GREAT PROGRESS OF THE TOWN OF BROOKS

Only a Few Months Old and Has Population of Three Hundred

TOWN HAS VERY BRIGHT FUTURE

Fifty-eight Car Loads of Settlers' Effects Unloaded at Brooks This Season

(By J. N. McDonald) Brooks, May 7 .- The town of Broo is located on the main line of the C. P. R., about 118 miles east of Calgary, the eastern section of the Canadian Pacific Railway irrigation block. I may be considered a 1910 town, as it has only been during the past four or five months that it has begun to show signs of awakening to life, and its growth at the present time is as rapid as that of any new town in Alberta. Prior to this year Brooks consisted of a small store, a livery barn, and a boar a small store, a livery barn, and a boarding house, which relied entirely or their support on the ranches along the Bow and Red Deer rivers. The evement of immigrants and home seekers to the country north of the Red Deer last fall first attracted the attention of business men to the adantages of Brooks as a supply centre and since they have been gradually coming in and establishing places of business. At the present time there are over twenty places of business the principal of which are as follows: General stores—Brooks Trading Com-pany, Spencer & Todd, King Bros Hardware stores-Marshall Hardware Brooks Hardware Co.; Livery barns-James Gregory, P. Edie; Real Estate-J. S. Ingram, A. S. Maley; agencies-Massey - Harris McCormick Co., Deering Co. Frost & Wood and the Cockshutt Plow Co.; Lumber-Crown Lumber Co., and Bowman-Sine: Banks-Union Bank of Canada and the Merchants Bank

outcher shop, harness shop, a general and an enlargement to the Brooks hotel are now in course of rection and will be open for busines in the course of a few weeks. The Canadian Bank of Commerce is nego-tlating for a site on which to erect a with the object of opening branch in Brooks in a short time. The population of the town at present is estimated at about 300, the majority of whom have arrived since th beginning of the year 1910. Application is being made for incorporation as a village municipality, but it is confilently expected that before this time lext year the population will have ined to such an extent as to justify citizens in applying for incorpor ation as a town municipality. Until viilage is incorporated, nothing

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shop, good hotel, restaurant and a

n Brooks for a physician, drug store

book store, a veterinary surgeon, a shoe shop, and several other lines of

can be done in the way of public impowers are granted to make an as-sessment and levy taxes. The townsite is, however, so clean and dry that the necessity for sidewalks and street grading has not been seriously felt as

Brooks Board of Trade

In the meantime the interests of the new town are being looked after by an energetic Board of Trade which was organized at the middle of last month with the following officers.

President, C. Marshall; vice-president, J. S. Ingram; secretary, Mr. Mcent, J. S. Ingram; secretary, Binns, Lennan; committee, Messrs. Binns McKechnie, Gregory, Keay, Coultis. At the organization meeting the officers were empowered to raise a temporary loan to be chargeable to the municipality after incorporation. The Board has already taken up the question of to the town and has also been successful in inducing the provincial governit to construct a ferry across the Red Deer river, 26 miles north of the town. The Board is also using its influence with the homesteaders who are going north of the river to establish permanent trade relations with them, so that the trade of that new country may be retained for Brooks.

Influx of Settlers So far this season there have been car loads of settlers' effects unloaded at Brooks and taken to homesteads north of the Red Deer river. In addition to this a large number iers purchased their outfits here The settlers were principally from Eastern Canada and the United States, and were possessed of sufficient capital and live stock to begin farming operations in good shape. It is estimated that fully one thousand people passed through Brooks this sea ge on land located last fall or to look for homesteads

Educational Facilities

The Brooks school district was or-ganized early in the year and the following were elected first school trus-tees: A. Gordon, J. H. Binns and A. F. Maley. A new school building costing \$2500 is nearing completion. A teacher has been arranged for and the school will be opened in acouple of

weeks with between 30 and 40 pupils.

The Methodists have already built a neat church and hold regular service The Presbyterians and the Church of England have selected sites for churches and the latter denomina-tion will likely build this year. Owing to the arrangement with the Methodists whereby the Brooks and Bassano fields were divided betwen them it is not likely that the Presbyterians will build a church in Brooks for a year or

Building Operations

Building operations are very brisk a Brooks at present and buildings of all kinds from a 10 x 12 shack up to a handsome residential cottage or a two storey business block are being rushed up at a rapid rate. It is no unusual sight to see a man arrive in town in the afternoon, purchase a lot before night and next day have the foundation jaid and next day have the foundation iside for a building in which to engage in business. As yet all the buildings are of wood, but most of the business blocks are substantial structures on cement or stone foundations and will present a very creditable appearance even after Brooks grows to be a town of many times the size that it is at present. Without exception the business men have established themselves in Brooks with the intention of staying here and making their business increase with the growth of the town and the development of the country in both of which they have the fullest confidence.

Passengers passing through Brooks especially during the night are atract-



Miss Ella Muriel Wood, of Brownsville, Ont., says: "Two years ago I was going into a decline. I could hardly drag myself across the floor, I could not sweep the carpet. If I went for a drive, I had to lie down when I came back; if I went for a mile on my wheel I was too weak to lift it through the gateway, and last time I came in from having a spin I dropped utterly helpless from fatigae. My father would give me no peace until I secured PSYCHINE, knowing it was excellent for decline or weakness. I must say the results are wouderful and people remarked my improvement. Instead of a little, pale, hollow-cheeked, listless, melancholy girl, provement. Instead of a little, pale, hollow-cheeked, listless, melancholy girl, I am to-day full of life, ready for a sleigh-ride, a skating match, or an evening party with anyone, and a few months ago I could not struggle to church, 40 rods from my home. I have never had the slightest cause to fear any return of the disease.

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RESTORES THE APPETITE

ed by a flame shooting up 15 or 18 ft. Bassano. Other parties are preparinto the air, the light of which can be ing to start out this week and a great seen for miles in every direction. On deal of construction work will be done coming nearer, the flame is seen to be in the next few years. This main from gas burning at the big gas well canal will run eastward a few miles about 2500 feet. The flow of gas which which will cross the railway line east was encountered at a depth of about of Brooks to supply the northern part of the eastern section. The country time and there is said to be sufficient tributary to this main canal is well now to supply a town of 3000 popula-tion. It is the intention of the rail-of it being nearly level with a slight way company to sink at least to a eastern slope. depth of 3000 feet in the hope of strik- As yet there good indications.

could be struck, it would mean a great | tion, quality of soil, etc. but to the country at large and assure the future prosperity of the town of

In sinking the well, the drill passed through several seams of excellent bit- deal of trade of that section, to other undermined with that mineral and that Brooks as there otherwise would have it can be procured at a comparatively been. This condition of affairs will

The water question is one which the Irrigation Company are actively en-gaged in solving in Brooks. A well was sunk some time ago in the centre of the town, and a supply of fairly good water was struck at a depth of 16 feet. The company is at present of the town with good prospects of securing an abundant supply of pure

Brooks Stock Yards

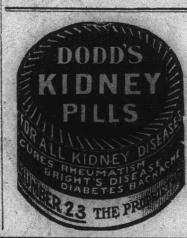
The best stock loading yards along across the Bow river, 23 miles south of the main line between Calgary and Medicine Hat are located at Brooks, and for years before the town was started, the Circle, the Bar U, the P George Emerson and ranches shipped large numbers of beef Ranch Co. of which Howell Harris is manager have moved all their stock from Queenstown to their range on the Red Deer, north of Brooks, and will do all their shipping from this point.

Irrigation Company's Operations
The C. P. R. Irrigation Colonization co. is building large and handsome offices at Brooks as the headquarters for the engineering and operating staff of the company for the eastern sec tion of the Irrigation block. A number of survey parties have already started out to survey the main canal the headgates of which will be at the big dam on the Bow river south of

which is being sunk by the C. P. R. and south of the main line of the C. P. R. which is now down to a depth of with branch secondary canals, one of

ing coal oil, of which the strata through the market in this section, but a con-which the drill is now passing 'gives siderable quantity of non-irrigable land has been sold at prices ranging from If a "gusher" with a good flow of oil \$15 to \$20 per acre, according to loca-Ferry Across Red Deer

The lack of a ferry across the Red Deer river north of Brooks, in the past has had the effect of diverting a great uminous coal of varying thickness, but sufficient to prove that the town is undermined with that mineral and that Brooks as there otherwise would have shortly be remedied by the construction by the provincial department of public works of a ferry across the river, directly north of Brooks about 26 miles at the Berry Creek, which will be completed and open for traffic in a few days. This will enable settlers to reach their homesteads at a much shorter haul from Brooks, than from other points and bring a large amount sinking a 200 ft well at the west side of trade to the town. Brooks will for years to come be the market town for the produce of a large section of country north of the Red Deer. Last year





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tiers in the district south of the river and a considerable amount of trade is drawn from that direction. This trade will be of great henefit to Brooks pending the completion of the irrigation system and the development of the large area between the two rivers.

'Mail Distributing Point Brooks is the distributing point for the mail for ten outside post offices: Eyremore, Sweet Valley, Kimnondale, Rosemead, Lost Lane river, Bow, Brumetta, Parvella, Wheat Centre and New West, at all of which there are considerable settlements of prosperous farmers and ranchers, who as soon as the ferry is opened will do most of their

The Brooks District Between the Red Deer river on the north and the Bow river, a distance of close to 50 miles is an immense tract of country, which in a few years will be supplied with water and brought under cultivation. This district to-gether with the areas north and south already mentioned will remain tributary to Brooks. The soil is a black clay subsoil, and is rich in the accum lated humus of centuries. It is enor cactus and is ready waiting for the plow of the settler to yield up its painful. No treatment seemed to be of treasures. There is no better soil for any benefit. growing spring or fall wheat in the province than that in the district north and south of Brooks. Here can be se-cured, side by side, land lying above the canal system, especially adaptor wheat raising and the grazing adapted live stock and irrigable land for the raising of such crops as alialfa, har-ley, regetables, sugar bets, and other crops that receive an abundance of moisture. The settlers who will people this district will be the best class that ever settled a new country. The policy of the Irrigation Company is to secure the best obtainable and after they come here to give them every couragement and assistance possible in the development of their farms One of the things that people from

wooded countries miss most on their arrival in Eastern Aiberta is trees but this will only be a temporary draw-back. In a few years the banks of the canals and ditches in the irrigation block will be covered with a growth of trees that will change the whole aspect of the country, and beautify the ndings of the thousand of homes that will shortly be established through Dairying, poultry raising, the raising

of live stock and other branches of mixed farming, will add variety to farm life and greatly increase the wealth producing capabilities of the district. On the irrigated lands it has been proven that alfalfa one of the oldest known forage crops, gives immens yields and there is no better feel than for fattening beef or producing milk. That all kinds of vegetables can be trict even without irrigation has been proven year after year on the ranch of Geo. Lane, south of the town, where corn and tomatoes have ripened in the open air. As a matter of fact such a known in this section of Alberta.

Real Estate in Brooks

Lots in the original townsite Brooks were first placed on the market in the fall of 1907, at \$50 and \$75 each, but although a considerable number were sold no building was done in th town until a few months ago. At the present time these same lots with 26 ft frontage are selling in the business section for from \$500 to \$1500 each according to location. Residential lots ell for from \$200 to \$500 each.

As an example of how property in Brooks has increased in value, a single case may be instanced, where Mr. J. S. Ingram of Nanton, purchased four lots in 1907 for \$200, and this week sold one of them for \$700 and is holding the others at \$1000 each. Others who were fortunate enough to invest in Brooks town lots when first placed on the market have seen them increase in value many times over since then. And after it had been overgrazed and was real estate is not yet nearly as high in price as it will be in a few months from now. Visitors to the town ognize this fact and property is chang-

ing hands rapidly.

The large area of fertile territory ributary to the town, the activity of he Irrigation Company in extending its system and bringing in settlers to iltivate the land and the development of the resources of natural gas and oal, must inevitably make Brooks a arge and prosperous business centre.

BOOM ON IN SHIPBUILDING Great Britain Gives Orders for Sev enty-seven Warships

year for British shipbuilding and engi-neering industries. From the returns and foreign, tried altogether, and it mpiled by "Lloyd's Register of Shiping" it appears that, excluding warships, there were 386 vessels of 1,057,-636 tons gross under construction in and not satisfactory. the United Kingdom on March 31. They connage of 1,052,887 and 37 sailing in three years of complete protection. ships of 4,749 tons.

The figures of the warship tonnage show that 77 vessels with 203,685 tons displacement are being built. They include 6 battleships, 2 armored cruisers, amount of grazing was limited. The protected cruisers, 2 third-class cruisers, 40 torpedoboat destroyers, and 11 submarines, all of British nationality

more ships, including the 22,500-ton British battleship Thunderer, have British battleship Thunderer, have been laid down. A little later in the year work will be begun upon the two greater value.

The report on the experiment contained much that results are obtained much close of the financial year 1910-11 the more rapidly by protection from over-5 new armored ships provided for in grazing than by any other method of the new naval program will have been helping the range.

During the year 17 armored ships will e under construction for the British and colonial fleets. Besides these ves-sels there are being built in British yards 2 dreadnoughts for the Brazilian navy, and British firms have practically secured orders for 3 Turkish bateships at a cost of \$25,000.000.

In addition to these armored ships a arge number of small cruisers are I'wo are nearing completion for the for Australia. There are also 10 des troyers ordered for the Brazilian navy, while 4 are to be laid down for the Argentine Republic and one for Den-

The total cost of warships and floating docks to be constructed in the United Kingdom during the coming eighteen months is put down at \$296,-250,000. The proportion of the cost of shipbuilding which is spent for labor is estimated at 70 per cent. Spread over 30 months, this means that for each of 130 weeks nearly \$1,600,000 will be paid out in wages, giving constant employment for that period to an average of 182,000 men at \$8.50 a week.

Bush Fires in Manitoba. Dauphin, Man., May 9—Bush fires are causing considerable damage along the Canadian Northern railway north The bridge between Bade and Bur-

rows has been destroyed. Much valu-able timber is destroyed.

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But the Staff is Forced to Work An Extra Shift on Monday Morning

Though the post office has been closed to box holders for some time the employees have up to this week been working on the Sabbath, and the labor has been heavier than under the old system

Sunday, however, a new order was put into force whereby not an em-ployee with the exception of the caretaker worked in the government offices To catch up the time lost, however, an additional staff of seven or eight men started working at 12:30 Monday norning and vorked a six hour shift along with th regular night staff. The employ es are not taking this new arrangement in the Christian like as it means they work a six hour shift in addition to their regular du-

ties on Monday. They are forced to sleep on Sunday to be ready for work on Monday morning early, and the work is a great deal heavier than the usual run. By this system the mail received in the post office on Sunday supposed to go east on No. 96 at night is held up until the departure of No. 2 eastbound at miday Monday.

CATTLE RANGES CAN BE SAVED Government Experiments Show Abstention From Overgrazing Best Remedy

(From the Washington Star) Experiments in protecting the cattle range of the Southwest with a view to eaten out have been tried by the Department of Agriculture with quite

satisfactory results. The experiments as a whole date from 1903, when a tract of forty-nine square miles was closed entirely to grazing in the Coronada National Forest in Arizona, through co-opera-tion with the forest service. Later a small tract of about a section was put under fence. These tracts were compared with other areas adjoining, either wholly or partially fenced, and grazed in moderation under private

ownership. Some experiments were tried in reeeding the overgrazed areas, both with native and with imported grasses, grasses was not a marked success There were 204 varieties, both native was found that the range, if protected from overgrazing, would reseed itself, while artificial seeding was expensive

The lands under consideration seemcluded 349 steamships with a gross ed to regain their original productivity the best lands under experiment would amount of grazing was limited. The poorer lands took a corerspondingly longer time.

It has been found that while the maximum yield of forage may reached in three years, there is an improvement in the quality for a

Degenerate But Sane

North Bay, Ont., May 9 .- The minis-

ter of justice has refused to appoint a commission to look into the sanity of Walter Ross, condemned to die on May 21 for the murder of Percy Parkinson, his chum. The doctors have pronounced him degenerate morally Counsel for Ross 'are now being built or has been provided for. making efforts to have a new trial.

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