

THE TIMES

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The New Canning Co.

Medicine Hat will be glad to learn that great changes in the directorate of the Western Canning Co. have been made. Also the name has been changed with good effect.

It will be remembered that a couple of meetings were held last spring, one of which had a comic opera appearance. The business was transacted, and a trip made to Medicine Hat to inspect the plant. Whereupon a local lawyer showed them that their meeting had been held without a quorum. Later, in May, another meeting was held and things were changed around a little. At both those meetings everything seemed to have been arranged beforehand, and two or three men had been zealously collecting proxies for a long time beforehand. The reason for this could be guessed from the benefits handed out by the meetings.

Evidently the eastern shareholders, who appear to be a large proportion, were not exactly tickled by the outcome of the deliberations of the no-quorum or quorum meetings, and for the last meeting on Tuesday they determined to change things. They held a meeting, and the result of it was that of the general manager, managing director, and assistant managing director, only Mr. O. A. Flour, the managing director, was retained. The superfluous position of assistant was done away with. Mr. Malcolm is out in the cold entirely.

That the changes will work for the good of the industry is undoubted. Mr. Malcolm, whether rightly or wrongly, had attached to the industry a wide spread suspicion and the elimination of his name and the change of company name will restore a large part of the old time enthusiasm. Also the high-titled officials, whose presence on the salary roll would have meant no added experience or prestige, are cut off. One of the most important changes has been the adoption of a suggestion by The Times at the time of the last meeting. Instead of trying to corner the industry among a few men who thought they saw profit in it, but whose presence was of no use to the company in restoring confidence, the names of Hon. W. R. Scott and Hon. Hugh John Macdonald have been added to the directorate. The result is that instead of a coterie of unknown men attempting to dispose of 200,000 dollars worth of stock, the names of a couple of well-known men can be made use of.

The success of the Packing Co. is of personal interest to every citizen, and they will all be pleased to hear that the chances of success are now very much brighter.

The Alberta Railway Policy

Alberta has declared that it is going to have a railway policy. The Premier has vaguely said there will be something happen, but in Alberta he was too indefinite to make one believe he had any other idea at the time than to for-stall the Calgary Herald in its campaign. However, we are thankful for the promise, although no one knows whether he will profit or not.

Then when he got east, our worthy Premier spoke largely about the need of railways up in the Peace River section—and never mentioned any other part of his Province. Of course any railway into the Peace River country will run out of Edmonton—as as every other railway the Liberal governments have had anything to do with, have done. The Dominion Government has treated Alberta as if centred in Edmonton. Our worthy friend, Honest Frank, is an influence for good for Alberta—as centered in Edmonton. The only direction a railway does not start from Edmonton is north. And now we have it that this wonderful Alberta railway policy is established to cover this deficiency.

In the meantime Southern Alberta, with its thousands of people to every hundred up Peace River way, must wait until Edmonton is satisfied. There is too much development of new country before older settled districts have reasonable service. The South does not demand a network of railways like Ontario, but it does think that a big tract of country such as is bounded by the C. and E. on the west, the main line on the C.P.R. on the south, the O.N.R. on the north, and the Regina Saskatoon line on the east—a big stretch of arable land, 450 by 200 miles—entirely surrounded by railway and farmers—should receive attention from the Alberta Government before it builds railways to an experimental territory.

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Railways in the tract mentioned would tap farms right at the start, and thousands of homesteads in there are just waiting for railways. Up north no one knows exactly what can be done, and the success, financially, of any railway would not come for years.

A common sense policy can mingle with a railway policy without making a dangerous mixture.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Remember, it's 1909.

1909 is Medicine Hat's year.

"How would you like to be the diaphone man?" has become the popular slogan.

The man who can sell a \$150 article for \$4.00 is usually considered a mighty shrewd business man. But it means nothing when the buyer is the Government.

There isn't much danger of the United States Government enforcing the sentence of imprisonment upon Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell, and Morrison. The men were innocent of any criminal intent, and even technically illegal the publication of an unfair list may be. It would not be good policy on the part of any Government to imprison leaders of large bodies of citizens like labor unions on a more technicality. Gompers has recognized the law by ceasing to issue unfair lists.

As further figures come to hand regarding the votes cast at the Federal election, the gain of the Conservatives is most gratifying to the party. In every province but New Brunswick the Opposition increased its vote more than the Liberals. In Ontario the Conservatives gained 13,000 votes, the Liberals 4,000; in Quebec, Conservatives gained 18,000, Liberals 14,000; in Nova Scotia, Conservatives gained 1,000, Liberals lost 7,000; in New Brunswick, Conservatives lost 2,000, Liberals gained 8,000; in Prince Edward Island there was practically no change; in Manitoba, Conservatives gained 11,000, Liberals 5,000; west of Manitoba, Conservatives gained 14,000, Liberals 10,000.

Electricity is becoming a live issue in the city. Already several buildings have their own engines and dynamos, manufacturing their own electricity. Also all the new buildings of any size are being wired ready for the electricity which everyone knows will come sooner or later. When individual buildings will go to the expense of installing their own plants it is pretty straight evidence of how much electricity is needed.

The offer of Mr. W. H. Torrie, of Turpin Bros., found on another page, should prove an incentive to the ever increasing popularity of road racing. The races on New Year's Day, given by the Y.M.C.A., drew big crowds. Now Mr. Torrie is offering a gold medal for an open event. The Times would make the suggestion that, while the race should be continued, it should be open to all, and not limited to a few.

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Medicine Hat has reason to be proud of its position in the financial world. A couple of weeks ago it was offered par with interest for its debentures. The offer was turned down, as a better figure can be obtained, but is the best price offered any city in the West. For instance, Lethbridge is proud of its 108.67 for 5 per cent. debentures.

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... which works out to only 98 on the rate of interest for this city. In other words, the Lethbridge rate of interest at par would be over 4.00, whereas this city must pay only 4.50.

The Times has assumed the aspect of an international newspaper. On its staff the following countries are represented as birthplaces: Canada, England, Scotland, Sweden, and Austria.

Calgary Board of Trade has coolly asked the C.P.R. to mark off a debt of \$200 owed by the Board to the Railway. The Medicine Hat Board of Trade has never dropped so far below the plane of business; for which everyone should be thankful. The C.P.R. can assist the city in many other ways, more reasonable and less directly objectionable, and should not be called upon to wipe an honest debt off their books any more than should an ordinary creditor.



DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP

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Regular communication of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3, A.P. & A.M., was held in the Masonic Hall, each Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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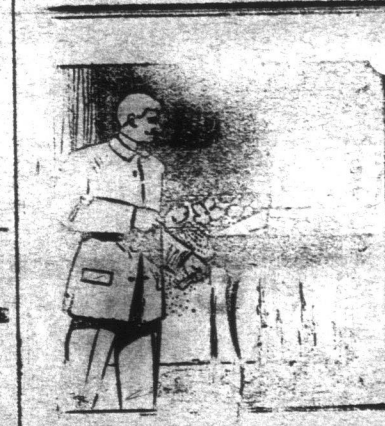
OUR STOCK
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