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CASTOR, ONE OF THE YEARLING TOWNS Bulletin Staff Correspondent

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ago: But being assured of a railway, the pioneer business men freked over the prairie and squatted near Williston post office. These old-timers of the old town built temporary movable uildings which safter the auction sale of Castor townsite on July 23rd, 1909 were moved by steam, or gasoline traction engines from Old Williston village to Castor ,a mile and a half distant. Cellars were dug, fundations begun, stone was quarried ,and building material was hauled all the way overland from the end of steel at Stettler. But Castor grew marvellously and was known as the wonder of the

The pioneer track-laying train was welcomed on Dec. - 17th, 1909, and after sidings were constructed a regu-lar daily passenger and freight service was begun just three days before Christmas, 1909. From then on freight

poured into Castor, Lumber came by with Wm Davis as chief. The present town. The people of Castor have strict, namely, the Battle' Axe, El- member of the Legislature. the carload ,even by the trainload, and apparatus consists of a chemical fire faith in the growth of their town and liotf's, Beaver Dam, McCornick's, Castor has grown apace. The original engine kept in a temporary fire hall. have built with a view to the future. and Haney's "The 'local' demand is townsite has proved too small and A site has been bought for the town three other subdivisions have, been hall to be erected in the spring. The of the Methodist church with a live each week. It is a six foot seam and added and now many cosy, comfort

able homes are built thereon. Big Town for a Yearling. The merchants and business men of Castor are busy. Nearly every line of tion of electric light and waterworks. School The Church of England is free izing a branch of the Journeymen business is represented as the follow.

Good Manicipal Hospital. . of debt and this is no doubt due al-The Castor Hospital is run by the most entirely to the efforts of the Wo-America. This can be taken as an ing list shows: Four general stores, four hardware municipality under the control of a men's Auxilliary and the excellent indication of the importance of the stores, two boot and shoe stores, two hospital board appointed by the town work of the Rev. M. V. Holdem. shoemakers, two tinshops, one furni- council. There is accommodation for ture store ,a dry goods store, a millinfrom 16 to 20 beds. Dr. J. Lyon, R. J. church, with the Rev. Loeb as pas-

ery, two jewellers, two confectionery Dinning, and Thos Finlayson, compose tor ,and the Roman Catholic church two jewellers, two confectionery Dinning, and Thos Finlayson, compose tor , and the Roman Catholic church has Rev. Father LeComte as parish can be seen in the two storey Mershops, two drug stores, two doctors, matron, has a staff of two nurses and priest. ber shops ,two pool rooms, a bowling alley ,three blacksmiths, two harness hops, five flour and feed stores, nine

livery barns, a veterinary sugeon, five lines, four implement agencies, six lumber yards ,a tannery ,a pawn shop, four contractors, five real estate offices two chopping mills , four laun-

the population of such a growing church. A fine stone school is in with Red Deer, Lacombe and Stettler. line south from Sedgewick with the The Hatley Ranch Co., formerly One retail firm alone, is stated to Bulletin Staff Correspondent. The beavers who used to bulld their undisturbed beaver town were not a match for the human beavers who have in about a year bullt a good-sized town upon the banks of the Beaver Dam Creek by which the C. P. R runs East from Lacombe. The

beavers built homes of sticks and mud Many residences have been built, poes. The present staff of teachers this part of the season this part of the season but the men have built fine business but it is said that there is not a ta- are Principal W. H. Howard, with the Coal Cheap and Plentiful. following assistants: Miss A. S. Hume, Miss L. Butler and Miss E. Mallough.

Worshipped in Sod Building. The pioneer Christians of Castor but even when the coal bin is empty sident, R. J. Dinning; secretary- a total of from 15,000 to 20,000 acres

R. would build forty miles east of Stettler to the Beaver Dam Creek, there was then no beavers to be found they having disappeared long.

Stonecutters' Association of North

sand stone industry, which is being

Stone and Brick.

chants' Bank block, the farmers'

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class rooms suited for school pur- handicapping the curlers much for Soucy, of Castor, is now in France and acre.

Coal Cheap and Plentiful. Coal is cheap at Castor, being de-livered for \$2.50 per ton, so there is no excuse for not having a full cellar, of \$10 each. The officers are: Pre-ing the past season, which will mean

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is interesting French capital in Castor and the district. Power Plow Breaking. About twenty steam or gasoline

their warehouse at Castor. One im-plement firm sold 18 carloads of agriultural implements. Land Values Rising.

at 250 carloads.

trong teeth of the beavers. Early in April, 1909, when it was nnounced that in that year the C. P. R. would build forty miles east of A volunteer fire brigade is organized credit to many an older or larger There are five coal mines in the di- an address delivered by the local of the town. One agent reports that ture field has jumped up to the value

of from \$11 to \$17 per acre for wild land and the homesteader who has ecured his patent asks from \$20 to \$30 per acre for improved land. It is stated that over a million dollars' worth of land has been sold in the district this year.

1910, the Imperial Oil Company have

sold 42 cars of oil and gasoline from

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Since February,

Some Homesteads Left Yet. There is still homestead land available east of Castor, from range 1 to range 7: In some of these townships the best has been picked up, but there are still homestead quarters available to the south and south-east of Castor This spring will no doubt see an enormous influx of immigration into this district, and an immigration hall at Castor will be an urgent necessity this coming spring.

Castor has a sub-agency of Dominion Lands, with E. J. Raemar agent and Frank Whiteside, homestead in-The land adjacent to Casspector. tor is nearly all settled or sold. The

tricts are settled by French from hibition last fall had a big crowd T. C. Gorrell owns 2.000 acres and Europe, an educated and progressive and good exhibits, particularly from has two power plowing outfits. class of settlers. He the following districts: The Hub, had 800 acres of crop this year. His The Canadian Pacific Colonization Lauderdale, Hamilton Lake, Sound-wheat yielded 30 bushels to the acre. ing Creek, Lorraine, Ingleton, Eud- The Frederickson Land Company agent, have sold 80,000 acres of land Company, of which W. H. Spence is iang, Tichebray, Brownfield, Lind- own about 3,600 acres and have about since March, 1910, and about half of this to actual settlers. Unsold C.P.-

ville, Haneyville, Halkirk, Sullivan 600 acres under cultivation. Lake and Garden Plain. Splendid Jaques Bros., importers of Suffolk R. land in this district is held at from exhibits were shown of grain, Punch horses, own the Northern Star \$11 to \$13 per acre. grasses, cabbage, roots and vege-Punch of nearly 5,000 acres. Next-The district tributary to Castor year they expect to have 3,000 acres

reaches to the north-east as far as the Pasture Now Grows Grain. Battle river and the Neutral hills, east ur der cultivation. Lane & Climie, old-time cattle G. Ulmeri& Sons, who have about as far as the Saskatchewan bounranchers, southwest of Castor, are 500 acres under cultivation, are extwo dentists , three lawyers , two bar-an orderly. The good service of the The Castor Advance is a weekly hardware store. Nichols & Dillon's feeding 180 head of cattle for Janu- amples of what Castor homesteaders and the Saskataoon-Calgary line of

PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE TOWN OF CASTOR, AS IT NOW APPEARS Agricultural Society. Agricultural Society. gines, but only five could be delivered, settlers are all of a good class, mostly F, Whiteside is president and Geo. Coal is cheap, thus aiding steam Canadians, British and Americans. Anxler' secretary-treasurer

orders were taken for 22 gasoline enof the plowing, but a cheap local supply of The Notre Dame and Tinchebray dis-Castor Agricultural Society." Ahe ex-gasoline would boom plowing.

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ns make the cause s hopeless The not get together. country are thinly without roads. All e in Mexico City. They are all unntrol. The Govern. t Federal troops point by train, but rch and their comlown. So far as is il army has stood Diaz and his 410 pre be but one end-

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dries, three auctioneers, one dairy, an shops, five flour and feed stores, nine five restaurants, four notels: the Castor House, Alberta House, Cosmopolitan(nearing completion), the Nation-al Hotel ,a three storey building, a liensel bar, a R.N.W.M. Police officer an underlaker, a newspaper a whole warehouse of the Imperial Oi Co., Alberta Pacific grain elevator three warehouse buyers, and two banks, both busy. The Traders Bank has offices in the corner room of the National Hotel, where Manager W. M. Harrison has a staff of four clerks ousy every day. The Merchants Bank is now in small quarters but expect soon to be in the fine new bank block built of local sandstone, and a credit to the bank and the town of Castor. Manager R. J. Dinning has a staff of four clerks.

There is a daily mail arriving on the evening train. Many new lock boxes are being installed at the post office it will not be long till the quarters ents of both town and district. ow used will be enlarged. Upon an

Building New Stone School, evening when the mail arrives from The trustees of Castor Public School the rural post office the room is fairly are Messrs, J. W. Webb, J. Sewell, O. stocked with mail bags, till Postmaster Watson and his clerks have barely W. Collier, Arthur Thompson and tlers and business men appreciate the good service at Castor post office. It is an important onice, for mail for the without waiting for the building of a town and surrounding district, for schoolhouse and already there are over fifty and in some directions for | four class rooms scattered over the hearly a hundred miles, now passes town in rented quarters in three It is difficult to estimate correctly halls, and one class in the Methodist

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total assessment, is about \$450,000. Epworth League. The Presbyterians a good quality of lignite coal is. The tax rate is \$ mills for schools and have Rev. A. D. Archibald for pastor, mined.

17 mills for town. The council are who conducts a successful adult Bible Organized labor unions have begun

considering a project for the installa- class in connection with the Sunday their foundations in Castor by organ-

Castor also has a German Lutheran developed.

e - mail - ----A STREET SCENE IN THE FAST GROWING TOWN OF CASTOR.

ed at Castor and filled with local ready built, and in the new school feed about 100 head and close out homesteader, who has been here only structed. The big ranches, where news, and the business-l.ke advertise- now being built. It has also been the balance of their range stock. two or three years, has broken about thousands of range cattle have been ments of the Castor me chauts. The used for foundations for nearly all They had 500 acres in crop in the firty acres, though many have broken roaming, are being broken up and the publishers are Messrs. Whiteside and buildings in town and for the railway summer of 1910. Beamish. stations between Stettler and Castor.

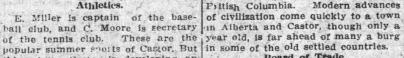
Societies and Clubs. There are about 150 Oddfellows in natural resource in a good bed of cattle and feeding upward of 200 the owners of power plows in the Castor. The officers of the local lodge of I.O.O.F. are W. Beamish, N.G.; Dr. hanufactured, in a first-class brick, a ferring their attention to grain Non-V.G. Ched Watson See They Lyon, V.G.; Chad Watson, Sec. They sample of which is found in the brick growing. meet every Tuesday A lodge of the veneer of the new Cosmopolitan Hotel , Carter veneer of the new Cosmopolitan Hotel Rebekahs has been organized with a and in nearly all the local chimneys.

embership of about forty. The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons have a lodge with the following officers; John O. Young, W.M.; R. J.

Dinning, S.W.; and H. K. Fielding, secretary. The officers of the local lodge of successful industry and become a ranching. Modern Woodmen of America are O. valuable business asset to the dis-W. Colley, consul; O. Jacobson, clerk; and Rev. M. E. Wiggins, advisor. The trict. They manufacture all kinds Royal Neighbors are also organized. of leather and their product has had The Castor Institut La Canadienne a favorable reception from the conhas about 45 members and is the only sumers of leather. They employ organization of its kind in Canada, about six men and tan about forty

Pierre De Soucy the secretary is now hides per week. No Castor Oil Yet. in France on a visit. The object of the The C.P.R. secure water for their organiaztion is the development of the relations of the French Canadians. A tank from above the dam of Beaver Canadian Club has been formed, and Dam Creek. Good well water is Canadian Club has been formed, and the chief event in its history has been the presentation of an addresss to Pre-mier Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at Red Deer on the occasion of his recent visit. A Liberal Association is also numbered among the organizations of Castor. F. Jones is leader of the Castor Jones is leader of the Castor F. Jones is leader of the Castor oil well were struck here it should brass band which has fifteen instru-yield Castor oil at Castor. 85 Phones Have 24 Hour Service.

ments. A. debating club was arganized last Castor has a 24 hour telephone set winted and it was so great a success, vice for the \$5 phones in the local that it will be re-organized. There is exchange, with telephone connection no public Horary yet at Castor, but there are two public lending 12-cities, towns and hamlets of Alberta braries. and the valley of the Crow's Nest in Athletics.



this winter Castor is developing an active interest in both hockey and The Castor Board of Trade. urling. The hockey club are a fast fating for telephone extension north ounch and ensure a good series of to Sedgewick. This could be easily games in the league competitions accomplished by onnnecting the rural

LAND SEEKERS BEING SHOWN THE FERTILE BELT OF CASTOR D ISTRICT.

and at the present growth of the mail hospital is appreciated by the resid- hewspaper with eight pages, all print- store, McGillivray furniture store, al- ary shipment, and next winter will are doing. But perhaps the average the C.N.R., which is now being conmuch more. The Williston Trading Co. broke Nelson Rich, of Brownfield district,

Castor, fortunate in having another are also closing out their herd of socut 750 acres this season. Among Thompson; T. G. Gorrell, two steam

both of the Brownfield district, are with steam outfits, and the following valuable asset to the town.

feed and seed.

soil now grows large yields of heavy grain. . There is an urgent important need for a bridge across the Battle river to allow the settlers on the north side to reach Castor.

Railway Will Develop District. The C.P.R. station at Castor has Carter Brothers and Parker Bros., outfits; J. Webber, 110 h.p. steam, much business, and the pay roll is a Up to the present the local demand going into mixed farming and wills have been operating gasoline plowing the large staff of clerks in the depot Besides Up to the present the local demand going into mixed farming and will have been operating such as the large star of clerks in the depot from grow grain while retaining smaller of the bord of the bord of the large passenger has consumed all the output of the bords of cattle. required at the three stall round-banchers of the Berry Creek district, The grain crop of 1910 has been house and about the terminal yards.

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