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## H. S. ALLEN CALLS

Special attention to some very pretty and useful lines in

## Xmas Novelties

Large shipment of Empress Shoes just arrived.

We now have plenty of Overshoes and Rubbers of every description.

The best range of Ladies Shoes in the west can now be seen at

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Why are our stoves such favorites?

The quality and the price make them  
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### RATEPAYERS MEETING

At 7.45 on Saturday evening, when Mayor Brown called the meeting to order, five members of the council and about 30 ratepayers were present. A few more filtered in later.

On motion, Mayor Brown was appointed chairman of the meeting and he discharged his duties in a satisfactory manner. L. A. Wilton was appointed secretary.

The chairman opened the ball by calling for questions. As no one would take the initiative, W. O. Lee, asked the mayor to make a statement of year's work, which he proceeded to do as far as could be remembered.

Secured right to water in Lee's Creek.

Renovated water works system.

Widening of channel at Lee's Creek.

Straightening channel, etc. to prevent freezing.

Cleaned well and put cement caps on Power house. Repaired walls, and repaired the power house all through.

Repaired tank on the hill, and went over entire water works system. The result of which, only half the pumping is now required.

Placed piles along Lee's Creek. Slight grading on main street.

Cement sidewalks laid.

Renewed flume through Frank Austins lot, and also installed flume at the old Kearsley Hotel site.

Established grades on principle streets in town.

Government inspection of power plant, necessitated \$250.00 improvements. The plant is now in much better condition.

Three blocks of water-mains laid this year. Many new connections made, also electric light Plant is now paying expenses. The town is purchasing the plant by taxes, and will when paid for bring in considerable revenue.

Plans have been made for two ditches to carry off the wastewater. The first will be from Richard Brown's corner to the Barker Coulee, while the second will commence at the Railway track, run southward to the mill and then on to the reserve again. This will do away with the constant

flooding of the streets.

In conclusion the Mayor stated he was proud of the electric light and water works systems, and specially proud of the new sidewalks. This concluded the report and the meeting was open for questions.

W. O. Lee inquired amount of present indebtedness. Considerably less this year, as \$250.00 on the No. 1 debenture and \$500.00 on the No. 3 debenture have been paid.

F. W. Atkins inquired about the condition of the power plant.

J. Holmes asked a question regarding the electric lights and why some people were unable to obtain them. Recited case of Mr. Banner at agricultural grounds.

The town is always out for business, but in the above case 10 poles would have been needed, which would have incurred an expense of \$250.00, and as it was, the occupant was only a renter.

In comparing the systems of the different cities and towns of Alberta, lights in Cardston are found to be very cheap. During the present year there was an increase of 115 lights. It has been decided that those who do not sign contracts will have lights cut off.

Commencing with the first of the year, 10 per cent. will be charged on overdue accounts.

In answering the question regarding taxes, Mayor Brown stated there was \$4,000.00 of unpaid taxes this year, and that the town had decided to collect by law.

W. O. Lee wanted to know regarding the extension of the water-works system. Only way possible at present would be to borrow money, or have the applicants advance the amount of installation.

F. W. Atkins inquired nature of oath which a town councilman has to take upon entering his duties.

Mayor Brown spoke of the remodeling of the bylaws, and of the good work by the town solicitor. The bylaws are now in good shape, and are as up-to-date as any in the province, and as soon as possible they will be published so as to enable each rate-payer to obtain one.

In answer to a question of L. B. Young's the chairman stated

that all porches on Main Street over the sidewalk would have to be removed and that the property owners had been notified to that effect.

Mr. W. O. Lee then moved that a vote of confidence in the 1909 council be passed by the meeting. The motion was seconded by J. Holmes and carried unanimously.

Mr. L. B. Young further moved that the meeting pass a motion asking Mayor Brown to allow his name to be put up for office again. This was seconded by J. P. Low and carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown in a brief speech, thanked the ratepayers for their confidence. He stated that he had been asked to run but hadn't decided definitely until the present time. He had great hopes for the future of Cardston, and hoped the people would support the council of 1910.

The meeting then adjourned.

### Christmas Excursions

To Salt Lake City,  
Utah

RATES TO SALT LAKE AND RETURN	
Lethbridge	\$32.95
Stirling	32.20
Warner	31.20
Raymond	32.45
Magrath	32.55
Cardston	34.00

#### DATES OF SALE

From December 15th to December 22nd, 1909, both dates inclusive.

#### DESTINATION

Tickets are to be sold only to Salt Lake and that destination must be carefully written with ink or stamped upon each individual coupon and across the Contract.

#### ROUTE

Via Sweet Grass and Butte.

#### DESCRIPTION

The description of the bases are to be carefully punched out with "L" punch. This is important and must be done.

#### LIMIT

Going trip must begin on date of sale and tickets must be limited to continuous passage in each direction, with final return limit 30 days from date of sale. The words "Continuous Passage" should be written or stamped across the face of each coupon.

#### EXTENSION ACCOUNT ILLNESS

In case of illness of a holder of a ticket, or of an accompanying member of the family of a holder of a ticket when such illness is authenticated by the written certificate of a reputable practicing physician as being of a character precluding the continuance of the journey, any of the lines over which these tickets read may, by its General Passenger Agent, grant extension of the limit of the ticket or tickets, or make such exchange as may be necessary.

#### EXECUTION OF TICKET FOR RETURN

Tickets will be executed for return passage only at destination (Salt Lake) and in accordance with the printed instructions on tickets. Passengers should be so informed. They should also be informed that their tickets should be presented for such execution only on the day previous or upon the actual date of commencing the return journey. This is most important.

### Board of Trade Ball

The best event of the season will occur at the Assembly Hall on Friday, December 17th, when the Board of Trade will give their grand ball.

### SPRING COULEE

Spring Coulee, Dec. 6, 1909.

Mr. Springer, former proprietor of the Hotel has moved to his property south of town and W. A. Miller has assumed charge of the place.

Mrs. Bert Kelly is still in Raymond convalescent from a sudden illness contracted during the Railroad Men's ball last week.

Mr. Moore from Red Deer is in town repairing the Alberta Pacific Elevator.

M. Lippold has returned to Spring Coulee and re-opened his blacksmith shop after an absence of several weeks. He will now remain permanently and may be found at his old shop by all who require his services.

The question, Resolved that art is more beautiful than nature, to be discussed at the School House by members of the Literary Society Dec. 7, should not only interest all art lovers but should attract the progressive minds of the locality.

Mr. John Thompson leaves soon for Claresholm, High River, and other points north.

In planning the townsite of Spring Coulee the owners should not forget to make provision for a play ground and its customary adornments.

The Bank of Montreal sends another clerk to Spring Coulee next week to assist Mr. Hyde. Mr. Mabee, manager from Magrath was in town today inspecting conditions of the bank with that result.

Mr. Kelly returned from Raymond to-day where he went yesterday to visit Mrs. Kelly who is still unable to return home.

Spring Coulee boasts of one of the star whist clubs of the west. The members meet nightly practicing for the championship whist games.

The Presbyterian Church will be dedicated next Sabbath.

### Raymond Loses Good Citizen

Raymond, Dec. 7.—Elijah Laycock, a resident of Raymond for seven years, and formerly of Cardston, died here yesterday after one week's illness from pneumonia. He was 61 years of age and leaves a son and three daughters, one of the latter being Mrs. Will Pilling, of Cardston. Mr. Laycock was a farmer. He was a member of the town council, and district weed inspector. He was a very highly esteemed citizen.

### Cardston Realty Co. Buys Automobile

Today is a red-letter day for Cardston, and one that makes an important page in its history, for it brings the first automobile in town to be owned by local citizens.

Owing to the rapid increase in business, and wishing to be up-to-date in every respect, the firm of the Cardston Realty Co. Ltd. have found it necessary to purchase an auto. The deal was made through the McLaughlin Carriage Co. Ltd. of Winnipeg, Man, and the machine is due to arrive today. It is a large 24 hp. 4 cylinder passenger car. It seats five persons comfortably and is a 1910 make and specially adapted for this western country.

Messrs. L. B. Young and A. M. Heppler, are the purchasers, and they deserve much praise for their enterprise.

No doubt before long Cardston will have many autos.