

### Support Home Merchants

Here are a few extracts from a real, or alleged lecture, by a farmer to his brother farmers which was published and republished in practically every daily and weekly in the mail-order belt:

I believe we should build up our own communities and enable our home merchants to give us a good market for our products by standing by them. We can buy all that we need and as cheaply by doing business at home, and thus make a better market for our products.

How can we expect the country stores to thrive if we farmers refuse to trade with them, but send our money to some distant city which does not interest us or help us in the least?

While there is always a standard price for some kinds of farmers' produce, how can we expect the country merchant to buy our eggs, butter, poultry and other products so vital to us all if we do not reciprocate to the country merchant?

Is it not an object for us to build up our market town and make markets for our products? Does it not add to the value of our land to be able to point to some thriving nearby town with a ready market, schools and church advantages? Is not land so situated worth more than if it is isolated and distant from everything and everybody?

By standing by our home merchants we are standing by each other, and by standing by each other we all thrive and prosper together.

Is it to our interest to build up great houses in distant cities? I made the broad assertion that while some things on the surface may seem cheaper than the price of our home merchant, after we have scrimped ourselves to get the cash and paid freight and other charges, and paid for things we do not need because they seem cheap, why you murder us? Come! Come! we are out of pocket; we are simply gullied by cormorants.

If we keep depressing and destroying our home merchants, we will find after a lifetime that our farms are in an isolated region and have not increased in value as they would if we had made a market at our very door.

I know farmers who are always in debt to their local merchants, while their cash has gone to the railroad for freight bills and to catalogue houses for articles which do not rank as either luxuries or necessities, but simply as leg-pullers to gull the unsophisticated.

How would you appreciate selling your stock and products on credit and the purchaser using his money to buy similar articles for cash?

Unless we can stand together and refuse to build up and develop this cormorant which preys upon us, we do not deserve to have thriving towns for markets or the advantages which always come from being surrounded by a business community.

### Correspondence

Cardston, Feb. 17th 1910.  
To Editor of the Alberta Star.  
Dear Editor:—

I notice by the last issue of your paper an item concerning a wrestling match between J. F. Ellison and myself which says the agreement was drawn up and placed in the hands of W. S. Johnston, and on Wednesday, the day appointed for the putting up of the forfeit money, word was received that Jensen had withdrawn, and goes on to say that Ellison states that the agreement will hold good at any time.

I would like to say that I have not spoken to Ellison about wrestling since the 27th. of Nov. when he made the same big \$500 talk and failed to come through which is always the case.

I would judge by his talk that it is more to see his name in

print than anything else. His big stories about the tournament in the north and winning from the Dukabour sounds very well until we come to the match at Lacombe with the same man, who threw him twice in seven minutes, which Jack forgot mention.

It is told by good authority that Holbrook let Jack down for the small sum of \$50.00 in this match.

C. Jensen.

### Temperature

The temperature in Cardston this week was as follows:  
Feb. 13th. —2  
Feb. 14th. —18  
Feb. 15th. —25  
Feb. 16th. —15

### A Great Treat

Ralph Connor's new story "The Foreigner," has been bought by the Family Herald and Weekly Star and publication will begin in two or three weeks. Ralph Connor's former stories "The Doctor," "The Prospector," "The Man from Glengarry," have made him famous as a story writer and "The Foreigner" is regarded by many as his best. It is a thrilling story of the Canadian West. It is said that the price was the biggest by far ever paid for a serial story. It will be a great treat to readers of the Family Herald and Weekly Star and those who become subscribers to that great weekly during the next two weeks will be in time for the opening chapter. The beautiful picture "The Soul's Awakening" is still offered as a premium. The combination is the biggest dollar's worth in the market today.

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### Notice To Steam Engineers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an examination will be held by Nathaniel Marsden, Lethbridge, a duly appointed Inspector of Steam Boilers for the Province of Alberta, at ————, on Feb. 26th and 26th. A. R. & I. Reading Rooms. ————, Caboon Hotel. ————, March 2nd, Hotel. ————, for the purpose of giving an opportunity to all persons who are desirous of qualifying for certificates under the provisions of the Steam Boilers Act, 1906. Applications may be obtained on application to the department or to the above named inspectors, and no fee is required, but a fee of \$10.00 is required on the day of the examination.

JOHN STOCKS, Dept. Minister.  
Department of Public Works, Edmonton, Alta.  
Jan. 24th 1910.  
Alberta Star, Cardston.

### Side Walks

Those wishing concrete walks built this season, should make (written) application to the council before the 1st. of May, 1910.

Signed Johntham Hunt, Chairman  
Work & Property Committee.

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Local Improvement Act  
Educational Tax Act. Village Act, and the School Assessment Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Local Improvement Act, Educational Tax Act, Village Act and the School Assessment Ordinance, a Judge of the Supreme Court has appointed WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of April, 1910, at Ten o'clock a. m. at the City of Lethbridge, for the holding of a court for the confirmation of the local improvement districts created under the provisions of the Local Improvement Act in respect of the following Local Improvement Districts:—  
Local Improvement District No. 602 and 603, and by section 12 of The Educational Tax Act in respect of lands situated within the following:—  
Townships 1 to 14 in Ranges 11 to 15, West of the 4th. M.  
Townships 1 to 17 in Ranges 10 to 17, West of the 4th. M.  
Townships 1 to 19 in Range 18, West of the 4th. M.  
Townships 1 to 6 in Range 22, West of the 4th. M.  
Townships 1 to 5 in Range 24, West of the 4th. M.  
Townships 1 to 4 in Range 25, West of the 4th. M.  
Townships 1 to 2, and 8, 1-9 of 8 in Ranges 26 and 27, West of 4th. M.  
Townships 1 and 2 in Ranges 28 and 29, West of the 4th. M.  
And of section 12 of the Village Act in respect of the following Villages:—  
Village of Sterling and Village of Mountain View.  
And of Section 19 of the School Assessment Ordinance in respect of the following School Districts:—  
School Districts Nos. 408, 410, 484, 820, 1145, 1379, 1381, 1404, 1455, 1456, 1528 & 1529.  
Substantiated at 4 o'clock this 5th day of February, 1910

J. N. PERRIE,  
Tax Commissioner,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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