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### TOWN COUNCIL.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday evening, May 5th. All members of the Council were present with the exception of Councillor Burton who is convalescing from a serious illness.

A large number of communications and accounts were received and disposed of. A deputation composed of President Wood, Sterling Williams, Bishop D. E. Harris and W. O. Lee waited on the Council on the subject of the enforcement of the Liquor Law. After addresses from Messrs. Wood and Lee, the Council assured them that all necessary steps would be taken as far as lay in the power of the Council to enforce its provisions. A largely signed petition was presented asking for a by-law creating a half-holiday every Friday afternoon from May 15th to September 1st and notice was given by Councillor Duce that he would introduce such a by-law to that effect. The Solicitor was instructed to have same prepared. A deputation from the Cardston Board of Trade also waited on the Council with an application for a grant in aid of the Cardston Exhibit at the Dominion Fair to be held at Calgary and a resolution was passed voting \$200.00 for that purpose.

The question of the Measle epidemic was then taken up and discussed at considerable length. The result being that the Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to write to the School Board drawing their attention to sub-section 13 of section 158 of the School Ordinance and asked that the same be enforced. This section makes it the duty of the teacher to prevent the attendance of any pupil affected or exposed to certain contagious diseases named in the Ordinance of which Measles is one. The health Officer was also directed to see that the Quarantine Regulations were properly observed.

The Returning Officer, Mr. Martin Woolf reported the result of the voting on the Debenture By-law the preceding day, which stood 'For the By-law' 31, 'Against the By-law' 3. The By-law accordingly received its third reading and was signed and sealed. There were several applications for options on the Debentures they were all refused and the Secretary-Treasurer instructed to invite tenders up to the even of May 26th, when a special meeting will be held to consider any offers that may be received.

Another matter which received consideration was the question of street cleaning. Several of the Councillors commenting favourably upon the practice which has been adopted this year in a number of other Municipalities of asking the citizens to join voluntarily in a general clean-up on some date to be named and as Arbor Day comes too late for tree planting it was felt that this would be a good time for Cardston to follow the example of her neighbors and the Mayor was authorized to issue a Proclamation requesting all good citizens to do their share and the Works and Property Committee were instructed to employ sufficient teams to remove the rubbish gathered by the "Volunteer Fire Brigade."

### THE TREELESS PRAIRIE.

Mr. Arch, Mitchell, formerly of the Alberta Department of Agriculture, contributes the following article to the Montreal Herald and Weekly Star:

"If Nature had intended the prairies to be covered with trees why are they all bare today?" was the remark made by an old-timer to the writer when he was trying to persuade him to grow a little shelter belt around his home on the prairie. Five years before, the same man would have said "If wheat was to be grown on the prairies why isn't it growing there now?" The one remark would have been just as much to the point as the other; The soil is rich enough for crop production, and the moisture is in quantity enough—if it is properly taken care of, and the proof of it is to be seen in the splendid yields of wheat and oats from every part of the bare country wherever settlers have tried to grow them.

The fact that crops are being grown is proof enough that they were intended to be grown, and it is the same with trees, which have been called the "home makers" of the prairies. They can be grown quite readily if proper care is taken and a few simple rules observed.

But the question of "tree growing on the prairie" can be answered in another way. Nature herself has answered it and is answering it and will continue to do so if she is not interfered with. In Alberta we have the western limit of the open prairie. Beyond that there are the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Here is the home of the famous "chinook" winds, which are liable to blow at any time, and at any season. In winter, to drift or melt the snow, and in summer to cure the prairie hay. It is just because they are able to do this that we have the following fact. In that part of the country, which is in the regular sweep of the chinooks, is the only part of Canada where it is possible for a prairie fire to run in every month of the year except two, and these, from the middle of May to the middle of July—the following months—when the grass is green and not easily burned, and sometimes even that the period is cut short.

A carelessly quenched fire, or a burning match thrown down after a pipe is lighted, or even a lightning flash, and we have a prairie fire in winter or summer, spring or fall. No wonder the prairie is bare. It is curious sometimes to note how quickly some people jump to conclusions. Because the chinooks are warm and under their influence some of the buds of the trees may do some damage the conclusion has been drawn by most people that this is the full and true reason why trees do not live on the prairie. The chinooks do a little damage, of that there is no doubt, but if they have been the cause of all the trouble, why is it that at the south end of the Porcupine hills, as one looks north, that trees can be seen fringing the crests of many of the ridges on the west side? If the chinooks are the direct cause of the lack of trees, why is it that these fringes are able to stand right in the teeth of the warm chinook blast? The rest of the ridges are grass-covered and a close inspection soon reveals the real reason for the tree growth. Those trees are growing amongst rock rubble or even in the fissures of the rock itself and there was no grass to carry the fires over to them in days gone by. Just north of Cowley on the banks of the middlefork of the Old Man's River there is a striking example of the same thing. A great slab of rock sloping towards the southwest, and about one quarter of an acre in extent, and right in the middle of it where a great fissure runs across is to be seen the stump of a tree 10 or 12 inches in diameter (continued on page 4)

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J. R. BONE

There is probably no more popular young man in the realm of newspaperdom than John R. Bone, the present Secretary of the Canadian Press Association. He is a practical, thorough-going, conscientious newspaper-worker of the highest type. The best evidence of his ability and the unanimous expression of esteem in which he is held, is found in the fact that notwithstanding the other officers of the Association are changed every year, Secretary Bone has held the post for a decade, and it begins to appear that he may have it just as long as he is willing to assume the many onerous duties which it imposes. Mr. Bone has a way about him that is hard to explain, but mighty nice to possess. It is not the way of many words or of profuse expressions of gladness, but just a powerful expression of genuine welcome and a clasp of the hand which thrills with the heart-action back of it. It is a blessed faculty to be able by sheer nature to meet a stranger and at once encompass him with friendly affections. It is this innate blessing which characterizes Mr. Bone and makes him a great favorite with the "boys." At present he is occupying the Editorial chair in the news department of the Toronto Star and the way that paper is "jumping ahead" is another link

in the chain of evidence of his ability and worth.

Of course all the members realize that the work of the secretary in any association is the most responsible and that the secretary is the one person upon whom rests, to a great extent the success of the Association. The Canadian Press Association is bigger and better than ever before. It is filling the measure of its creation as very few organizations of its kind are doing at the present time and is most assuredly setting an example worthy of emulation. Not only is this true as regards the business end but quite as true and successful in its social functions. The Association may well be proud of such a secretary as John R. Bone, and John R. Bone has just cause to be proud of the Association of which he is secretary.

### NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that all horses and cattle found running at large on the streets of Cardston will be impounded.

By order of the Town Council,  
Martin Woolf,  
Pound Keeper.