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### MR. MAGRATH WORKING FOR THE WEST

All the people of this section will second the move of Mr. Magrath the other day before the minister of railways, at Ottawa. The three railway systems now actively engaged in building up the west, seem to have developed a craze to get into the country north, and nearly all the building that is being done is in that direction. The appearances are that each road fears that the other will build a line into some district before it, and obtain some advantage it does not possess, and the result is a craze of competition to get into the north country; while some of the most productive sections in the south are neglected, so far as railway facilities are concerned. To this Mr. Magrath objects, in effect as follows:—

Ottawa, June 18.—Several route map applications by railways were made before Hon. Geo. Graham, Minister of railways, today. C. A. Magrath, M. P., Medicine Hat, appeared before the minister and emphasized the principle that the roads in the west should be forced to spread out as much as possible. Unless they did this they could not begin to fill the needs of the people. In one instance, he appealed against the divergence of the G. T. P. from Carbon on the branch line to Calgary. The minister of railways and canal thoroughly agreed and an order was given that the railway should pass within one mile of Carbon unless the engineering difficulties preclude.

Mr. Magrath drew particular attention to the C. P. R. and the C. N. R., running towards Lethbridge from the east. Instead of covering practically the same ground, they should spread out and an important settlement east of Warner, and which required railway facilities urgently, should be brought in. The minister reserved approval of the routes until he had given them further consideration.

Don't get discouraged. The more obstacles a person has to surmount, the more adversity and sorrow he has to encounter, the better for him, so long as he can keep his sweetness of soul. But let him once lose hope and look out upon the world with eyes of suspicion, doubting the best intentions of those about him, blind to all the goodness there is in humanity, he puts an end to all spiritual growth. Better to be disappointed every day of your life than to become sour.

Napoleon was once asked how he accounted for his wonderful success in battle over his opposing generals. He answered, "They do not know the value of five minutes." What a commentary is that on loafing.

Our Health Officer, under the direction of the Mayor, is making strenuous efforts to keep Cardston a clean, healthy town. We are all interested.

The property owners on Main St. caught the craze for a cement sidewalk, and upon investigation they find that the cost will be so small per annum that the Town Council, from present appearances, will receive almost a unanimous petition for that local improvement instead of a two-third majority as the by-law requires.

Those who are opposed to cement sidewalks for Cardston are losing numbers every day.

Councillor Coombs finds, after a careful estimate and calculation that the cement sidewalk in front of his place of business, eight feet in width will cost less than \$2 per annum.

That was a happy suggestion advanced by Mayor Brown at the public meeting last week, as to the way to obtain good Cement sidewalks. The new by-law passed by the Town Council provides the ways and means for such a splendid improvement and now it is for the property owners in the business center to make a move looking to its consummation.

What would add more to the appearance of our pretty little town than to have cement walks constructed from Main Street to the railway station? Don't let every body speak at once as to which street the new walks will be constructed upon.

Get in line and call upon the Town Council for a cement sidewalk on Main St. and from there to the station this year.

The sun may get hot enough to give us some well done June days instead of having them all rare ones.

We predict an immense number of visitors to Seattle this year, from Sunny Southern Alberta. Many people have longed to visit that section, and with the new incentive in the way of cheaper railway rates will now make the journey. The trip will be educational and entertaining and well worth the effort.

The Magrath people are willing to put up all manner of coin that their team can trim the Raymond bunch any old time.

The people of Cardston extend an invitation to the travelling public to visit the town and district. As a summer resort the district is without a rival and cannot be surpassed. It is a sportsman's paradise. Game in season, large and abundant and the mountain streams and lakes are well stocked with fish.

The improving crop reports from the Canadian West foster the impression that despite her poor start this spring nature is going to do her duty by Canada after all.

This is a great season for the man who sells garden hose and lawn sprinklers and wants to keep fat at the business.

The Cardston boys learned a lesson from last Friday's game and practiced every evening this week, and are now in good trim for this afternoon's match with Magrath.

Take a look over your premises and see to it that they are clean and neat. Do your share towards making the town present a desirable appearance during the summer months.

The next baseball match with our sister town Raymond is being looked forward to with much interest by our local fans, as our boys are determined to win this game.

Cardston lost three straight games last year, before the hoodoo was dropped.

The boys have a daisy little mascot in the person of Douglas Stoddard.

When is the weather for summer delivery going to be ready?

That was a pretty severe dose which the Raymond boys received at Magrath on Saturday. 13-7 and one innings to spare. This was a matched game for a purse of \$200.00. Poor Raymond! Our sympathy goes out to you.

A woman living near Cleveland lived for 115 years. She attributed her health to the constant use of onions. She had them twice a day, and thus her strength was not allowed to wane. She got married. How, nobody knows.

The fans who visit the square this afternoon will no doubt see a rattling good game of ball, between Magrath and the home team.

Out in Iowa a Mr. and Mrs. Bean have named their recently born daughter Lima. They can refer to the son who was looked for and who failed to come as Mighta.

4th.—The Massey-Harris Floating Binder can handle crops where others fail.

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