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The Times has a first-class, up-to-date job printing plant, new throughout, with all the latest designs in type and is prepared to do all kinds of book or job work at the shortest notice.

The Aldermen's Salaries.

The job of an alderman is a thankless one. There isn't a man in any town who, if the alderman does his duty, works so hard, assumes so much responsibility, buries his own interests so completely, and yet receives in return so much abuse and criticism, and so little real reward, unless he considers the honor worth the work and knocks. Of course, there are aldermen who accept office because they have some particular end to gain, and their position as aldermen will enable them to do so. But the ordinary, honest alderman has nothing to gain, and everything to lose. Naturally, it follows then, that some compensation should be granted him. Under present conditions, The Times is of the opinion that aldermen should be paid.

Thus far The Times supports Ald. Penhale's proposal to remunerate the city council. But that this year's council should receive pay opens another question. Those aldermen who supported the proposition brought up as the most cogent reason for payment, the difficulty of getting citizens to present themselves for office where so much of their time was taken up without any consideration. And they instanced the fact that there was no competition this year.

This reason should be sufficient to show that it would not be the best procedure for this year's council to vote itself a salary. The nominations and elections were carried on under the old regime, and only the required number of names were presented. If the payment of aldermen is going to bring more men into the field, then more men would have presented themselves at the last elections.

But there was no remuneration voted and these additional men were kept out of the running, in consequence. Accordingly, it seems fair that payment should be given aldermen only when the elections have been conducted with that understanding.

This year's council should decide upon the remuneration for future councils, or at least it should be decided upon during this council's regime. The payment or non-payment should be decided by the people. They, it is, who pay it.

The Medicine Hat Christmas.

The Christmas season of 1907 was well observed in this city. The private holiday was much the same as usual, but the merchants recognized the holiday much more strikingly than last year. Window dressing showed a most marked improvement, every merchant vying with his competitor in arranging trims which were significant of the day. Store interiors were elaborately decorated, and the holiday atmosphere pervaded everything.

Two merchants brought Santa into service and gave the children many happy moments.

Stocks were more varied, and in most cases of higher class. Goods that were never before carried sold freely.

The cry of tight money did not make the merchants of Medicine Hat suffer. The total volume of business done in the city was quite a bit greater than last year, although with more stores, a few did not increase

their sales to any large extent. This was to be expected, however, in view of the wider distribution of the purchasing, combined with more limited money in some houses.

On the whole, business was good—very good, and cash made up a much larger percentage of the sales than ever before.

Of course, the man who says there is not such a thing as a perceptible tightening of money in Medicine Hat, as in every other town or city in America, is only making himself ridiculous. But there is nothing to frighten business here, as in many other places. It is merely that money is invested in places where the profit has not yet had time to show itself. When it does it will be all the better. Of hard times, as it was understood 15 years ago, there is not the slightest evidence.

Medicine Hat goes into the new year in good shape, and The Times wishes to everyone greater prosperity for 1908 than has been. That we will have it to a marked extent, we feel certain.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Times is the last to urge sacrificing the debentures, but when the Vancouver example is quoted as a caution it shows lack of investigation into the true circumstances surrounding the sale of their debentures. The abstract fact is known that the city of Vancouver sold its debentures to the Dominion Securities Corporation for 85, and that company resold them in London for 91. This is quoted as a horrible example of how a city can be taken in.

The facts of the case reveal that no scandalized uplifting of the hands is called for. The corporation did buy the bonds at 85, but the little word "net" must be added to that and that makes all the difference in the world. In addition to the 85, the underwriters and issuing bank's charges, advertising and stamp duties amounted to nearly 4 per cent, and besides this there were the expenses of applying to the Lieutenant-Governor for permission to change sterling, etc., re engraving and sundry other small accounts.

So that, after all, the initial purchaser made a small amount on such a large purchase—\$1,250,000—and saved the city time and trouble.

The Calgary Albertan devotes a half column editorial to an attempted rebuke to the Calgary News for its criticism of Hon. G. W. Ross, premier of Ontario when the Liberals were in power. It gives Ross all the whitewash it has at its disposal and says he was a dandy.

The unfortunate obstacle in the way of the Albertan's remarks being believed is that nine-tenths of its readers of all sorts of politics know more about the late Ross government than the Albertan, and simply laugh at any paper that will attempt to defend that notorious government. The overwhelming defeat it sustained after 80 years of majority should prove to the Albertan that the people on the spot had different ideas of Ross and his government, and surely they were in a position to know more about it. Ross himself was defeated, and not enough Liberals were returned to make a respectable opposition. The Albertan's treatment of an eastern subject, which has been passed upon so decidedly by the people on the spot, is

too much like the treatment we of the west deprecate at receiving from the eastern papers.

By every by-election held within the past six months the Conservatives have made gains. There is no other way of looking at it than that the Liberals are losing ground so fast that the longer the elections are postponed the smaller chance they have of carrying the country.

The by-election in Centre York was the closest kind of a shave for the Liberals. In 1904 Archie Campbell won by 124 and his small majority was a matter of great surprise. But on Monday the Liberal candidate won out by only 19. That this will be wiped out and turned the other way at the general elections during the coming year is almost certain.

It does not require party prejudice to see that where the Opposition is constantly winning, it is a very serious outlook for the Government. The Globe says that the result in Centre York shows that "R. L. Borden is gaining no progress in his task of upsetting the government, and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is still firmly in the saddle." A very reasonable argument in face of a decrease in majority of 105.

Edmonton has been offered 95 for \$850,000 debentures by the Bank of Montreal. Several other offers have been received as well. It looks as if the debenture market is getting a better tone. Edmonton debentures are not better than those of Medicine Hat.

Many a business man has found that the most expensive form of retrenchment is the discontinuance of his ad. If advertising is of any value at any time, its benefits are needed most when retrenchment seems advisable.

THOSE MAIL ORDER HOUSES

A man went into a hardware store to buy an axe. Being asked the price, he said: "Why, I can get that axe from the mail order house for 80 cents."

"Very well," said the hardware man, "I will give it to you for the same price, provided that you do the same with me as you would with them."

"All right," replied the customer, as he handed over a dollar bill, and the merchant gave him the axe. "Now," said the hardware man, "I want 25 cents to pay express charges," which the customer paid him. "How much did your axe cost you?"

"One dollar and 15 cents," the man answered. "Very good, now give me five cents for money order fees and postage," which the purchaser had to hand over. "Now, how much did your axe cost you?"

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THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO

ESTABLISHED 1867

B. E. WALKER, President
ALEX. LAIRD, General Manager
A. H. IRELAND, Superintendent of Branches

Paid-up Capital, \$10,000,000
Reserve Fund, 5,000,000
Total Assets, 113,000,000

Branches throughout Canada, and in the United States and England

A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED

COMMERCIAL AND FARMERS' PAPER DISCOUNTED

SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT

Deposits of \$1 and upwards received; interest allowed at current rates and paid quarterly. The depositor is subject to no delay whatever in the withdrawal of the whole or any portion of the deposit.

F. L. Crawford, Manager Medicine Hat Branch

ESTABLISHED 1884

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA

HEAD OFFICE, MONTREAL

PAID-UP CAPITAL - \$6,000,000
RESERVE FUND - 4,000,000
TOTAL DEPOSITS - 37,616,546

Sir H. Montagu Allan, President E. F. Hobden, Esq., General Manager

This Bank, maintaining an exceptionally strong reserve (its assets immediately available being nearly \$20,000,000), should appeal to Depositors as offering them absolute security for their deposits.

Interest at highest current rates is allowed, the same being added to the accounts quarterly, at the end of February, May, August and November.

MEDICINE HAT BRANCH, V. C. JAMES, Manager.

DENTIST

DR. T. G. HOLT, DENTIST
Senior Graduate Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto.
Office Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Office over Benson's Drug Store, Toronto Street.

DENTIST

DR. E. L. MCKEE, DENTIST
Dentistry in all modern branches.
Office: Walker's Block. Parties at a distance write for appointments.

DENTIST

DR. D. D. ROSS
1st Class Major Graduate Toronto University.
M. R. C. D. S. Toronto.
Specialist in Crown and Bridge Work.
Office: First door to left upstairs over Dr. Drinnan's Store.

SURVEYOR

A. W. McVITTIE
DOMINION LAND SURVEYOR
Office opposite Stewart & Tweed's store
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA

STOCK INSPECTOR

J. H. G. BRAY
Stock Inspector, Commission Agent
Secretary Medicine Hat Stock Growers' Association
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA, N.W.T.

ARCHITECT

WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS,
ARCHITECT.
Office—Stewart & Tweed Block, Main Street.
Residence—Phone 87.

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J. G. CALDER, M.D., C.M.
Office and Residence:
Corner Montreal Street and 4th Avenue
Office Hours: 9-10:30 a.m.
(8-9 Evening)
Telephone No. 32.

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Convenient for Trainmen and local workers. Rooms and board for a limited number.
Mrs. Royce, 308 Balmoral St.

This is the season of decay and weakness; vitality; good health is hard to retain. If you retain yours, fortify your system with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the surest way, 35 cents. Tea or Tablets.
C. S. PINGLE.

The Times bases its claims to advertising on results—the only factor that is of value to the advertiser.

BANK OF MONTREAL

ESTABLISHED 1817.

CAPITAL ALL PAID UP \$14,400,000
RESERVE FUND 11,422,689
TOTAL ASSETS 167,984,501

HEAD OFFICE, MONTREAL.

Right Hon. Lord Strathcona and Mt. Royal, G.O.M.G., Hon. Pres.
Hon. Sir George A. Drummond, K.C.M.G., President.
E. S. Cousens, Vice President and General Manager.
Branches and Agencies at all principal points in Canada. Also in London, England; New York, Chicago, Spokane, Newfoundland and Mexico. Collections made on Favorable Terms. Drafts sold available at all points in United States, Europe and Canada.

SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT.

Interest allowed on Savings Bank deposits of \$1 and upwards at current rates, and added to all accounts quarterly.

Medicine Hat Branch. E. S. Martin, Manager.

Phone 127

J. H. PRESTON

Box 1-1

BUILDER AND CONTRACTOR

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Shop and Office on Lane next to City Hall.

CITY BAKERY

Pure High-Class White, Graham, Whole Wheat & Rye Bread. Buns, Cakes, and Pastry. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

F. B. McKINNON.



Santa Claus' Vain Search

The old patron saint of Christmas time cannot find in all his travels a better meat or poultry than HUNT'S. 'Tisn't only the quality of the meat fit for the table we offer—it's the way we store and cut it that should appeal to those who have to cater to the appetites of men and women folk. It must be said, however, to be true: Earliest orders get best attention for Christmas trade.

E. J. Hunt & Co.

WM. BARRIE

PLUMBER AND GAS FITTER...

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP GUARANTEED

Office on the Corner of North Railway and Toronto Streets

The Cosmopolitan Hotel...

Rates \$1.50 to \$2.00

Special Rates for Permanent Boarders

We pay Special Attention to our Dining Room, and our Patrons will find it is run in a First Class Manner

Mrs. Bassett, Proprietress

TELEPHONE 20

Best of Wines, Liquors and Cigars

NAVIN BROS.

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

(Office over J. K. Drinnan's Store)

Buildings and contracts of every description. Estimates furnished. Satisfaction guaranteed. Dealers in Cement in car lots or less.

The ONTARIO HOUSE

First-class \$1 a day house.

NO BAR

H. HOBSON, Proprietor

Painting Paper-hanging Kalsomining

JOS. HORD.

Some people are leaders, Others are content to follow;

But for good meals

HICKEY'S PLACE beats them all hollow.

381 Main Street

Farmers' Meeting.

Minutes of Meeting Held at Irvine

A meeting of the farmers of the Irvine, Josephson, Ross Creek and Gros Ventre districts was held at Irvine, December 17, 1907.

Mr. John Bohner, Jr., was appointed chairman, Mr. W. Daxin secretary and Mr. W. Hiltner, interpreter. The chairman called upon Mr. Bohner to explain the object of the meeting. Mr. Bohner said that owing to the fact that the laws relating to the dipping of cattle were so unsatisfactory he thought something should be done to relieve the farmers from such an irksome burden. He suggested the presenting to the authorities of a resolution requesting the injected cattle and that the owner be made to pay a reward of \$5 for all expenses incurred providing the such amount does not exceed the value of the beast. This resolution in full will be found in Mr. Bohner's amendment and Mr. James Robinson's motion dipping of cattle, given later in the report.

This suggestion was opposed. Mr. Jacob Selmunder on the ground that it would lead to much trouble. He suggested that any who might have many stock would find that application of white turpentine would effect a cure in about two weeks. Mr. John Cooper said "If dipping is any good at all it should be done right."

Mr. G. Zaiser thought that many cattle should be dipped, that many should be protected from same, and that a petition to the injected cattle dipped and no other would be in order.

Mr. P. Dransden said that if a farmer is compelled to dip his cattle then the dipping inspector should be his cattle first.

Mr. Robinson, in opposing Hassard's suggestion, stated that he believed that the law already in force covered effectively the ground sired by Mr. Hassard. He said that he believed that many cattle should be dipped or washed; but that was not in favor of compulsory dipping. He pointed out that Mr. Moore, the member for Red Deer spoke of his efforts while at Ottawa on behalf of the removal of compulsory dipping. Mr. Bohner said that the following motion which was moved by Mr. P. Dransden:

That the farmers of the Irvine, Josephson, Ross Creek and Gros Ventre districts strongly recommend that there shall be no more compulsory dipping of cattle and that the law relating to dipping remain as it is with that exception.

And that this recommendation made for the purpose of strengthening Mr. J. P. Moore's motion as held recently with the government officials at Ottawa re "Dipping Matter."

Mr. Hassard moved as an amendment, which was seconded by Earle, the following:

That it shall be unlawful any animal infected with mange run at large outside the owner's fence, and any animal so found lying at large may be captured any settler and notice of such capture given verbally or by letter in the vicinity, or by two witnesses in the nearest newspaper that a reward of \$5 shall be for the capture of any such animal and a fee of 50 cents per head for feed for each beast with such costs as may be incurred in finding and delivering the animal to the owner, and a reasonable amount for any damage that any person capturing such animal may have sustained through such animal, but in no case shall the reward and charges exceed value of such animal. Such being within the limits and scope of such animal shall be by public auction to the highest bidder. Notice of such sale shall be posted two days in three newspapers and a notice shall be posted the day and hour of sale, together with a short description of the animal, and the name of the owner, and the name of the veterinarian or other person who shall be the duty of such officer to investigate as soon as possible after such notice is given and to make such animal be infected, mangle or not.

If such animal is declared infected by a veterinarian or other person, it shall be the duty of the owner to have it mangled or not.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

Coughs, Colds, CROUP, Whooping Cough

This remedy can be depended upon to please to take. It contains no opiates, and may be given as early to a baby as to an adult. Price 25 cents, large size 50 cents.