

# Lacombe, One of the Most Promising of Alberta's Thriving Towns

The town of Lacombe is not apparently suffering from either the weather or the money stringency. The active building operations in that thriving town would seem to show that its growth is both steady and sure. A few years ago it was only a village of a few houses, to-day it is a town of 1,500 inhabitants, and a steady growth that will put it in the city class before many years. It is fortunately the centre for one of Alberta's best farming districts. Men who have tilled the soil around Lacombe for over fifty

years, adjoining this is a large pressed brick building with the walls up ready to roof. This building contains two stores and a large office, and will add much to the good appearance of the town. Mr. H. A. Day is the proprietor, and he and Urquhart & Co. are erecting these new buildings at a cost of about \$100,000, which speaks volumes for the business opportunities afforded by this thriving town.

The town that are bound to grow as the town is developed, and give promise of some very considerable importance in the future. A flour mill of 75 barrels capacity has also been in operation in the town for some time.

Camrose. The amount of building in progress in the town is a fitting reply to the pessimists who think a few weeks of bad weather is a body blow for the West. New houses, new stores and new schools for the children will

bulletin service. Coal having been found in a large number of wells in Camrose, a syndicate has been formed, composed of Wetaskiwin and Camrose citizens, to prospect

Wetaskiwin. Bulletin News Service. M. E. O'Brien was in the capital on business early this week. The private cars Canada and International of the G. T. R., bearing respectively President Chas. M. Hays and General Manager Morse, passed through here on Wednesday night's southbound train, en route for the coast from the capital.

S. A. to Charter 10 Vessels. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Col. David Clamb, head of the Salvation Army immigration department, arrived in Ottawa yesterday. He stated that before he

## MR. WATT'S ADVICE.

(Regina Leader.) The attitude of H. L. Watt, of the Life Assurance Co., towards municipal ownership is typical of the attitude assumed by the great majority of eastern capitalists. He would have the municipalities devote their energies to paving and street-cleaning and other unproductive undertakings, and severely alone electric light, telephones and other productive enterprises.

Mr. Watt doubtless speaks sincerely from the capitalistic point of view, but he will have some difficulty in finding the west of the wisdom of tolerance from any other standpoint than his own.

Mr. Watt taken the trouble to investigate the working of Regina's municipally-owned electric light plant, would have learned how the question of municipal ownership works under proper administration from the step-by-step viewpoint. He would have learned that the people of Regina today pay 50 per cent. less for electric light under municipal ownership than they did four years under private ownership; that they get their city lighted practically at no expense and are able to show a surplus on the right side at the end of the year.

Mr. Watt's kindly suggestion that he leave the kernel for the east money magnates will, we think, in due time.

**THE HAMMER'S SONG.** (Toronto News.) Carpenters across the street claim by every hammer stroke as in spoken word on what terms they took their job.

hammer sounding on my left truth lets out in leantured way, he who grasps the hammer's shaft time is working by the day.

By the day. By the day. hammer ringing to the right a forth with rapid steady throb the man behind the tool busy working by the job— job—'t's job—'t's job.



VICTORIA HOTEL, A MODERN HOSTELRY IN LACOMBE.

teen years boast that they never had what could be termed a crop failure, and they claim that this year their labors will by no means be in vain, despite the somewhat unfavorable harvest weather.

**The New School.** A new \$50,000 school is the chief public undertaking in Lacombe this year. It is to be a handsome brick building to contain ten rooms and an assembly room. The first story is already up, and the remainder of the work will be done as quickly as possible. It is only a few years since a large frame school building was erected in the town, but the rapid growth of the last three years has rendered its accommodation entirely inadequate. The corner stone of the new school was laid by Premier Rutherford.

**New Homes.** For a town of some 1,500 inhabitants Lacombe has made very substantial additions to its dwelling houses this year, thirty new homes having been

an ample supply of water for the fire protection tanks which are scattered about the town. A cement walk will be built around the Victoria hotel this year, which will be the beginning of the displacement of the board walks and part of a trunk sewer will be laid.



NEW CEMENT BLOCK BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT LACOMBE.

erected, among which is the handsome new residence of Mayor Gourley. Mr. Gourley has the distinction of being mayor of a town that has carefully conserved its finances, and is not worrying about the money market in the sale of debentures. Apart from its school debentures, the debt of Lacombe amounts to only \$15,000. So it occupies an enviable position in this particular.

**A New Hotel.** Among the new buildings under construction is the Adelphi Hotel, which is being built of cement blocks and presents a fine appearance. When completed, and it is fast nearing that stage, the hotel will cost about \$50,000, which is a very good evidence of the faith Mr. A. E. Inskip, the proprietor of the new Adelphi, has in the future of Lacombe.

**New Stores.** Beside the new hotel building is a fine large store building faced with Regina sandstone brick, and having an opening on two streets. This store is being erected by Urquhart & Co., and will be a splendid addition to the mercantile establishments of the

light. A proposition is now being considered by this power company to operate an electric railway to Gull Lake, the popular summer resort about eight miles from Lacombe. Mr. P. E. Wilkins, formerly of Red Deer, is manager of the electric company.



THE NEW ADELPHI HOTEL, LACOMBE.



LACOMBE'S NEW \$48,000 PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, CORNER STONE OF WHICH WAS LAID RECENTLY.

**Board of Trade.** The Lacombe Board of Trade sent a splendid exhibit of grain and grasses, both in the sheaf and threshed, to the Canadian government agent at Spokane, Wash., to be exhibited at the fair in that city this fall. The secretary of the Board of Trade is Mr. John McKenty.

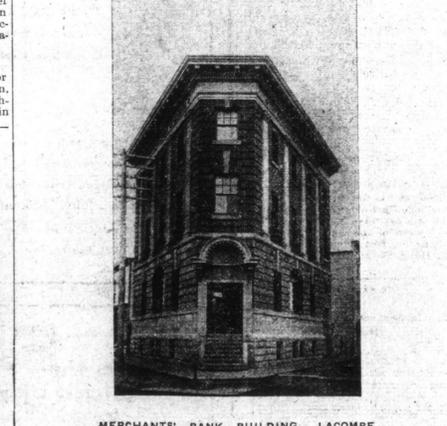
**Its Citizens.** Lacombe is fortunate in its class of business men who have always been ready to promote the welfare of the town, and have contributed greatly to its successful growth. The new buildings now going up are all under lease, and will be occupied as soon as they are ready to move into by progressive business men, and the fact that so much building is going on at the present time, is a very good indication as to the business future of the town.

**Pure Bred Stock.** The vicinity of Lacombe has been noted for some time for its splendid pure-bred cattle both shorthorns and Herefords. It is the home of the great shorthorn, Crimson General. A number of good horses have recently been brought into the district, and the Lacombe district will rival any other in the province for pure-bred stock.

**Newspapers.** Like every other live town, Lacombe has two newspapers, the Western Globe and the Advertiser. They are bright, newsy local papers, and are a credit to the town. The real service rendered to a growing town by a bright, progressive local newspaper, is often underestimated. Towns in the west, however, have given good support to their newspapers, with the result that nearly every town or village in Alberta has a good live advertising medium.

**Public Men.** The town of Lacombe can boast of two citizens who are taking a somewhat important part in the public life of the country. Hon. Senator Talbot, a pioneer of the district, has given good service to his country, and is the stamp of citizen of which any community might well be proud. W. F. Puffer, M.P.P., is one of Lacombe's successful business men, and has proven himself a capable and useful member of the Legislature.

**The Town Growing.** The main purpose of this article has been to set forth the steady and substantial growth of the town of Lacombe, and to prove that no part of Canada has suffered less from the effects of an off-year than Alberta.



MERCHANTS' BANK BUILDING, LACOMBE.



W. F. PUFFER, M.P.P.



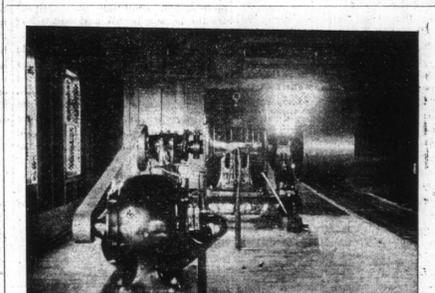
HON. SENATOR TALBOT.



A BUSINESS STREET IN LACOMBE.

ery, the bride, in a pretty wedding on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Hogg tied the nuptial knot. The groom is well-known as one of the city's "old timers." Amid the inevitable showers of rice and good wishes they left for the south on the 5:30 p.m. train.

**WANTED TEN MILLIONS.** Roosevelt Has Unexpected Caller, Who Is Unceremoniously Departed. Oyster Bay, Sept. 20.—The monotony of official routine at Sagamore Hill, was relieved tonight by the arrival of another unexpected caller who thought he had urgent business with the president.



BLINDMAN RIVER ELECTRIC POWER CO. LTD.—PLANT WHICH SUPPLIES ELECTRIC POWER TO LACOMBE.

The Times building looks very well now that the front is completed. The proprietor is to be congratulated on his enterprise in adding to the city a fine office building.

**Rockefeller's Interest \$100,000,000.** New York, Sept. 20.—A record of the present stock holders of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, disclosed the fact that John D. Rockefeller owns 247,642 shares of the stock. Based on present market value for Standard Oil stock, Rockefeller's interest in the company is valued at about \$100,000,000.



THE NEW PRESSED BRICK BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT LACOMBE TO BE OCCUPIED BY URQUHART & CO. AND W. A. DAY.

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