

# ATHABASCA LANDING, THE GATEWAY TO THE NORTH.

Athabasca Landing is just twenty-five miles north of the centre of Alberta, and on the Athabasca river. It has been in existence since 1854, established their distributing post for their northern trading points. Previous to 1884 the company had used several other points as distributing points, but none proved satisfactory, all being too hazardous and dangerous, and they presented many difficulties. All the northern fur trading companies use this town as their distributing centre. The bulk of the goods are shipped in here during the winter and

## Headquarters For Boatmen.

During the season of navigation the river from this point. The freighting of supplies north by means of flat boats, gives employment to hundreds. The Northern Transportation company, with their fleet of three steamers have their head office and head quarters here and employ about fifty men during the summer. Owing to the rapid increase in this company's business, both freight and passenger, they are compelled to construct another steamer this spring to be ready to handle this traffic. This

sent indications the increase this year will be even greater than that. Wheat averaged 26 bushels to the acre in this district last year, oats 81, and barley 28. These figures speak well for the district. A great deal of the grain was grown on new breaking. The surrounding country is well adapted for mixed farming, as well as grain growing. It is rolling and well watered. A great portion of it is covered more or less with small poplar, and scrub which, however, is easily cleared. Amongst this small growth wild grasses, and especially peavine, grow very luxuriantly, pe-

cial saw mills meet the demands of the district. At present there are large gangs in the bush, cutting logs for both these mills, and this year's output of logs will exceed, by far, any previous year's cut. The building trade will be very active as soon as spring opens, and it is expected that the two mills will be working to their capacity the entire summer. The timber is secured along the Athabasca river, and the creeks flowing into it, and is mainly spruce, although there is considerable tamarac, pine, and poplar. The supply of timber above the town is practically unlimited, and lumbering will long be an important industry here.

The fishing industry in this locality promises to be an important one in the near future. In the numerous small lakes north of here, white fish are found in great quantities. During the winter months fishing operations are carried on extensively in these lakes, and the fish are shipped south, but owing to the lack of rail transportation from this point the industry cannot be carried on during the summer, but with the completion of the railway this year, fish will be exported by steamer and rail, at a minimum cost.

**Coal Mining Industry.**  
Coal mining is also proving a great industry. This winter is the second that local coal has been consumed, and as the quality is improving, with development, we are assured of a good supply of fuel. Natural gas is also found in this locality, a good supply was struck some years ago, when the Dominion government was boring for gas here. This furnishes a good field for investment, and will undoubtedly be taken advantage of, in the near future.

A fine kiln and a brick yard would prove paying investments. Some of the local clay has been tested and found to make a first-class brick. Brick building as active as it will be next summer, a brick yard will pay from the start, and will be completed in a few days. There is also a good opening offered here for a flour mill. The northern trade is supplied by the southern mills, and a mill extending as far north as the Arctic. Last year's yield of wheat proved conclusively, that No. 1 hard can be raised here.

**Cement Block Manufacturing.**  
A cement block manufacturer contemplates locating here in the near future. He has located over several towns in the west this winter, and is so well pleased with the prospects of Athabasca Landing that he left after but a few days' stay to move his plant in, and will commence operations as soon as spring opens.

The town has well-graded streets and good sidewalks and a first-class school. The School Board are now negotiating for the purchase of a new and large site, upon which they expect to erect a large modern school building this summer. Three churches are established here. Fire protection is given the town by two chemical engineers. A water system is to be inaugurated this year.

The town offers openings for a furniture store, fur and feed merchant and lawyer. Carpenters will find lots of work this summer, as soon as the snow commences to disappear. Any investments made in Athabasca Landing property or buildings will pay well.

**Will Give Information.**  
A. L. Sawie is the secretary of the Athabasca Landing Board of Trade and he is pleased to give any information about the district to those writing him.

**HOW ABOUT THE LAKE PORTS?**  
Toronto Sun.—A good deal is heard of the disastrous effects which it is alleged reciprocity will have on our seaports.

But I do not think there is much cause for the outcry. We are paying \$50,000 a year in the form of subsidy to a steamship company in order to stimulate trade from our Atlantic seaports with Mexico. We are paying \$131,000 to another company to run ships from the same seaboard to the West Indies and South America. We are spending \$146,000 on a line to South Africa. What are the prospects between the Maritime Provinces and New England enough trade will be developed to keep all these ships busy transporting goods backwards and forwards between these points and the subsidies now paid to maintain communication in order to secure markets will no longer be necessary.

But how about our lake ports? Farmers in South Ontario still remember the old barley days when a double row of teams extended for a mile back from the port of Whitby waiting to unload grain at the elevators from which it was discharged into a fleet of schooners for Oswego. Today there are no wagons there, the sails of no schooners whiten the lake front; the harbor is in decay. The story of Whitby is the story of a score of other lake ports. With a renewal of the trade conditions of the old days there will be a renewal of the old-time activity.

Our seaports instead of being injured by what is proposed will be benefited, and lake ports which are now dead will be galvanised into fresh life.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—The court has made an order allowing the minister of railways to take possession of parts of small streets near the Red river necessary for the entrance of the National Transcontinental Railway. The necessary removal of the power lines is not to prejudice pending and current suits between city and street railway company.

**TODAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.**  
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## DISTRICT NEWS

**WETASKIWIN.**  
On Tuesday last the Antinodance Quintette, consisting of L. M. Graham, W. Chamberlain, H. W. Haney, H. W. Healy, and G. L. Baker, gave a Pre Lenten dance in the Angus Opera house. There was a very large attendance and the dance proved to be the social event of the winter; over sixty couples being present, including a number from Edmonton, Strathcona, Lewisville, and other country points. Messrs. Miller, McManus, Ruben, Barnard, and Craig served a very enjoyable supper at midnight. Mrs. Wyle, Mrs. Montgomery, H. S. Craig and C. D. H. Williams played several extra during the evening. The orchestra was under the direction of Mr. Claude Hughes, of Edmonton.

On Friday last Mr. and Mrs. Leake celebrated their golden wedding, a large number of presents being received.

N. D. Mills, J. P., has returned from a three months' trip to Missouri. He says that great interest is shown in Missouri in the number of Missourians who have taken trips through here this winter in order to return when the snow has melted to their farms for themselves and children.

Yesterday the Ladies Hockey Club played a very exciting match with the High School girls at the Alexandra rink, which resulted in a win for the ladies, the score being four to two in their favor. The girls have issued a challenge for a second match to be played on Wednesday next.

The following were the winners in the recent races: Ladies—Mrs. Holman, Misses Kitley, Honn, O'Brien, Barnard and Wild.

**SCOTT.**  
Bulletin News Service.  
The town is enjoying a real estate boom, 476 lots having been sold since December 15, 1910. These lots are estimated as having sold for \$75,000.

Duncan Anderson, of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, has arrived to take charge of the government experimental farm here, until the appointment of a permanent superintendent. The house and barn at the farm, costing \$10,000, are now complete and very extensive farming experiments are to be carried out this spring. It is the intention of the department to lay out 20 acres adjoining the town as a park, where the growing of the cereals and shrubbery will be experimented with.

The Saskatchewan government telegraph exchange has been installed in the post office with over fifty local subscribers.

The Board of Trade is in correspondence with several different milling companies, who are desirous of erecting a plant here. A free site is offered, also exemption from taxation for a year.

Steps are being taken by the Town Council to commence work on the municipal hospital as soon as the snows will be fully modern and will cost \$4,000.

**INNISFAILL.**  
Bulletin News Service.  
Next Monday morning the short course Schools of Agriculture opens here. Addresses will be given by John A. Simpson, M.P., Mayor of G. West and John Barnett, president of the Board of Trade. The grand prize offered by the department is to be given to the school which has the most successful at the schools held at the different places. All courses are free and a big attendance is anticipated.

Various improvements for the benefit of the town were put forward and passed by the council at the meeting of the week and under the able lead of the Mayor and a thoroughly efficient body of councillors, things are looking extremely good for the prosperity of the town. A grant of \$1,000 (providing it be endorsed by the ratepayers) to the Board of Trade for publicity operations seems an assured thing.

There was only one dissentient at the meeting of the ratepayers at Olds when the electric light question came up, so in the near future the town will be well illuminated.

A big meeting of the Bowden public school was held to discuss whether the sixth standard be discontinued. W. Gray was appointed chairman and after long discussion by Messrs. Brewster, Whitlock and a very able speech by H. E. Shenfield, the standard is to be discontinued. Messrs. W. Wilson and Brewster were elected trustees to fill the vacancies on the board.

Mr. Evans of Calgary has taken charge of the Bowden school during the absence of Miss Hutchinson, who has gone to Chatham, Ont. and who has received the bad news of the death of her father and her mother and sister being dangerously ill.

## THE MODERN WAY OF HOME DYEING

It is so easy to dye that will color either Wool, Cotton, Silk or Linen Perfectly. You will find this in **DYOLA** (One in All Kinds) on the market.

With this Modern Dye you have to do as little as ask for **DYOLA** then you CAN'T make a mistake and use the Wrong Dye for the goods you have to color.

river in the vicinity of the two lumber camps down stream. One of the men of Woods' camp obtained a large one on Saturday last.

Claude Thilich left today (Wednesday) for Edmonton on a business trip.

Rev. C. F. Hopkins is spending a few days in town while en route back to his mission fields in Grand Prairie.

Mr. E. W. E. Conant and party, representing the American-Canadian Oil Company, returned today from Colling River, where they have been surveying and staking claims. They are staking claims about eight miles west of the Athabasca, about thirty-five in all. The party expect to return about the middle of next month and go down to Peigan, where they will stake further claims.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade was held on Monday of this week, when the question of power rights on the Athabasca river was discussed. It was unanimously decided that the power rights of this river should be held for the municipalities along this river, and that no rights should be given to the City of Edmonton. A resolution to this effect was passed and forwarded to Ottawa.

The Hudson's Bay Company have a surveyor engaged, this week in subdividing some of their property in the present townsite. The books south of the present survey are being subdivided first. It is expected these books will be put on the market in May. David Kerr has had plans prepared the past week for the block he intends to erect on the growing of the trees and shrubbery will be experimented with.

R. E. Durbanek returned on Sunday of this week, after having spent the winter in Florida. He leaves in a few days for his farm, west of here, at Baptist Lake.

**WOLF CREEK.**  
Bulletin News Service.  
On Friday evening, February 24, the most successful dance of the season was given by Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, foreman for Foley, Welch & Stevens, in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Miss Christie Stephenson. The King Edward School was decorated most tastefully for the occasion, and the room was well filled with artists of the fantastic lot, until six o'clock the next morning, when the dancing proceeded until nearly midnight, when it was nearing the time for chow, and the ladies that it was time for getting the breakfast ready. The music was in the hands of that most accomplished musical director, J. Barnes.

The C.N.R. surveyors are just south of the G.T.P. townsite, surveying the line that will cross at Wolf Creek, and not at the McLeod river, keeping south of the river, six miles to the south of Edson, crossing the McLeod under the Dig Eddy trestle bridge.

Homesteaders are fast pouring into the district, which was very apparent at the dance mentioned above. Wolf Creek, February 25th.

**THE MONTHLY RETURNS.**  
February was a record month for Edmonton's business history. The monthly returns were made in bank clearings, which totalled \$2,128,811, and in customs receipts which totalled \$40,000.

The increase in bank clearings over February, 1910, was \$1,000,000, a net gain of \$4,208,811, the figures for February, 1911, being \$2,128,811, an increase of 183 per cent. over February, 1910, when the total value of permits issued was \$23,150.

Post Office returns show that the value of orders sent last month was \$1,052,225 as compared with a total sale of \$478,100 in February, 1910. The increase here is 28 per cent.

Homestead entries during February, 1911, were 237 as compared with 228 for February, 1910. Land secured otherwise, by re-emption, 2; purchase, 1; volunteer bounty scrip, 4; half-breed scrip, 2; re-emption, 1.

## BISLEY TEAM WILL ATTEND CORONATION

Canada's Crack Billiard Team Will Leave in Time to Be Present at Great Coronation, Which Takes Place Prior to Big Empire Rifle Shooting Event.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—At a meeting of the D.R.A. council it was decided that the Bisley team will arrive in England in time for the coronation, in order to give themselves a chance to see this great coronation. Since this takes place on June 22nd, the team will sail about the 16th of that month from Montreal. It was decided that the annual D.R.A. matches would be held at Rockcliffe, beginning Monday, August 21st, and to last a week, as usual. The council elected Lieut.-Colonel Burland, of Montreal, as chairman; Captain R. J. Birdwhistell as re-elected secretary, and Master D. Sutherland, treasurer. Lieut.-Col. D. Street was elected to the executive to succeed Lieut.-Col. S. H. Rogers, and Lieut.-Colonel Ross, of Montreal, succeeds the late Lieut.-Col. Ibbotson. Col. Tilton was elected chairman of the executive. At the first annual meeting of the Canadian Cavalry Association officers elected for the coming year were: Hon. president, Colonel Williams, A.D.C.; president, Lieut.-Colonel Turner, V.C. of Quebec; secretary, Major J. R. Munro, of Ottawa; and treasurer, Lieut.-Col. R. M. Courtney, of Ottawa.

**MADMAN BEATEN BY A GIRL.**  
Young Chicago Woman Saves Lives of Four Children After Struggle.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—In a struggle with Robert Braun, in which a girl braved a pistol and was beaten about the face until she was all but unconscious, the victim last night worsted her opponent, and by a remarkable display of courage, probably saved the lives of four children. The unequal fight took place in the parlor of the home of George Elchner, and Miss Emma Elchner, 18 years old, was the heroine. It began the instant that Braun, who was nursing fancied wrongs against Elchner, knocked at the door early in the evening and asked to be admitted.

"No, you had better come around tomorrow," said the girl.

"I'm here now and I'm here to stay," exclaimed Braun, pulling the pistol from his pocket and forcing his way into the hallway.

Miss Elchner seized his arms and with all her strength tried to push the intruder back. Together they struggled until they reached the parlor door, and Braun noticed the four children. Then he leveled the pistol at the children, who huddled under a davenport in a corner, but the girl struck the muzzle of the weapon upward as Braun fired.

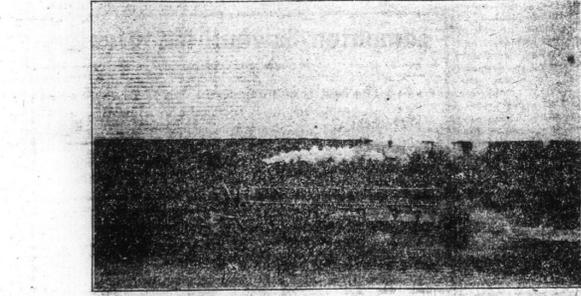
Unable to bring the pistol into play Braun beat the girl until blood flowed from half a dozen wounds in her face. But she clung to him, again and again he fired, but to no purpose. Finally the gun clicked, and while he was examining it, Elchner pushed him out of the front door and closed and locked it.

Braun then rushed to the tailor shop of an acquaintance, Jos. Stumpf, shot him in the shoulder and in the hand, and was about to take a third shot when Elchner, who had been hiding in a closet, rushed from his hiding place, and with a revolver in his hand, shot him in the chest, and he fell.

He then abandoned his attack, visited a doctor's office and was arrested while his injuries were being treated. Braun will be held in jail pending an examination into his mental condition.

**U.S. SENATE FEARS THE EXTRA SESSION.**  
Toronto, Feb. 27.—A Washington special to the Telegram this morning says: "The Senate will not come to a vote on the reciprocity bill if the opponents of the agreement think they are strong enough to beat it. That's the outlook this morning at the beginning of the last week of this Congress. They are doing a lot of canvassing in the hope that at one stroke reciprocity will be defeated and an extra session averted."

John W. Sicklesmith, Greenboro, Pa., has three children, and his youngest children they frequently take cold. He has tried several kinds of medicine," he says, "I have never found any relief until I tried Ross' Kidney Pills as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by druggists everywhere.



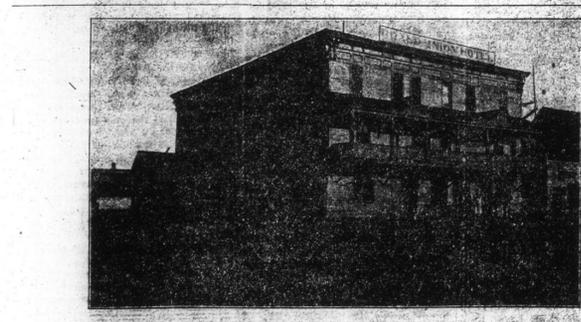
NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION CO'S STEAMER AT ATHABASCA LANDING.

stored, until the opening of navigation in the spring, when they are shipped in flat boats and by steamers to the Peace river country on the west, and the Arctic ocean to the north. The last twenty-seven years have proven Athabasca Landing to be the distributing point for the great north, and



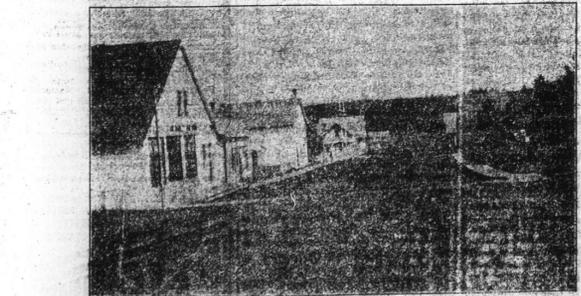
GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICE AND POST OFFICE, ATHABASCA LANDING.

the company's local ship yards and work will be commenced upon it before the snow disappears. This company is also installing wireless telegraph systems on its steamers, the entire system will be in working order when the steamers are put into commission the coming spring. This



The Leading Hostelry of the North in Town.

Canada is located just 100 miles south of here, and it furnishes a market for all live stock that can be raised here. All government land in this district is open for free homesteading, none is for sale. This assures the country being settled up by actual settlers, and rapidly, none of it being reserved



ST. THOMAS AVE. LOOKING NORTH TOWARDS THE ATHABASCA RIVER.

for a raise in value. Now is the time for any intending settler to come in and locate, as after the railway reaches here the settlers will have to go some distance out from town to a homestead. The homestead entries in this district for 1910 showed an increase over 1899 of 128 per cent, and from previous years the increase has been pronounced that the country is settling up very rapidly, and before the coming summer is very far advanced homesteads in close proximity to the town, will be very scarce. The homestead entries in this district for 1910 showed an increase over 1899 of 128 per cent, and from previous years the increase has been pronounced that the country is settling up very rapidly, and before the coming summer is very far advanced homesteads in close proximity to the town, will be very scarce.

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