

OPTIMISTIC CAMROSE

Towns are much like individuals—only greatly magnified. They like to know that they have found favor in the public eye. Especially is this the case when the favor shown has not been particularly solicited. Camrose is such a town. Young, well built, of sturdy agricultural parentage, it has always made its voice heard whenever the occasion demanded, but has not hitherto made any great clamor at the door of provincial greatness. It is only a short period of time since the town and district was considered a tributary to an ambitious commercial centre to the west of it, and, in fact, it is still considered by some to be such, but its own opinion of the matter is that it has struck out for itself and that it is entitled to recognition of independence from all interested in any way in its birth, present growth and future development.

"Why should not I be big and prosperous some day, too," says this precocious youngster among Alberta municipalities. "Geographically I am right in the centre of the province; taken any way you like, east, west, south or north. It is a great advantage to be the hub of a big province like Alberta. Of course Edmonton is called the hub, but I am very young yet and who knows what I may become when I grow up. I am going to get a railway line running to Edmonton to the north and another to Calgary to the south, and, perhaps, after a while, I may think about a street railway. I don't think it will be for some time, though. In the meantime, I am going to invite manufacturers to call on me, and after I get them here I think it will be 'for keeps.' I feel stronger this spring than I ever felt before. I have some good hooks behind me and that always counts for a good deal."

This soliloquy on the part of Camrose is not due entirely to the usual exuberance of youth. The town has within the past few weeks seen something more tangible than visions. The great railways of the province, such as the G.T.P., the C.P.R. and the C.N.R., have been looking Camrose over, and the town has found favor in their eyes.

"We are going to take the government up on a guarantee of bonds for a branch from our main line, if to Calgary," says the C.N.R. "Vegreville is the point from which the line will begin and we are going to run it through Camrose."

"It is our intention, also, to run a branch from our main line to the City of Calgary," says the Grand Trunk Pacific. "Ryley is likely the point from which the line will begin and we must either go by way of Camrose or make a wide detour to the east to get around Dried Meadow Lake. We prefer to go through Camrose, so as to make the route as short as possible."

The C.P.R. thinks of what more it can do for Camrose than it has. It has a line now running out from Wetaskiwin, which eventually will be a through line to Winnipeg. It can give assurance of building a line from Camrose direct to Edmonton, and can hint at extending the line to Alton branch on to Camrose, thus practically paralleling the Calgary and Edmonton line.

There is always a considerable difference between talking and actual doing. For some time the railways have been singing out Camrose for special favors, but some towns, which would very much like to have the railroads themselves, are a little dubious about the fulfillment of the railway talk. Others who, somehow or other, have all along had in idea that the railway companies meant business, are advising Camrose to throw off the threatening railway yoke and to be free of such trammeling influence.

"So many railways will be a millstone about your neck," says the neighboring town of Wetaskiwin. "Instead of drawing trade to you and giving you the growth you expect, the effect of railroads will be the very opposite. The trade which you now enjoy will go to the larger centres of population, such as Edmonton and Calgary, and you will be powerless to prevent it. We in Wetaskiwin speak from experience. Before the line east from our town was built Wetaskiwin drew the trade from nearly a hundred miles out. After the completion of the railway new towns sprang up along the line and this meant so much less trade for Wetaskiwin. The railway was considered a great thing while it was still a prospect, but after it was built it did the town harm as well as good."

Advice which is not wanted is considered more or less impertinent. Camrose sees a future ahead of it as a railroad centre and invites all the railroads it can get. Railroads generally form the text for a sermon on prosperity and Camrose thinks the doctrine perfectly orthodox.

Early in the month of May the C.N.R. had all the contracts let for the construction work on their line from Vegreville to Calgary. On the nineteenth of the month the construction camps were established at Camrose and the cutting of the right of way was begun north of the town, in the direction of Vegreville. Camrose will be the headquarters of the numerous sub-contractors of the Northern Construction Company, which will build the line for the C.N.R. in the district all summer long. It is believed that the steel will be laid from Vegreville to Camrose by the first of August.

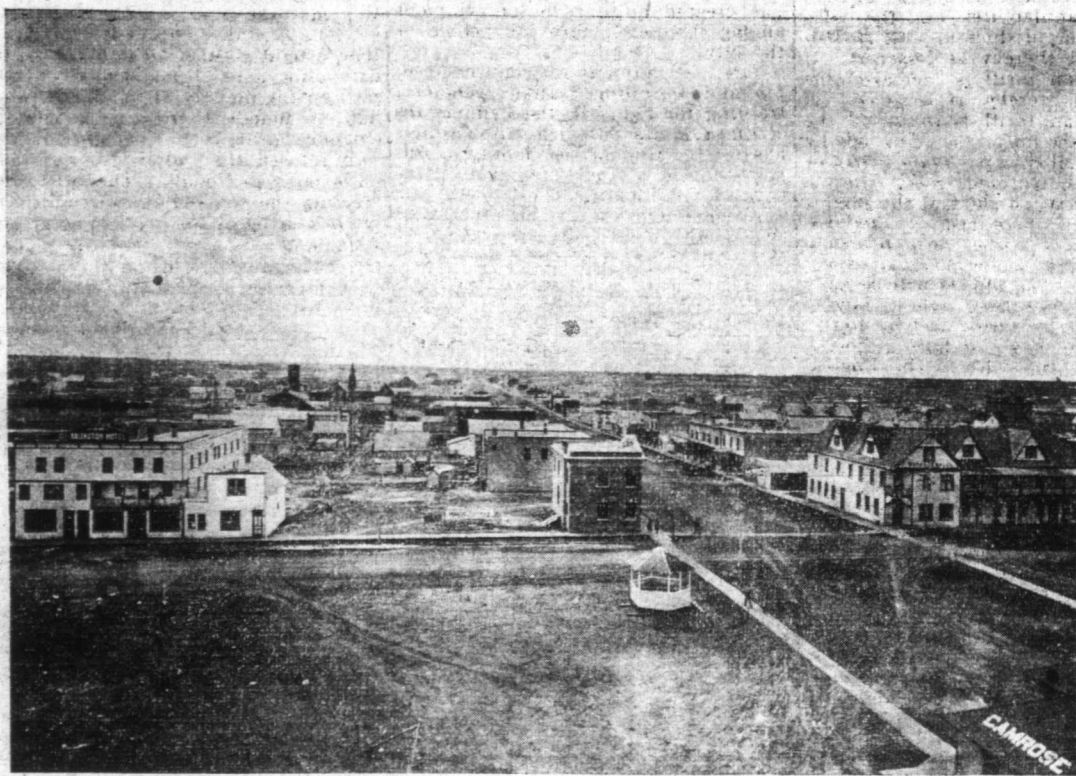
The G.T.P. surveyors are still in the Camrose district, and their head engineer does not appear to be at all dismayed at the activity of the rival C.N.R. company. The surveyors are taking the grade as they go and seem to indicate that it is the determination of the railway company to build their line through Camrose.

There is a possibility, however, if the Alberta Government, having a word to say in this connection, The Government is expected to guarantee the bonds of both lines of railway,

but there may be strong objection taken to guarantee the bonds of railways that will practically parallel one another. The intention of the Government in offering to guarantee bonds for railway construction, was of seeing what advantages it has to offer for the establishment of a Scandinavian college. It is understood that he was so favorably impressed

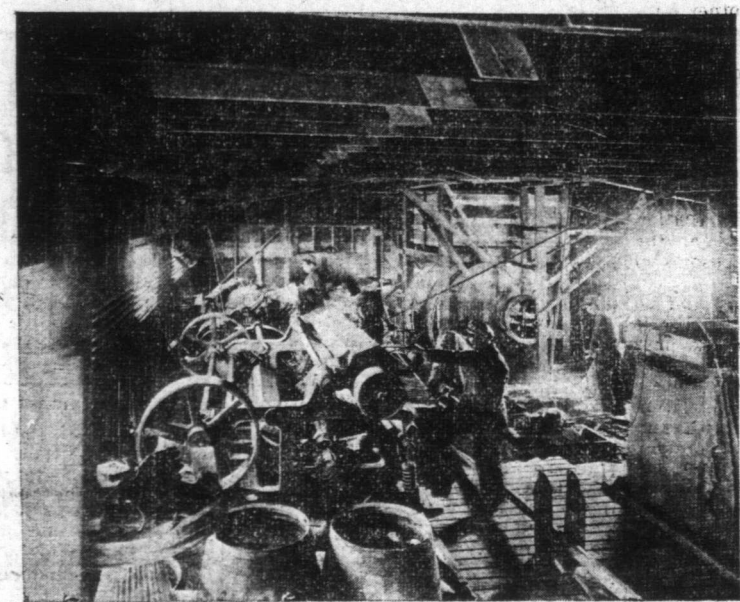
has as yet been made by the railway companies for a bond guarantee. But Camrose has staked its future on something more than railway proposals. It has an educational prospect which will undoubtedly some day assume considerable magnitude. The head superintendent representing all the Scandinavian churches of Canada and the United States has recently visited Camrose for the purpose of seeing what advantages it has to offer for the establishment of a Scandinavian college. It is understood that he was so favorably impressed

the college will make Camrose the center of the Scandinavian population of the entire province. Other institutions are progressing. This week the contract was let for erection of a new Roman Catholic church in the town. The Ladies' Hospital Aid have been devoting their energies to forming the nucleus of a hospital fund. It is expected that a general hospital will be an addition to the town in the near future. The Camrose club is utilizing its commodious building more than ever before, and has a bright outlook for this



A Bird's Eye View of Camrose, Showing Only a Portion of the Town.

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a few years be increased to a \$50,000 group of buildings including residences for the students and homes for the professors. The education of

P. P. is a credit to provincial journalism. The plant has been recently overhauled and is now very well equipped.



The above map of Alberta shows only railways already built or actually being constructed under Government guarantee. While these are ample sufficient to amply insure the future of the town there are two other surveys being hurried toward Camrose at the present moment. These are the G.T.P. toward Calgary from its main line and the C.P.R. toward Edmonton—a continuation of the line being built from Calgary to Alton. Camrose lies in the path of Railroads. The town has a great future.

NINE YEARS FOR CATTLE STEALING

Red Deer Cattle-Rustlers Get Terms Running from This Down to Three Months.

Red Deer, May 28.—The adjourned sitting of the supreme court, Judge Stuart presiding, terminated today and resulted in the conviction of the five men charged with cattle stealing. Irwin Holt, 45 years, Lewis Salway, 50 years, James Holt, 20 years, Jack Duhos, 19 years, and Joe Cardinal, 33 years. The case opened on Tuesday when Irwin Holt and Lewis Salway pleaded guilty. On Wednesday Joe Cardinal was convicted, Friday Duhos was found guilty of illegally detaining stock and James Holt was found guilty of stealing cattle. Today the judge rendered his verdict. The other four were found guilty. The judge said there was no evidence whatever to prove this. The other four were taken to the Edmonton penitentiary on Saturday evening.

The Stock Growers' Association asked the government to retain the services of P. J. Nolan to assist Crown Prosecutor Ducey secure a conviction. The accused were defended by J. A. Dickson, of Saskatoon, T. L. Twissie, of Calgary, and A. A. McGillivray of Stettin. Most of the cattle stolen were from the Stettin district and the stealing had been going on for some time. The verdict has given general satisfaction.

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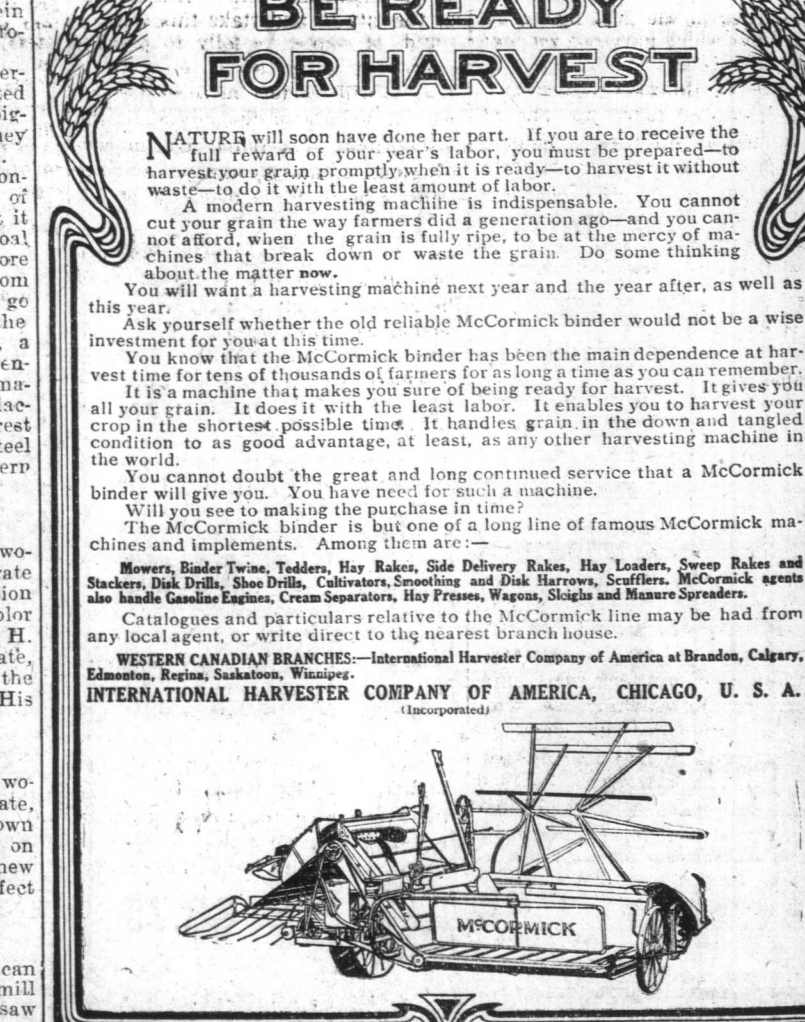
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