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to see good work done and value given as can be expected from any men, but I am sorry to say that we have some of the other kind. One reason why we do not get as good service as a company gets is that there are too many bosses, and the responsibility for each department is not so arranged that results can be looked for or credited to individuals. Those of you who are readers of the Medicine Hat News, and I will say the Medicine Hat News is a fairly good paper; not the only good paper, but I have nothing against it, and sometimes it is quite interesting reading. Those of you who have read the News for the past few weeks and have gone over the figures and comparisons made in the editorials, you have no other information except what you get there, may be of the same opinion as the editor of that paper, namely, that our city's affairs are in first class shape and could not be improved on, that all the mayors and councils of this city since it was a city or a town have been just about right except the mayor and council for 1907—the year the editor of the News was not in the council.

I am not going to dispute the figures quoted or give you a lot of figures to disprove what is contained in the editorials mentioned. I do not think it is worth while, and do not want to get into a discussion with the editor of a newspaper as to the city's affairs, because I am going to try and do something for myself now that my term of office is nearly over. I would not have referred to the editor of the News at all but that he brought the matter up in his editorials. I am satisfied he feels quite secure in his position as a "Wielder of the Mighty Pen," and knows full well there is no power agent of the same kind to assist me in my contentions.

I am satisfied to leave the whole situation to be looked into, by any ratepayer who can take the trouble to do so and let them form their own opinion. But for fear that you may be confused by the figures quoted and the comparisons made, I would like to call your attention to the old saying by Artemus Ward, "That you can prove anything by figures and that comparisons don't prove facts." The council of 1907 undertook no new work except for the fire alarm system and for the purchase of some lots on the north side of track where a new fire station could be built, and the chairman of the finance committee of that year was not extravagant or improvident as you might suppose from reading the News. His time, like most of my own was taken up by trying to get the fire alarm system built, as it was called for by one of our firemen. The necessity of having a new fire station could be built, and the council of 1907 had not having passed for their later overdraft on account of sidewalks and sewers, and because they had entered into a contract with a firm in the United States

to build a filter plant that cost nearly \$30,000—those of you who are water-drinkers know how useful it has been. The council of 1907 have the credit for that pile of sewer pipe which filled up our market place for so long and is now to be seen piled up near the bridge. The same council ordered the putting in of the water main from the power house to the stand pipe in the middle of water when it could much better have been left until spring. If it had been left it would not have cost so much to keep in repairs since it was put in. If the council for the year 1906 was so bright as we are asked to believe it was they would have arranged to sell the sidewalks and sewer debentures when they would have sold at par and so on. This is just enough to show that there are two sides to the question. Are we dead sure we are dead right?

When take the comparisons made with other places. Lethbridge is said to be away behind us in the matter of bookkeeping, and it is pointed out that we have a splendid set of books, a system established by Mr. Blith, and efficiently carried out by Mr. Adair. I am not a bookkeeper and am not prepared to dispute this point either, but as an ordinary business man I am not able to tell you that I consider any system of bookkeeping perfect that will let one of our city employees get \$205 and keep it for a \$50 house, and if you will look into it you will find that it took ten years to get one of these. How ever, if there is any other matter in which the ratepayers are interested this is a good time to bring it up. Last evening we heard considerable from the gentlemen from Calgary regarding railways and the great need of more lines. In as far as Calgary is concerned it may be this is their most important consideration; but there is no doubt as to what the Medicine Hat requires most or first. If we can get the C.P.R. to build their workshops here (and there is a good prospect that we can), and if we can get water on the surrounding lands to the south as well as north and west, it won't be long until the railways head here.

Our representative in the House of Commons, Mr. Magrath, has more practical knowledge of the irrigation situation than any man in Alberta. As commissioner for the A. R. & I. Co. he proposed a scheme to the government to take the waters of the St. Mary's River and put it on the land to the south of us; but his proposal was turned down and the scheme is dead as far as the A. R. & I. Co. is concerned; they do not want to take it up again. I saw Mr. Magrath about this the other day and asked him if there was any way of taking this up again, and he said there is, that if the government could be got to favor the scheme. Now, my idea is, that if we were to send our representative a petition signed by the people of Medicine Hat and all the people of the south of us calling attention to the importance of this work,

a perfect right to attend all meetings of the council if you behave yourselves. Your presence will encourage the council in the efforts to do the right thing if that is what they want to do and will go a long way to prevent them from doing the wrong thing if they are so disposed. You will get your information at first hand and will know just what takes place. Actions often speak louder than words, and sometimes words are used to conceal thought; if you attend the meetings you will see how the councilmen act as well as hear how they speak, and then it is up to you to use your vote at the proper time.

Before concluding I have another confession to make that I forgot to make in the proper place among the confessions, and it is to confess to having changed my mind regarding rates charged for gas. Before I was elected mayor I thought they should be lowered; I now think they should be raised, and that a sinking fund should be provided. We are selling gas too cheap as far as the actual consumer is concerned. It was not the consumer who raised the money to put in the gas plant; it was the property owners, and if anything should happen to the gas it would be the property owners who would have to stand the shot. I think the council should take a part in the charges.

Primarily this meeting is called for the purpose of hearing a statement as to the year's business, and the aldermen and the school trustees have their reports for you to hear. However, if there is any other matter in which the ratepayers are interested this is a good time to bring it up. Last evening we heard considerable from the gentlemen from Calgary regarding railways and the great need of more lines. In as far as Calgary is concerned it may be this is their most important consideration; but there is no doubt as to what the Medicine Hat requires most or first. If we can get the C.P.R. to build their workshops here (and there is a good prospect that we can), and if we can get water on the surrounding lands to the south as well as north and west, it won't be long until the railways head here.

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Mr. Magrath could show in parliament or to the Minister of the Interior where a large amount of money could be made for Alberta and Medicine Hat district, and show that if one million dollars were spent in this way it would make at least fifteen millions. Surely the minister would consider Canada and Alberta and Medicine Hat as well as the rest of the country so lately. I know that Mr. Magrath will give this and all other matters every attention, but it will strengthen his hands to have a petition.

If we had all these lakes and ponds to the south of us filled up with water all the year round and seven persons a running stream all the year round it would be quite as good, if not better for us than a railway at the present time. Of course we want the railways also.

There is another matter—the question of a street railway to Coleridge and on the streets of the city. There is no doubt that if we had an electric line from here to Coleridge it would be a great convenience, and if we had such a line there would be no business for a store or hotel there. We should advertise that we would grant a franchise to some company for say twenty years and we might get a company to take it up.

Ald. Forster presented the following financial statement:

Receipts.	Expenditures.
Stores - \$8,661.34	Mr. Adair - \$275.00
Rebates on interest - 351.30	Mr. Roberts - 275.00
Sale of old fire hall - 50.00	Mr. Blatchford - 39.17
Damages collected - 4.00	Mr. Charlton - 153.58
Arrar's city taxes - 3,667.90	Mr. Porter - 400.00
Arrar's school taxes - 547.98	Mr. Morrison - 200.00
Accounts receivable - 5,500.65	Mr. Morrison - 200.00
Ald. Eddy - 18.25	Materials - 55.00
Refund bridge banquet grant - 7.25	Freight - 16.00
Gas maintenance - 48,246.44	Lumber - 5.20
City taxes - 1,391.39	Rental fruit gas line - 50.00
School taxes - 3,091.75	Feasting - 11.50
Drugs - 392.50	Turning off and on gas - 46.66
Smelter - 384.00	Repairs to leaks - 165.54
Poll taxes - 402.96	Care of street lamps - 252.55
Water rates - 10,152.88	Repairs to meters - 252.55
Gas rates - 24,758.02	Proportion of cost of city team - 65.57
Local improvement taxes - 2,553.84	Goods charged by city stores - 437.55
Scales - 46.80	
W. B. Marshall Co. - 8.10	
James Rae - 20.30	
Rosery Co. - 200.00	
Sewer tile sold - 1.00	
Rents - 430.00	
Bills payable - 20,000.00	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, '08 - 262.86	
Bank balance - 1,734.73	
Advances on hypothecated hospital debentures - 9,108.01	
Expenditures - \$2,761.70	
Supplies account - 464.80	
J. C. Vuill, pipe - 1,623.31	
Debiture principal paid - 10,509.60	
Real estate and buildings - 130.77	
Public water and light - 4,100.80	
Fire works - 5,984.06	
License, police and relief - 4,628.93	
Special relief - Pernie fire - 425.00	
Health dept. - 2,309.20	
Furniture and fixtures - 28.95	
Schools - 18,540.00	
Water maintenance - 9,747.53	

Gas maintenance - 2,835.17	line on
Refund of license - 3,225.13	streets, from west of 6th
Expenses, Engineer's office - 7.00	Ave. west 500 feet, four inch low pressure
Gas maintenance - 122.48	sure on lane between Road Allowance
Local imp. No. 1 - 165.00	once and Victoria, and from Mill St.
Tools account - 960.00	southerly 330 feet; four inch low
Sewerage account - 437.85	pressure line on lane from Athletic
Parks and markets - 251.47	Grounds to Mr. Bray's, 1750 feet; 2 1/2
Fire insurance - 1,047.83	inch high pressure line from main St.
Assessment dept. - 428.04	to New Idau; 2 1/2 inch high pressure
Stores - 748.31	line from Athletic Grounds to new
Debiture int. paid - 11,960.82	well; 2 1/2 inch high pressure line from
Grant Agri. Soc. - 13,440.01	florid well to market site, 1000 feet.
Grant Bd. of Trade 1907 - 250.00	Proceeding, Ald. Baker stated that
Grant Bd. of Trade 1908 - 1,250.00	although the Mayor might be op-
Discount on taxes - 1,250.00	posed to municipal ownership, yet
Discount on school taxes - 4,672.35	there were few private companies
	which could have so managed the gas
	system as to hold the year's expenditure
	down to less than \$4000, and
	after paying off all its debenture
	charges for the year show a profit of
	over \$20,000. He thought the Medi-
	cine Hat gas system a very strong
	point in favor of municipal owner-
	ship. The gas profits of 1907 had
	also been in the neighborhood of
	\$20,000, and as the system was pay-
	ing such a revenue into the city for
	the reduction of taxes, he thought
	the present rates were amply suffi-
	cient. A new high pressure main
	would connect the Head well with a
	regulator on the market site for the
	purpose of increasing the pressure in
	the business part of the city which
	was only served with three-inch
	pipes and where the service was com-
	pletely not as good as it should be.
	The new gas well was now
	down to a depth of 150 feet. Opera-
	tions had been impeded by the diffi-
	culty in securing pipe and supplies.
	Ald. Huckle, in presenting the
	report of the Water Commissioners
	regretted the absence of Ald. Pembale,
	the chairman, the latter having been
	so closely identified with the system
	for so long a period and being in a
	better position to answer any criticisms.
	The figures were as appended:

Receipts.	Expenditures.
\$20,000 debenture of 1907 - 18,248.83	Notes in Bank Jan. 1, '08 - \$6,189.00
\$25,000 debenture of 1908 - 22,866.85	Paid city gen. acct. - 15,159.97
Can. Meter Co. - 565.00	Mains and connections - 873.53
Cash balance Jan. 1, '08 - 18.27	Meters - 3,120.65
	Gas lamps - 72.00
	Expenses - 283.07
	\$32,922.30
City gen. acct. owes gas - 8,705.00	
Cash in bank - 75.71	
	\$41,701.00

Ald. Baker, chairman of the Gas Commissioners, presented the following figures:

Expenditures.	Proportion of salaries of—
Mr. Adair - \$275.00	Mr. Adair - \$275.00
Mr. Roberts - 275.00	Mr. Roberts - 275.00
Mr. Blatchford - 39.17	Mr. Blatchford - 39.17
Mr. Charlton - 153.58	Mr. Charlton - 153.58
Mr. Porter - 400.00	Mr. Porter - 400.00
Mr. Morrison - 200.00	Mr. Morrison - 200.00
Materials - 55.00	Materials - 55.00
Freight - 16.00	Freight - 16.00
Lumber - 5.20	Lumber - 5.20
Rental fruit gas line - 50.00	Rental fruit gas line - 50.00
Feasting - 11.50	Feasting - 11.50
Turning off and on gas - 46.66	Turning off and on gas - 46.66
Repairs to leaks - 165.54	Repairs to leaks - 165.54
Care of street lamps - 252.55	Care of street lamps - 252.55
Repairs to meters - 252.55	Repairs to meters - 252.55
Proportion of cost of city team - 65.57	Proportion of cost of city team - 65.57
Goods charged by city stores - 437.55	Goods charged by city stores - 437.55
	\$3922.30
Amount appropriated—\$5275.	
Account of permanent work done during 1908 - 365.11	
No. of connections put in, 71.	
No. of meters put in, 71.	
No. of street lamps put up 29-6 on the stand pipe, 6 on the bridge, 3 on the band stand and 14 on streets.	
Final balance—\$1552.68	
Gas mains laid on following streets	
Four inch low pressure laid along lane between Toronto and Montreal Streets, 350 feet; four inch low pressure on lane between Third Ave. and N. Railway St., from Prince to Short Ave., 300 feet; four inch low pressure	

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