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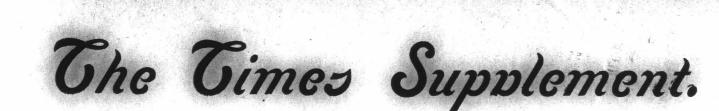
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MEDICINE HAT, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 1905.



The influence which the C. P :R. irrigation ditch will have on the col-onisation and development of Central Alberta cannot be over-estimated. With its good soil, magnificient nat-ural grazing, and mild climate, that portion of our gract West only needs portion of our great West only needs irrigation during the dry years to which it is sometimes subjected to develop and expand in a manner which will surprise even those who are the most enthusiastic regarding the future of our western heritage.

[BY OBSERVER.]

. . . Between Medicine Hat and Calgary the main line of the C. P. R. runs the main line of the C. P. R. runs through an open country of good soil, very little broken by hills or waste land, and affording excellent grazing for horses, cattle or sheep. The district, however, is very sparse-ly settled, and until the Canadian Pacific irrigation scheme brought it into prominence, had been passed by and overlooked by the tide of home-seekers which has been flowing into Northern Alberta. Within the district named the C. P. B have been alloted named the C. P. R. have been alloted by the Government a block of three million acres extending to within about 25 miles of Medicine Hat and extending from theBow River on the South to the Red Deer river on the North. This is the vast area which the company are going to transform from grazing or ranch land into a thickly settled district with prosperous homes and industries.

. . . This naturally brings us to the

traffic bridge question again. The matter has been brought to the no-tice of the Provincial Government at Edmonton and the Hon. W. T. Fin-Edmonton and the Hon. W. T. Fin-lay has promised the people to use his influence with the government in favor of the work, so all are anxious-ly looking for something to be done This town should keep that matter to the front for there will be devel. opments all through the country northwest and west of the town in the very near future and the river should be bridged if Medicine Hat is to reap a good benefit therefrom. . . .

While Medicine Hat is a very order ly town on the whole more police pro-tection will soon be required and most people will agree with Coun-cillor Sissons' remarks that it will soon be time to put on a couple more men, one for night and another for day duty. Another man at night will be wanted pretty soon I fancy as people living north of the track are already asking for something more in this way. They would like to know that a constable would go the rounds there during the "night watches." watches."

The North side residents are often heard to remark that the time has come for them to have something in the nature of a stamp office and a letter box and some folks living at the extreme south end of town are of the opinion that they would appreciate something of this sort too. Perhaps Postmaster Fatt will help them out a little on this by bring-the matter to the notice of the Postmaster General.



Kipling Advertises Medicine Hat.

Rudyard Kipling has written an article dealing with night mails in the year 2147. This is looking the year 2147. This is looking ahead a little and the writer des-cribes the carrying of mails in air-ships. He, of course, takes a trip in one of these wonderful ships. and at one point of the journey he observes the mail clerks sorting mail bags for "Winnipeg, Medicine Hat and Calgary." Calgary."



The final returns in the civic elections ow that Sharpe was elected by 1,109 najority.