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A vote for J. W. Woolf means a vote for progressive Cardston and prosperous Alberta. There are none others "just as good" when it comes to the influence which can be brought to bear upon questions affecting the welfare of the District.

At this special time it would be nothing less than a calamity to the Cardston District to turn down a man like J. W. Woolf. Of course the people of Cardston are smart enough not to stand in their own light or turn their backs upon tried and true friends. A man's friendship can best be shown by the way in which he looks after his friends. Let the Cardston people speak of the friendship of Mr. Woolf judged by the way in which he has looked after their interest.

Stand by the government by supporting J. W. Woolf.

It is said that "Bennett and Blow" will contest Calgary as the Conservative Candidates. The words are synonymous. Bennett, that means "Blow," and "Blow" that means Bennett. It will be a hard "Blow" for both of them. Never such an unholy combination of names as especially fitting the situation as "Bennett and Blow."

A rat and a weasel found an egg. They arbitrated about it. A cat was the arbitrator. He awarded the egg to the rat. The rat ate the egg. The cat ate the rat.

Cardston district wants to have a voice in affairs at Edmonton for the next five years. So it is up to us to elect the right man.

Most of the tobacco used in the so-called Russian cigarettes—the far-famed brands of Turkey and Cairo, too—is grown less than 100 miles from Louisville, Ky., or within a like radius of Raleigh, N. C.

Nominate the man who has the government and people, back of him.

Don't grieve when a calamity befalls you. Just think of how much you have escaped.

Mr. Rockefeller's dictum that to make a wife happy you must furnish her plenty of money will be endorsed most unanimously by the wife ladies.

The Mankato Journal says the business men of that town had a meeting the other night when it was agreed to cut out all false advertising in the future such as programs, directories, etc., and pay more attention to newspaper advertising. This is a wise move. Cut 'em all out. Look at the city directory, and look at the advertising there! What earthly benefit such advertising gives to anyone is a mystery. But never think of looking there for an advertisement. There are schemes and schemes and lazy good-for-nothing schemes. Beware of the whole bunch and save your money.

John W. Woolf is the man.

We have been contending right along that "Railways are the crying need of Southern Alberta and the Cardston District." There is no longer any need to keep up the "howl" for the Government has stepped into the gap and made arrangements for the construction of Trunk and branch lines right into the heart of the District—north, south, east and west.

No, nature did not enter into a collusion with the Liberal Government to have the floods wash out the bridges so that Johnny Woolf could claim the credit of having them replaced. But I'll tell you what Nature did do. Nature was kind enough to bless the Cardston District with a Particularly strong man at this time—a man who was not asleep to the requirements of his constituents. We defy any man to compare any other district in the Province of Alberta with the Cardston District when it comes to seeing the roads and bridges are in good shape. Think it over! The Cardston District has never been neglected under the regime of J. W. Woolf.

The so-called Conservative Party of the Province—the Party without a leader—pardon please, Dr. Brett of the Sanitarium Hotel Banff has promised to look after the cleanliness and good health of the party pending the arrival of the real head—if it ever comes to a head—was never so badly bamboozled for a something to place before the people in justification for their existence as they are at the present time. It is really an occasion for sorrow and condolence. Minus an issue, lacking a leader, without hope, faith or anything else, the Conservative Party blandly looks into space and "winks the other eye."

One of Cardston's prominent citizens, on the street this week, was heard to ask the question—"What has Johnny Woolf done for Cardston?" We wonder if he has been in a trance for the last 8 years or only dreaming \$40,000 spent within the limits of the town in which this gentleman holds a very prominent position doesn't look too bad. Wake up and think a little before asking that question again.

So high an authority as Sir William Van Horne says that the steel rails turned out at the Sault are the best in the world. "Made in Canada" will ultimately come to be recognized as the standard hall mark of excellence.

The peaceful cruise of the United States navy in Pacific waters will cost the people of the Republic fifty million dollars. The coal bill alone exceeds \$25,500,000.

After investigating the subject of London fogs, Carrie Nation says they are due to tobacco smoking. Simply another of Carrie's pipe dreams.

Make things better by speaking well of your home town.

"It's in the air." Even Niagara Falls are going dry.

THE POOR BOY'S CHANCE

The Alberta Star believes there is unlimited nonsense in the chatter about the lack of opportunity in America for the poor boy.

The thing for the poor boy to do, and the thing for everybody to do is to follow the path of duty with as much industry and intelligence, as much cheerfulness and confidence as can be commanded. It is a truism that anybody in America who is willing to work can make a living. It is also a truism that character is better than riches.

Not everybody can be a millionaire; not everybody can be rich; for not everybody has the practical foresight or the willingness to make sacrifices of present enjoyment for future financial benefit, usually essential to the acquisition of large means. But riches are more of a burden than a blessing to many who possess them. The man who wins sufficient of the world's gear to pay his way and retains the respect of his fellow men makes a success of life.

The opportunity to do this is open to all who have the will to do it and who do not lose their health. Why should the white continue that there is no chance for the young man?

A STRIKING TRIBUTE TO MR. BARKER

The Lethbridge Herald the only Albertan daily south of Calgary, pays this graceful tribute to the new Associate Editor of the Alberta Homestead:

"By the removal of E. N. Barker from Cardston to Edmonton the north country secures as a citizen one of the brainiest men in the South. Probably no man in Southern Alberta is better informed on the early history of the country and its advancement from the purely ranching region to the greatest wheat producing section of Western Canada than Mr. Barker. His knowledge however is not limited to cattle and horses and wheat, for has a mind particularly well informed on all the questions of the day, local, national, and world wide in their scope. He will bring to the newspaper profession in Edmonton knowledge that will make him invaluable as a writer and the Herald is convinced that he will make a distinct success of journalism."

Mr. Barker has been a frequent contributor to the press and in every instance his articles have been bright and readable. Southern Alberta will part with Mr. Barker with keen regret as he has been a loyal friend to this section of Alberta; he has been persistent in his advocacy of its interests and of the farmers especially he has been a loyal friend. As a matter of fact the true worth of Mr. Barker has not been appreciated in this part of the country. We will realize that when he is away from us and we are without his services as a champion of our needs and as a medium through which the reading world is informed of the riches of our district.

The Editor of the Alberta Homestead is glad to be able to quiet the fears expressed by the Herald in this last sentence. The Homestead is a provincial not a local paper and Mr. Barker will not only not discontinue his efforts on behalf of Southern Alberta, but will have very much larger opportunities than in the past to make known its resources. He will be a frequent visitor to the Southern part of the province and keep closely in touch with its progress. The Homestead has already a strong hold in the country below Calgary, with the development of which Mr. Barker has been so closely associated for nearly a quarter of a century. For it he has done some of his best work in the columns of this paper. Now that he is to be a regular member of our staff, we expect that the Homestead will be more than ever a welcome weekly visitor to the homes of the farmers of the south, as indeed to those of the whole of the province; for though Mr. Barker has sounded the praises of Southern Alberta in season and out of season for many years back, he is too big and broad minded a man to be at all limited in his sympathies. Praise of the south does not mean disparagement of the centre or the north. The sectional spirit sometimes crops up in Alberta. We see absolutely no excuse for it and believe that it is the duty of every good citizen to resist it whenever it shows itself. We want to learn to "think provincially," as a man prominent in the public life of Alberta put it not long ago. Fortunately the senseless rivalry that is sometimes manifested between towns and cities has never come to the front in agriculture. In the farmers' association which the Homestead since its inception has exerted itself to

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BURTON'S VARIETY STORE

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Men's Fancy Work Shirts

Extra quality Chambray Medium Blue, Gray and Brown grounds, assorted Stripes and small plaids, full factory made, flat felled seams, extension collar band. Sloped shoulders, curved armholes, skirt gussets, stayed sleeve openings, 34 inches long, sizes 15 to 18½.

OUR PRICE: .50

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Cardston Branch.

R. H. Baird, Manager.