry acres. The dimensions of the dam are 7,000 feet in length, with a base width of 310 feet, and its height is 45 feet. There are 2,000 men employed on its construction, and it is estimated that it will be completed in about a year's time. Its estimated cost is five million dollars. Approximately 3,000 miles of canals and ditches will be served from this dam. In addition it will develop an abundance of water power and electrical energy, of which Bassano will derive an ample share, and benefit especially by thus obtaining cheap power for manufacturing purposes.

Natural gas has been discovered in the Bassano district, and drilling on three gas wells has been in operation for some time past. On the first boring a flow of 640,000 cubic feet was struck at a depth of 1,763 feet. Evidences are not lacking which suggest that in the near future natural gas will be among the several certainties of this favored district.

Also Coal.

With the discovery of a local supply of natural gas it is not surprising that an extensive deposit of first class steam and domestic coal should exist within three miles of Bassano. Having water power, gas and coal in abundance right at its doors, it is quite on the cards that Bassano should be an attractive place for various manufacturing enterprises. Already some half-dozen manufacturing establishments are located here, and other manufacturing concerns are now in negotiation with the Bassano town council with a view to erecting their respective factories. These facts conclusively suggest that Bassano is destined to become an important manufacturing centre in the near future.

Although not much more than three years old, it is one of the lively, go-ahead towns "out west," and during its short span has already been "going some." It was incorporated in January, 1911, and it now possesses a large and growing population. Assessment statistics are another indication of its rapid growth. Thus it is found that assessment on its rateable property for 1911 was $400,000 and for 1912 it had increased to $1,400,000. Debentures to the value of $150,000 were floated for 1912-13 for the construction of sewer and water systems.

New Buildings.

Local long distance telephones have already been installed. The proposed new buildings for 1912 include a fine new post office to cost $30,000, an addition to the Canadian Pacific railway roundhouse, three business blocks, and the magnificent Masonic temple. The latter building when completed will cost $25,000, and will be an ornament to the town, and provide a permanent home for the brethren of the mystic tie. In addition to the Masons, three other fraternal orders have been established, Odd Fellows, Foresters and Rebeccas.

The commercial spirit of the town is also revealed by the several lines of business which have been established here. Three Canadian banks have their local branch offices: Canadian Bank of Commerce, Union Bank of Canada and Bank of Quebec. In addition to these there are five general stores, five implement warehouses, an automobile garage, four livery stables, two confectioners, a liquor store, three lumber yards, two drug stores, two furniture stores, three hardware stores, two harness shops, a shoemaker, two tailors, a gents' clothing store, a dentist, two doctors, an electrician, four real estate firms, a printing shop, newspaper, The Bassano News, four restaurants and three hotels. The Berkeley Hotel, which has recently been erected, was built by Mayor Whiting at a total cost, including an annex, of $150,000, and probably ranks as one of the best hotels in the west, excepting probably the Canadian Pacific hostelries. It is built of imported brick, similar in nature to that of the Canadian Pacific Railway hotel at Calgary. A very favorable impression is created by its interior, its furniture and fixtures being quite up-to-date in every respect, and no expense has been spared in order to make it one of the most comfortable and accommodating. A bright idea in connection with this hotel was the construction of a roof garden, the only one in Western Canada. This garden runs in the shape of an L along the side and end of the building, and having sides extending the entire length with portholes for observation purposes. Running from this garden are many rooms fitted with hot and cold water and telephones. Shower baths will also be installed for the use of the guests. Rising from the roof garden is located an observation promenade platform. This is built several feet higher than the garden and runs parallel with both sides of the hotel. From this elevation guests are enabled to view the surrounding country for a radius of several miles. The platform is large enough to accommodate the entire number of guests of the hotel at any one time and is wide enough for a large number of camp chairs in which to bask and enjoy the cooling breezes on a warm summer's night of sunny southern Alberta. The hotel has been leased by S. E. Hartzel, of Spokane, an hotel man of many years' experience, and who has been connected with several leading hotel enterprises on the Pacific coast.

Good Schools.

For meeting the educational requirements of Bassano, there is a local school containing four class rooms, the building being erected in 1910 at a cost of $22,000. It has seating accommodation for some 300 scholars. There are 272 on the roll, and the training of the scholars is in the hands of four capable teachers. The social and recreative side is represented by local baseball and hockey teams, a town band, a curling rink, and an opera house. There are two representative churches, the Presbyterian and the Anglican.

Land in the Bassano district averages $20 per acre. The nature of its soil is chocolate loam. Last season this district produced some very fine flax and its excellence is proven by the fact of the Canadian Pacific Railway producing its flax samples from the big crops raised here. The company's experts declared the flax grown in this district to be as near perfection as possible. The crops from which the samples were obtained were estimated to run from 19 to 20 bushels to the acre, a heavy yield and grading well. The following culled from The Bassano News shows that the crop was such as to prove the district one of the finest in the west: "There was not a poor or even one that could be termed only fair, field in the vicinity. They all yielded heavily and the demand upon the local elevator (it has a total storage capacity of 30,000 bushels) was more than it was feared it would be able to cope with."

The immense water power, natural gas and coal deposits and fine farms are tangible evidence to justify the assurance of Bassano's future and to warrant its slogan—"the best in the west by a dam site," to which the modifying phrase is sometimes appended, "No profanity intended."

MANITOBA ELECTION TRIAL MAY NOW PROCEED

Objections Made by MacDonald Member Disallowed by Supreme Court

Ottawa, Ont., May 23—The supreme court today disallowed the appeal in the MacDonald election cases instituted by Alexander Morrison, the member-elect, against the judgment of Mr. Justice Cameron, of Winnipeg, on the preliminary objections to the petition contesting the election. The appeal was dismissed with costs, and the judgment of the trial judge upheld in every particular, their lordships of the supreme court not bringing down reasons.

The petition can now be filed, and the protest against the election heard as soon as parliament prorogues.

CENSUS OF THOSE WHO PASS OVER 12TH STREET CROSSING OF THE C.P.R.

According to the census taken by the police, the traffic over the Twelfth street east crossing of the C.P.R. amounts to 1,366 pedestrians daily, and a total of 660 vehicles per day. Forty-eight trains, 50 switching engines and 68 handcars cross the crossing.

The average is about 100 pedestrians and between 50 and 60 vehicles each hour for 14 hours, each day; and seven trains or engines per hour of a 24 hour day.

The residents are asking for a subway at this crossing and the census was taken to provide a basis of calculation on which to base an appeal to the railway commission.

By far the greatest amount of traffic at this point is drays. Three hundred and thirty-two drays a day use the crossing, but only 75 automobiles pass this way.

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LIBERALS IN SENATE WILL THROW OUT HIGHWAYS BILL

Want Government to Divide the Money to be Expended Among Provinces According to Population of Provinces.

MOVE SAME AMENDMENT BROUGHT IN LAST YEAR

Senator Lougheed Accuses Senators of Being Part of Liberal Organization; Sir George Ross Denies the Charge.

Ottawa, May 23.—That the majority in the senate will reject the highways bill was made evident when the bill reached the committee stage in the senate today. The bill is the same which was passed b ythe commons last year, amended by the senate and finally abandoned by the commons. Senator Kerr introduced the same amendment providing that the commons shall apportion the money granted to the provinces in the Highway bill according to the population as shown in the recent census.

Senator Lougheed for the government objected to the amendment arguing that the bill was merely a tentative one and the government was anxious to see how it would work out. By passing this amendment the senate practically declared that it proposed to take charge of the distribution of the money of the Dominion. He declared that in offering this amendment the Liberals had become an echo for the minority in the commons.

Sir George Ross denied this and gave instances and declared that the opposition in the senate would not act in aa partisan way in making a proper amendment to the bill.

DEMOCRATS ALREADY PLANNING 1916 FIGHT

Washington, D. C., May 23.—Plans for drawing the political battle lines of 1914 and 1916 have been talked over at conferences with the executive committee of the Democratic national committee. The programme included a conference over what the national committee should do to make the party successful in the state and congressional elections two years hence, with a look ahead to the next national election; and a meeting with officers of the eDmocratic congressional committee regarding a greater representation of senators in that body, and a conference with President Wilson.

The committee, which met at its permanent offices, is composed of Committeemen Palmer of Pennsylvania, Clark Howell of Georgia, Cato Sells of Texas, Homer Cummings of Connecticut and Fred Lynch of Minnesota.

Permanent offices of the Democratic national committee, which the party organization expects to maintain every day during the next four years at least, have been opened.

"BORAX" SMITH SAID TO OWE $1,500,000

San Francisco, May 23.—Claims aggregating $1,500,000 against F. M. (Borax) Smith, the Oakland millionaire, whose tangled finances have been taken out of his hands, are today in the hands of the committee in charge. On June 27 an arrangement must be made with the New York banking firm of N. W. Halsey & Co. for handling a debt of $2,500,000, secured by Key Route bonds issued for $3,250,000.

IMPERIAL BANK SHOWS CONTINUED PROSPERITY

The thirty-eighth annual statement of the Imperial Bank of Canada which has just been issued contains the following information which may be of interest to people of Calgary:

Increase in net profits, irrespective of premium received on new capital stock, $121,631; dividends paid, $68,319 over an dabove previous year; applied upon bank premises account, $124,771; after transferring $211,820 from profit and loss account to reserve, balance is carried forward amounting to $1,003,988, so that rest account and undivided profits amount to $8,003,988; increase in circulation, $500,000; increased deposits (notwithstanding stringency of money market) so that they now stand at $56,802,111; total assets now stand at $77,964,108, as compared with $73,751,667 in 1912.

MAWSON TO ADDRESS THE CANADIAN CLUB

Thomas H. Mawson, the town planning expert who is here to do work in the city of Calgary, is to have a busy time outside his official duties. On Tuesday he will adress the members of the Canadian Club at the Young Men's Club rooms of the Central Methodist church at 12.30. Tomorrow afternoon he will address the city planners of Calgary and in the evening he will give a lecture in the public library to all who are interested in the subject. To the Canadian Club Mr. Mawson will speak of the "City Planning of Calgary, a Retrospect and Prospect."

JINGO JAPANESE ARE REBUKED BY OWN COUNTRYMEN

Prominent Orientals Counsel Others of Race to Peace Pending Settlement

Los Angeles, May 23.—That there has been much talk of war among Japanese residents in California and in the Pacific insular possessions was incidentally admitted in an appeal published by officials of the United Japanese Association of Southern California, counselling patience pending the outcome of diplomatic negotiations with regard to the California anti-allen land ownership bill.

The appeal is signed by George T. Herai, president of the Southern California Japanese association; R. Trajai and K. Oishi, representing the United Associations of Southern California, and S. Mitsuz, president of the diplomatic committee of the United Associations.

It is directed to all Japanese residing in the United States and in the American possessions in the Pacific, and sets forth that the "war talk now widely prevalent among our people", will only embarrass the Japanese and American governments in their efforts to arrive at an amicable adjustment.

The statement also declares that it is hoped the outcome will be the negotiation of a treaty that will confer naturalization rights upon Japanese.

LAWYER DARROW MAY NOT BE TRIED AGAIN

Los Angeles, May 23.—Action, it is said, which may ultimately operate as a dismissal of the remaining indictment against Clarence S. Darrow, the Chicago lawyer, accused of jury bribery in the McNamara case, was taken by Assistant District Attorney Ford. On motion of the prosecutor, Judge Wood, acting presiding judge of the superior court, struck the indictment from the calendar, leaving the case to be reset at the option of the district attorney.

In the case thus virtually disposed of, Darrow was charged with procuring the corruption of Robert Bain, a juror sworn to serve in the trial of J. B. McNamara.

THOS. MAWSON TO GIVE A SERIES OF LECTURES

Mr. Thomas Mawson, the city planning expert, is becoming one of the foremost educational institutions in the city. Although Mr. Mawson has been engaged to prepare preliminary plans for the city, that is only a small detail of the part he is performing during his sojourn here. A series of lectures have been arranged by various bodies which will fill all the leisure of the famous city planner for the next week.

On Friday afternoon, May 30, he will address an open meeting of the city planning commission at which Mr. J. W. Davidson, delegates to the Chicago convention, will also speak.

On Tuesday, May 27, he will speak to the Canadian club at a luncheon at 12.30 in the Young Men's club at the Central Methodist church "On Calgary City Planning, a Retrospect and a Prospect."

On Tuesday evening, May 27, he will address the Hillhurst community at the Hillhurst Methodist church, subject, "The Civic Conscience. And Saturday night, May 31, he will address a public meeting in the public library, his lecture being illustrated with lantern slides.

PRISONERS [illegible]KE IN JAIL.

Change in M[illegible]d Penitentiary Forced by Warden.

Baltimore, May 23.—Visitors to the Maryland penitentiary yesterday were surprised at the unwonted sight of practically all the male inmates sitting in their cells complacently smoking pipes.

One of the strictest regulations of the institution has been that forbidding smoking. Through the efforts of Warden John F. Leonard, in line with his endeavors to better the condition of the inmates, the penitentiary board has lifted the ban on the use of tobacco and henceforth the inmates will be allowed to smoke pipes. The use of cigars and cigarettes is still prohibited

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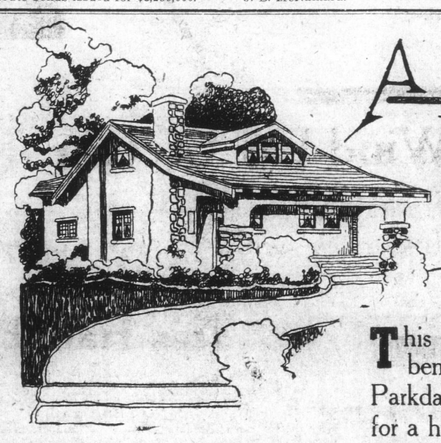

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