

LACOMBE, AN ESTABLISHED TOWN WHICH IS MAKING STEADY PROGRESS

Eastern Freight Abandoning Calgary Route, Now Goes North to Get to and From Winnipeg—New Steam and Electric Lines Now Building—Electors Satisfied With Council's Business Management—Good Fire Department—Tourists Pledge to Gull Lake—Lacombes Grain Yields High on Homesteads and at Government Farm

Bulletin Staff Correspondent.

Lacombe, Jan. 4.—Lacombe on the C. & E. is a busy place and has made solid progress in both town and district. On a Saturday afternoon its well built business streets are crowded with the well-to-do farmers who do their trading here. This district has passed the pioneer stage and is now marching steadily forward and setting a pace for the rest of the province, especially in the development of mixed farming and the raising of pure bred live stock, both cattle and horses.

Taking a Short Cut to Winnipeg.

Lacombe has excellent railway facilities. Besides being on the Calgary and Edmonton branch of the C.P.R. another C.P.R. branch is operated eastward to Castor. This will soon be extended past Castor connecting at Kerr Robert with the Edmonton-Moose Jaw line, and thence to Winnipeg or St. Paul. When this line is

Good Municipal Management. Lacombe is one of the large incorporated towns on the C. & E., with a population of 1,300, a total assessment of about \$1,000,000 and a tax rate of 23 mills, made up as follows: 9 mills for municipal expenses, 4 mills for debentures and 10 mills for school purposes. About 3,000 lineal feet of cement sidewalks have been laid.

The members of the town council for 1914 are as follows: Mayor, W. S. Moore; Councilors, J. P. Kent, Geo. Holton, John Ross, R. T. Worth, W. N. Morrison and C. B. Halpin. The recent elections all went by acclamation which shows a satisfied electorate.

The officers of the town are: Secretary-treasurer, Jesse Fraser; Town solicitor, J. L. Poole; medical health officer, Dr. Hynes; manager of electric light department, E. J. Teet, and constable, L. B. Miller. The town has a first class municipal

Principal N. E. Carruthers and six assistants. The pupils have had splendid success on departmental examinations. Ninety per cent passed in 1913. The school has a good library and a good equipment and apparatus for the teaching of science. The principal takes great interest in the athletic sports of the pupils. The good discipline in the school, the good physique of the pupils and their success in their studies no doubt result from the influence of the playground, for "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." A. M. Campbell, Dr. Sharpe, C. R. Denko, B. P. Bailey and A. M. MacDonald are the trustees of Lacombe school board.

A Good Hospital. The Lacombe General Hospital which was built by popular subscription at a cost of \$2,500 is a two-story frame building with eight beds. Miss Jean Pye is matron, with an assistant nurse. Good service is given and there is an average of from five to eight patients constantly.

The hospital has a first class operating theatre and equipment. The results of operations here have been very successful. One room was furnished by the W. C. T. U., another room by B. P. Bailey, a portion of the apparatus for the operating room was furnished by H. M. Trimble. Other citizens also gave valuable contributions to the equipment and furnishings.

But credit for the erection of the hospital is largely due to Mrs. Wm. Burris, who devoted some years to collecting the money for that purpose, and still continues to devote a great portion of her time to the interests of the hospital.

It is an incorporated hospital and the following board are elected by the members of the organization: A. Urquhart, president; John McKenty, secretary-treasurer; J. P. Kent, C. Gourlay, H. M. Trimble, W. L. Elliott, J. W. Fortune, Dr. R. M. Sharp, Dr. W. P. Hynes, and W. F. Puffer, W. P. P.

The Alberta Sanatorium is located near Barnett Lake, which adjoins the town, and it attracts patronage from all the western provinces. The far famed Gull Lake. But Gull Lake with its picturesque surroundings forms one of the most attractive features in the Lacombe district. An excellent road has been graded and the main street to the lake, where over sixty summer cottages have been built. Last summer the summer population exceeded 500, the great gathering of the demand for farm produce.

Gull Lake is about eighteen miles long and from two to five miles wide, and the entire shore is beautifully wooded. The Gull Lake fleet consists of an excursion steamer, several motor boats and a variety of rowing boats and canoes. The facilities for boating, bathing and a happy holiday outing have attracted many tourists from the cities and even tourists from beyond our borders.

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Named After Father Lacombe. Lacombe is named after Rev. Father Lacombe, the veteran pioneer missionary of the Canadian West. Today Lacombe citizens worship in many fine church buildings as the following list of churches and pastors show: Roman Catholic, Rev. Father Van Watten; Anglican, Rev. J. A. Panton; Presbyterian, Rev. M. White; Methodist, Rev. Thos. Powell; the Seventh Day Adventists and the Disciples of Christ.

The Seventh Day Adventists have established at Lacombe an industrial school called the Alberta Industrial School. The students are taught and the students to two hours work per day at some trade. The manufactured articles and the products of the Academy farm help to meet current expenses. The school receives no government grant but it is supported by the communities of Seventh Day Adventists of Western Canada. One of these communities is settled near Lacombe.

A Busy Business Town. Lacombe may not have as many business places as some other towns but the business in concentrated areas is carried in some cases ranging from \$75,000 to \$150,000. Some of the general stores rank rather as department stores.

Lacombe being an old established town, is well supplied in nearly every line of business including: Four general stores, a gentlemen's furnishing store, a hardware store, two furniture stores, two jewelry stores, two clothing stores, a photographer, two bakers, four barbers, pool rooms, meat market, produce company, a variety of rowing boats and canoes. The facilities for boating, bathing and a happy holiday outing have attracted many tourists from the cities and even tourists from beyond our borders.

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NEW STEAM AND ELECTRIC LINES. The C.N.R. have already started grading on their line westward from near Stettin past Lacombe to the coal fields of the Brazeau river. The depot will be located in a central part of the town.

THE ALBERTA CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY. The Alberta Central Railway Company is also planning construction in the Lacombe district and is after the valuable transportation business from the coal fields west of Lacombe.

SURVEYS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR THE LACOMBE AND BLENDMAN VALLEY ELECTRIC RAILWAY FROM LACOMBE TO GULL LAKE, BENTLEY AND RIMBER. It is also planned to build an electric railway from Lacombe to Bullockville and Alton. The power for these lines could be generated by the water power of the stream or by steam, generated right at the coal mines. With such progressive farmers as are found in the Lacombe district it will be quite probable that some of the farmers adjacent to the electric line will utilize electricity for modern conveniences such as are so common in a city.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM STARTED. A sewerage system has been begun by the laying of a trunk sewer in the business section of the town. The council are going after deep drainage wells for water supply for a domestic system of waterworks. One well now yields 1,000 barrels of soft water per day.

LACOMBE HAS A GOOD POST OFFICE AND AN OBLIGING STAFF UNDER THE CHARGE OF POSTMASTER Wm. Burris. Mail arrives from various points at different times during the day. A good service is given to an appreciative public, for the wicket is only closed for about an hour during the whole day. Much mail arrives but it is sorted rapidly and in some cases while the wicket still remains open.

A FIRST CLASS SCHOOL. Lacombe has a \$40,000 brick school with twelve class rooms and an assembly room. The heating, ventilation and sanitation are up-to-date. The building is modern and after one of the fine schools of the city of Winnipeg. Standards I to VIII are taught by

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is also interested in the development of the pure bred cattle industry. The officers of the Board of Trade are as follows: President, C. B. Halpin; secretary, John McKenty; council, F. E. McLeod, A. Belcher, W. F. Graham, A. Urquhart, D. C. Gourlay, A. M. Campbell, C. R. Denko and T. D. Murphy.

Strong Exhibit of Live Stock. The Lacombe Agricultural Society hold one of the most successful annual fairs in the province. It is especially noted for home exhibits of pure bred live stock. Members of this society win prizes at all the big fairs of the West for their pure bred stock.

The society owns its fair buildings and grounds and is free of debt with a balance in its credit. The officers are President, Richard Johnson; vice-president, John T. Parker, and secretary, J. A. Panton.

The following grain yields per acre are reported from the district: Lacombe, 45 bush; fall wheat, 37 bush; spring wheat, 43 bush; barley, 35 bush; oats, 37 bush; clover, 132 1-2 bush.

DOMINION EXPERIMENTAL FARM AT LACOMBE. The Dominion Experimental Farm at Lacombe is a very fine and modern structure. It is a very good example of the progress of the district.

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of 577 bush, 37 lbs per acre with 85 per cent marketable. Western rye grass and timothy have given the largest yields, while alfalfa continues to do well. Of 150 farmers living north of Calgary, who received inoculated seed in 1909 only one reports a failure, so it is fairly safe to conclude that alfalfa will succeed wherever intelligently handled.

OVER-CLASSIFICATION ARBITRATION REPORT. The report of the arbitration committee on the over-classification of the National Transcontinental Railway will be in the hands of the Minister of Railways this week. Respecting many of the cases investigated between Winnipeg and Moncton, Messrs. Kellner and Grant, representing respectively the Grand Trunk Pacific and Transcontinental commission, agreed as to the amounts to be deducted, but there were 105 cases of overbreak, which were referred to Mr. Schreiber, who in turn had experts make actual measurements. "Overbreak" means extra quantities brought down by overblasting and for the removal of which the contractors were paid. The final computations are now being made.

Chairman Parent stated today that the total deductions for over-classification and overbreak will not exceed two hundred thousand dollars, and will be taken from the drawings held from the contractors. The report of the arbitrators will be submitted to parliament. The amount involved in the contracts under review was around forty million dollars.

HOLD-UP BY MASKED MEN. Two bandits board train at Seattle, Seattle, Jan. 4.—The mail car on the Northern Pacific coast limited, which left here tonight for St. Paul, was robbed by two masked men who boarded the train just as it pulled out of the King street station. Henry O. Clark, one of the mail clerks, was shot and seriously wounded by one of the robbers.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Judge Carpenter, in the United States District Court, announced that he would rule Monday on the plea of counsel for the indicted meat packers that the government's criminal action against them cannot be maintained because of an equity suit pending before Judge Grosscup. The suit was brought in 1902, and a decree entered and affirmed in 1905. It restricts the packers from committing certain acts which their counsel now declares are charged against them in the existing indictments.

RENEWED PROSECUTION FOR MIXING OF GRAIN. Warehouse Commissioner Castle at the Second Time, Thursday, Bay Elevator Company Before the Court on Charge of Making Incorrect Returns of Wheat in Store in Elevator.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—The prosecution of the Thunder Bay Elevator Company of Port William on charges of making incorrect returns of the quantities of certain grades of wheat in store in the elevator at specific dates during the past year has been resumed by Chief Warehouse Commissioner Castle today in the federal court here. The dates specified are in July, 1913.

Some weeks ago, a similar charge was laid, the date specified being in December, 1908. This case failed on the point that the information should have been laid within six months of the date of the alleged offences as specified in the code.

When the case was heard before Magistrate Daly, several other interesting technical objections were raised which will undoubtedly be raised in the new cases and will involve considerable legal argument. The summons issued today is returnable next Wednesday, and it is probable that a special sitting will be agreed to as a very voluminous and complicated, consisting mostly of masses of intricate figures taken from the statements and compiled with the object of showing that certain of the statements must have been incorrect.

A. B. Hudson and E. L. Howell are acting for the commission, and Hugh Phillips, H. W. Whitla and Mr. Chandler for the company.

QUEBEC CABINET MEETS. Preparations Made for Opening of Legislature on 10th.

Quebec, Jan. 4.—There was an important meeting of the provincial cabinet today, when preparations were made for the opening of the legislature on 10th instant. It is expected that Mr. Armand Gauthier, a member of Bellechasse, will propose the address in reply to the speech from the throne, while Mr. Hay of Arvilleville will be the second. At a meeting of the cabinet, G. C. Magenen and Mr. Substant, of Richmond, were appointed, respectively, Catholic and Protestant, inspectors of the schools of the province.

Gets Cheaper Phones. Toronto, Jan. 5.—Following the order of the Dominion Railway board, a rate of \$10 for home telephone and \$50 for business phones was put in force all over Toronto today. The former rate discriminated against portions of the city which were recently annexed.

PICTURES REEL AS A MAGNIFICENT GRATTER. H. Le Jeune, Magistrate at Famous Trial, Tells of Dramatic Situation—Riel Told Court That If He Had Been Well Paid He Would Have Left Country in Peace.

Vancouver, Jan. 5.—A man who has taken active part in Canadian progress since the days when Winnipeg was the remote, uncivilized west, and whose name will stand a permanent landmark for justice and right in Canadian history as "the man on the bench at the Riel trial," is Mr. H. Le Jeune, who is paying Vancouver a flying business visit from Montreal.

Saure, courtly, with the bearing and manner that distinguishes gentle birth and good breeding everywhere, Mr. Le Jeune is as complete an antithesis of the popular idea of an Indian-fighter and frontiersman as it is possible to conceive. Nevertheless, he is able to relate many a striking bit of personal adventure that is now committed to the memory of every school-boy who studies Canadian history.

"We didn't think much about it; it was part of the game," he laughed. "There were a lot of us who kept ahead of the railroads and we expected that sort of thing naturally."

"Yes, I set as magistrate at the Riel trial, and I believe it is true that the quashing of the Riel rebellion settled the half-breed question, finally and effectually—providing there ever was any half-breed question," he added, quizzically. "I never took much stock in that phase of it myself; the Indian is a pretty good fellow, you know how to treat him; ditto the breed—but afraid of 'em. Nonsense." A shrug inherited from Mr. Le Jeune's French ancestors disposed of the subject.

The Early Uptimes. "Riel was first captured in the uprising of '69 and '70. The Wolsey expedition was sent out to us, and since there were no adequate transportation facilities, the troops were compelled to make overland on what was a terrible march through snow and swamp, bush and jungle. They promptly settled the uprising on their arrival, and Riel disappeared for a time. He never should have been permitted to return to the country.

"Riel next began to make history in '85. At Batocche, better known as Duck Lake, he organized and partially armed a body of several hundred half-breeds. Riel was an organizer, a shrewd politician, we would term him today; a cool-headed, keen, logical fellow and a good talker. He was an agitator, of course and played on the animosities of the breeds emotionally and by argument.

"For several months an intermittent warfare was carried on against the whites under his direction and meanwhile a second rebellion under an aide of Riel's was organized at Battleford, two hundred miles below Batocche.

"On my arrival at Swift Current from Regina I found that the Indians had cut off the trail between that landing place and Battleford, and as a consequence no provisions could be sent through. All throughout the country skirmishing was going on, isolated families were being murdered, little bands of men shot from ambush, and things were looking pretty bad.

Capture and Trial. "I told the boys to give me a good bunch of pack wagons and a small escort for a cool-headed, keen, logical fellow and a good talker. He was an agitator, of course and played on the animosities of the breeds emotionally and by argument.

"Riel was brought before me at Regina for trial. He employed the best lawyers and the thing dragged along for nearly a month. I'll never forget the two talks he made to the jury before his sentence, and after his first speech was very guarded, confined to asking what would now be called 'semi-socialistic' views regarding the rights of the breeds to the lands of their country and its resources. He spoke in a misanthropic, religious and otherwise. An artistic piece of work, that speech.

"The jury was not out less than an hour and returned a verdict of guilty. He addressed them again. With bland candor he frankly told them that he had intended to make trouble in the country till the government came to terms with him; that if he had he had paid \$50,000 for his occurrence, and surrendered like a wise man.

"He was simply a magnificent traitor—cunning and heartless—utterly bad. If I had been at Batocche he wouldn't have been any trial. The only way to settle these things was to stamp them out quick! No, I didn't see him hanged; he was hanged at the barracks alone. By many a half-breed he is regarded as martyr to this day.

"But that's '85 and this is 1910. This is my second visit to the coast in six years. Vancouver's growth is remarkable. A busy place, busy people, bright, happy, busy body here. The province of British Columbia, all Canada, in fact, is developing marvellously. The railroads principally are doing it. People are coming in at the rate of a hundred thousand or so a year, but we have room for them. They are encouraged to come in and put all these great stretches of land under cultivation. Fruit-farming, wheat-growing, all agricultural industries are still in their infancy. There is a great future here."

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