

League Baseball Game--Raymond vs Cardston--To-day, at 4:30 p.m.

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Every resident in a Village or Town owes to his community a certain indebtedness. This is as true as that condition which confronts the citizen when he swears his allegiance to a sovereign nation. When the responsibilities of villagehood are assumed by the residents of any particular locality, each individual who is a property owner should feel that he is one of the proprietors or shareholders in the new corporation, assuming his share of the responsibilities, paying his new tax and performing any duties that may be assigned him, for the common good. Obligations under such changed conditions are not monetary alone.

The charter or fundamental law granting a community certain rights and privileges of self-government, also stipulates conditions that must be lived up to. The Trustees, if there be such a board, have limited legislative authority, to raise money by taxation, to make public improvements and to enforce law and order. It is a long stride from the village organization to that of the Municipality or Town. With the increased advantages comes the added responsibilities. Greater latitude in self government is vouchsafed by the charter and the concern of every resident should be proportionately increased. To illustrate: Up to, and in fact all through the period of swaddling clothes we were apt to be content with extremely rural conditions as to streets, walks, driveways and especially the drainage. Our cows pre-empted a right in our streets and vacant lots became permanent pastures. Barbed wire fences were cousted not unsightly and combined utility with economy. It was not considered bad taste to take the middle of the road when walking along main street where a portion of the way nearest the fence lines were quagmires or hills too steep to climb. When we were incorporated our ideals should have advanced to the status of urban life and conditions, leaving behind us the mud holes, the barbed wire fences, frog ponds, cow pastures and race tracks within the limits. Besides all this we anticipated the grading of streets, laying of sidewalks, installation of water system, electric lights and sewage and the general re-habilitation of every beauty spot within the limits of the corporation. Our schools became an especial heritage, the maintenance of which assumes, with the High School privileges, an extra responsibility commensurate with the advantages we hope to secure also the benefits.

As ratepayers we select each year a board of directors to manage our affairs, leaving to them absolutely the responsibility of providing for the needs of the town what we think it should be. But in this, we are in error to a great extent. Our municipal government is based upon the co-operative plan. Every resident has some obligation resting upon him, whether he fulfills it or not. In the first place each property holder is responsible for his own holding. Is it well kept, well fenced, cleanly and are the improvements, limited or otherwise, neat and clean, or are the whole premises repulsive in appearance and the surroundings such as to leave strangers to surmise that there is a lack of pride in the owner? The location of our pretty little town is such that it will take years of patient toil and the expenditure of vast sums of money to bring the streets and walks up to the standard we would like, which we should have and will in time accomplish. The Town Council, headed by the Mayor, have an everlasting job on their hands, to bring about the results mentioned and it may be years before they reach the fruition; but one year to another something can be done to show that we have an ideal and that in time we will reach it. But it is upon the ratepayer that rests the greatest responsibility. He must supply the sinews of war for the financial end of all civic improvement and in addition, should have greater pride in his immediate surroundings. Replace the old wire with a neat board or picket fence. Put up a gate, make walks and flower beds, have a small plat of grass, get some trees growing and see what a difference it makes to your own family, to say nothing of the whole population.

Make every city lot produce cabbage, cauliflower and vegetables for use and export. Turn some of the energy needed to navigate some of our sidewalks, into hauling a few million tons of the cleanest gravel with which our city abounds, put it in the right place and make each front a thing of beauty. Who having seen the Caizer home, the neat surroundings on the premises of D. S. Beach, W. Laurie, ex-Mayor Spencer, Mr. Shaw, J. W. Woolf, Pres. E. J. Wood, Dr. Staepoole and a number of others, will deny that they are showing their faith in the town by their works. As a contrast who has not felt that others have an entire lack of pride when cow yards reek with filth on the street line and the luxuriant growth of fox-tail in the summer time indicates the productiveness of the rich soil they have. There

is practically no justification for any householder not having a plat of grass, where grass grows so luxuriantly, or a nice bed of flowers where a few moments of the extra time we have on our hands each day, with the addition of a few varieties of the commonest flowers will make it; also a hedge made of Southern-wood commonly known as Old Man, or what is better, get some seeds of Caragana plant them and grow a hedge plant that cannot be killed by drouth or fair usage and is a thing of beauty and a joy.

Some one will complain that posts are too expensive when it comes to making new fences. There is nothing to prevent such from hauling green posts from the timber during the spare time in winter and these when peeled make good clean posts, many of them as useful as expensive cedar. The principal thing is to get the notion, and that is what we hope to aid every resident in getting. Let everyone adopt for his slogan this summer, Cardston beautiful, and not stop short of its realization. It is rather late to do much this spring but our plans can be laid for work at once.

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We would like to get the opinions of the farmers in this district on their success with winter wheat this season as far as can be made out at this date. Letters on what they have learned by experience would benefit newcomers.

A New Periodical

Last month saw the publication of a new monthly. "The Searchlight--Official Organ of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League.

It is an eight page, four column paper replete with matter of interest to temperance workers.

The report of the Third Annual Convention held at Wetaskiwin is found on page two.

Some of the points referred to are the importance of teaching hygiene and morals in the schools with special regard to the effect of use of intoxicants and narcotics on the human system the establishment of an official organ, now seen in the Searchlight, the general policy for 1909 with respect to the Leagues work, and the list of officers for 1909.

The members of the executive Committee include the Chairman in each of the cities, Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, with Edward J. Wood Cardston, D. Evans of Pincher Creek and D. G. D. Stanley of High River and members of the prominent ministers from all parts of the Province. The aim in the selection of the officers was to have them representative men of each district in the Province.

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