

ACME'S RAPID RISE AND BRIGHT FUTURE

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Less Than a Year Old
It was not until July, 1909, that any buildings were erected on the future townsite. Towards the end of that month, R. B. Ester, situated on the land which he understood was shortly to be laid out for a town and erected the first building and opened a general store, and about the same time the Merchants Bank of Canada opened a branch business in the future town. While a building was being erected for the bank, Mr. Philip Todd who was the first manager, who did business with his pocket for a safe. He cashed cheques, made loans and transacted a general banking business in a small tent, which provided sleeping and dining accommodation for all the inhabitants of the town.

Places of Business
At the present time, the business places of Acme consist of four general stores, drug and book store, bank, hardware store, god, hotel, harness shop, two blacksmith shops, livery and feed stable, tailor shop, tinsmith, butcher shop, billiard and pool room, clothing with two lumber yards, three implement firms, two real estate agencies, three building contractors, a resident physician.

School District to be Formed
A petition has been sent in to the department of education for the organization of a school district, and it is expected that a school will be ready for opening after the mid-September session. The school district is the area proposed to be included in the Acme school district. As soon as the school district is organized, the trustees will be issued and money raised for the erection of a two roomed school building.

Three religious denominations, the Methodists, Presbyterians and Anglicans, hold services in the Crescent hall, there being two services every Sunday. These three denominations, and also the Roman Catholics, have selected sites and are planning to build churches during the coming summer.

Petition for Incorporation
An application has also been made to the provincial government asking for the incorporation of Acme as a village municipality which it is expected will be granted at once, as all the requirements have been fulfilled. As soon as the incorporation papers are received and the municipality is organized, an assessment will be made and a systematic plan of public improvements in the way of street grading and sidewalk construction will be commenced. This will give Acme more of the appearance of a real town than it has at present. The business houses in the town present a very creditable appearance, most of them

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being substantial two storey frame buildings set on concrete foundations and look as though they were built to stay.

Splendid Hotel Accommodation
The Alberta hotel is a very fine building and the proprietor evidently had in view the future growth of the town, when he erected the building. It is a three storey building with full concrete basement, 80 ft. long by 30 ft. wide, with offices, sample rooms, bar, dining room and kitchen on the ground floor, and parlors and bedrooms on the other floors. There are 38 large, airy bedrooms, well furnished and about forty guests can be accommodated. The furnishings are all of British Columbia first quality fir with hardwood stain. A liquor license has been granted and the formal opening will take place on Saturday or Monday.

The Acme concert hall or opera house, has a seating capacity of about 200, and already a couple of traveling companies are billed for shows.

Four Elevators to be Built This Year
Acme has not yet reached the elevator stage in its history, but four elevator companies have secured sites and are planning to commence building operations early this summer or as soon as building material can be secured. This is, however, a flat grain warehouse with a capacity of 12,000 bushels. It was informed that there are fully 200,000 bushels of oats still in the hands of the farmers, in the country tributary to Acme, which will be marketed just as soon as the shipping facilities are adequate. It is expected that the Acme post office will be made a distributing office in June for the surrounding post offices, including Carbon, Sunnyside, Neepawa, Rawdonville, Coxa, Starna, Ramsay and other points which are now being supplied from Didsbury.

Acme will also be the distributing point for points east of the Red Deer river, as it is in close touch with the best two roads in the river.

The Acme District
The country tributary to Acme at the present time extends about 10 miles west to the Rosebud route, east for 30 miles to the Red Deer river; north to Trochu valley, about 20 miles and south about six miles, an area of over 1,000 square miles, of splendid farming lands. In this area there are a number of prosperous little communities with their own stores and post offices but Acme is their nearest point to the railway, and as long as the terminus of the line remains there, the volume of business will be transacted at Acme. Even after the railway is extended northward, Acme will have an immense rich country east and west from which to draw its trade.

Farms Are Not Too Large
A feature of the Acme district is that as a rule it is settled by small holders, 320 acre farms being the rule. The homesteaded land was taken up four or five years ago and when the Oliver land act came into force on September 1, 1908, the original homesteaders secured pre-emption adjoining or in close proximity to their homesteads. Very few farms consist of more than a section of land. A considerable amount of the school lands has also been sold and most of the C.P.R. lands close to the town have been sold.

Resources of District
Acme is about twelve miles north of the irrigated lands but the farmers of the district have never felt the necessity for irrigation, the generous June rains that come every year being ample for the growth and maturity of the crops. The soil in the district is a deep, rich black loam on a clay sub-soil, which the results of former years have proved to be very fertile, especially adapted to the growth of spring crops. Fall wheat has not been experimented with to any very great extent, but wherever attempted has given highly successful results. There appears, however, to be something in the soil which makes it especially adapted to the growth of spring wheat, oats, barley, flax and vegetables. The land does not cake and spring opens earlier than it does further west, thus ensuring the maturity of the crops before the early autumn frosts.

The Acme district is a continuation eastward of the Crossfield-Carstairs and Didsbury districts, and the soil and farming conditions are much similar to that of the eastern portions of those districts. There is an entire absence of brush and there is nothing to impede the progress of steam or gasoline power plows for miles at a stretch and a large amount of breaking is planned for this season.

Water and Fuel
Excellent water, absolutely free from alkali, can be procured at any place in the district at depths varying from 40 to 120 feet, and in the town of Acme, the average depths of the wells are about 110 feet.

Seams of good coal have been found at a large number of places in the district, but the supply for the town and for the farmers is procured from the mines at Kneehill and Carbon, 17 miles from Acme. The supply is hauled by the farmers during the winter season when work is slack.

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Acme Has Bright Future
Of the future prosperity and progress of the Acme district there can be no doubt. The town is located right in the center of a very large and fertile district, settled by intelligent and prosperous farmers. Its business men are fully alive to the opportunities that lie before them.

The approaches of the town are easy and it has good roads leading to it, making hauling facilities especially favorable. With the establishment of a regular train service, the town cannot fail to make rapid progress and the whole country surrounding it feels the benefit in better shipping facilities and lower freight charges. It will not be many years until the town and district of Acme will be recognized as among the very best parts of the province of Alberta. The resources are here and the country is settled with the right kind of people to develop them.

NO DEFINITE POLICY OF THE UNIONISTS

In One Place They Talk Tariff Reform and in Another it is Not Even Mentioned

London, April 9.—Major Coates, Unionist M.P. for Lewisham speaking at the City Carlton Club, said that at the general election he went north, south, east and west helping other Unionist candidates, and he found that the party needed a definite policy regarding food taxes and Colonial preference. At one place he was told to say nothing about such taxes, at another to declare that no duties would be put on Colonial goods, at a third, that a shilling duty would be placed on that corn. He complained that there was no definite policy, and said in consequence speakers did not know what to say. That confusion must not be allowed to continue. The party must have one clear policy on the question of Colonial preference.

WITTE WAS CHALLENGED BY GENERAL KUROPATKIN And Seconds Were Appointed For a Russian Duel

St. Petersburg, April 9.—A duel between former Premier Count Witte, who represented Russia in the peace negotiations with Japan at Portsmouth and General Kuropatkin, former Commander in Chief of the Russian forces in the field, has been avoided through an explanation by the former. General Kuropatkin took offence at a speech in which Count Witte asserted that the modern Russian military commanders were lacking in moral courage and were prone to blame others for their own failures. The general accepted the reference as a personal insult and challenged General Kuropatkin. Both men, subsequently the Count expressed regret that his spoken words were such that the general could consider them as referring to himself and said that the remarks were intended merely for general application. In sending the communications, exchanged to the newspapers the seconds state that the incident has been satisfactorily disposed of.

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