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MOOSEJAW.

The Future Great Central City of the North-West

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MOOSEJAW is beautifully located on a high table-land which extends for many miles in all directions, and consequently it has the advantage of good natural drainage. Situated at the confluence of Moosejaw River and Thunder Creek, the country to the north rises gradually for many miles, and to the south the land is beautiful rolling prairie. The soil is a rich clay loam which, for agricultural purposes cannot be surpassed in the Territories, and is especially adapted for market-gardening. The surrounding country is interspersed here and there with beautiful lakes and intersected with running streams. Several wells have been sunk by settlers near the city, and abundant water procured at 17 to 20 feet from the surface.

The coal fields of the South Saskatchewan are being rapidly developed and coal will be delivered in Moosejaw at low rates within a month, when the C. P. R. has reached that River. Plenty of wood is obtainable at Buffalo Lake on the north, and where arranged on the south, and along the Moosejaw River.

An idea of the importance of this point may be gained from the fact that the Northwest Land Company have made Moosejaw the headquarters for the sale of their lands, which are sold to settlers at reasonable prices and on easy terms, with or without settlement conditions. The C. P. R. have made it a divisional terminus, and round houses, coal sheds, etc., have been erected. The C. P. R. line to Edmonton has been projected from this point, and at no distant day Moosejaw will be one of the largest railway and commercial centres in this great country.

Two months ago the city of Moosejaw was distinguishable from the boundless prairie only by its natural beauty and two buildings. To-day it contains upwards of one hundred buildings, many of which are handsome and substantial structures.

Settlers should understand thoroughly that everything required for a pioneer life is obtainable in Moosejaw at reasonable prices, and by purchasing their outfits here save the trouble, expense and delay of shipping from eastern points. Every branch of business is represented, and the settlers get the advantage of strong competition among our merchants. There are in Moosejaw about twenty general merchants, whose stocks are large and complete, consisting of Groceries and Provisions, Flour and Feed, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, Stoves and Tinware. All the leading agricultural firms of the east have agencies and warehouses here, and the city also contains five lumber yards, three livery and feed stables, two bakeries, one drug store, two furniture dealers, blacksmiths, tinmiths, harness makers, barber shops, several builders and contractors, architects, lawyers and doctors, two churches, and about a dozen hotels and restaurants.

Visitors to the city, and incoming emigrants, are treated with courtesy and furnished with any information they may require.

Jobbany's Opinion of Grandmothers.

Grandmothers are very nice folks: They beat all the aunts in creation, They left a clasp to us he likes, And don't worry about education. I'm sure I can't see it at all, What a poor fellow ever could do For apples, and pennies, and cake, Without a grandmother or two. Grandmothers speak softly to "ma," To let a boy have a good time, Sometimes they will whisper "his trum," To say or say when a boy wants to chum. Grandmothers have muffins for tea, And pies, a whole row in the cellar, And they're apt (if they knew it in time) To make chicken pie for a "feller."

And if he is bad now and then, And makes a great racketing noise, They only look over their specks, And say, "Ah, these boys will be boys." "Life is only too short at the best; Let the children be happy to-day." Then look for a while at the sky, And at the hills that are far, far away.

Quite often, as twilight comes on, Grandmothers sing hymns very low To themselves, as they look at the fire, Alas! heaven, and when they shall go. And then, a boy stopping to think, Will find a hot tear in his eye, To know what will come at the last; For grandmothers all have to die.

I wish, they could stay here and pray, For a boy needs their prayers every night; Some boys more than others, I suppose, Such as I need a wonderful sight.

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY.

A Glimpse of the World's Impressions of Moosejaw.

Sir,—Having visited your town on my rambles, and being about to return towards the rising sun, I trust you will allow me space in the first number of the *News* to give your readers my impressions of Moosejaw and its surroundings, and what, in my opinion, is the best course to pursue on the part of your citizens in order to advance the best interests of Moosejaw.

I may state, at the outset, that as regards situation, I have not, in all my peripatetic rambles through the North-West, been so favourably impressed with a townsite as I have been with that of Moosejaw in its immediate vicinity. As a matter of fact, your town enjoys natural advantages which are unsurpassed, if, indeed, equalled, by any place I have yet seen in this vast western country. Surrounded by high and rolling prairie, which partakes more of the character of mountains than of plain, and itself at an elevation far above the level prairie, with a gradual slope to the south and east, and watered by two never-falling streams, it is exceedingly picturesque, easy of drainage, and there need be no fears of your citizens, present or future, suffering from a lack of water.

These are advantages not to be overlooked, and I am happy to know the one great disadvantage which most places in the North-West labour under—lack of fuel—is likely soon to be overcome by the development of the coal fields not far to the west of you. Building material, it is true, is expensive, owing to the great distance you are from your source of supply, but during my brief sojourn in Moosejaw I was happy to be informed that suitable clay from which a good quality of brick can be made has been discovered in your vicinity, and that preparations are now being made for the manufacture of that much needed article. All that remains in order to make Moosejaw second to none of the towns west of Winnipeg is for your citizens to scrupulously guard against anything which may tend to damage it in the eyes of the people of the east. I may be excused, Mr. Editor, if, with

my varied experience of the world and things worldly, I allude to the necessity of your citizens guarding against anything like what is popularly termed a "boom," but which, considering the results which are sure to follow, should be called by another name. The experience of Winnipeg ought to be enough to satisfy reflecting men of the enormity of them. There, men who were reputed to be fabulously wealthy during the boom, are comparatively without credit to-day. Nearly every man I met had a sorrowful tale to tell, all owing to the "boom." It is true some made money, but they were of that not very numerous class who bought and sold for cash, and who, when they got the cash, were wise enough to hold on to it. Your citizens should, therefore, take a lesson from the experience of Winnipeg, and your real estate men conduct their business in such a way as to inspire confidence in those with whom they deal. In this connection, I may state that Moosejaw, unlike most of the towns to the east, requires no special pleading. It speaks for itself, so that the plain truth told of the townsite, will, while it cannot be but favourable, and cannot be gainsaid, be sufficient. I cannot but think it would be well if lots were sold on building speculations, as such a system would materially discourage gambling in real estate, and ensure the solid advancement of the town.

That the Government of the day should have selected any other place than Moosejaw for the capital of Assiniboia is a matter of great astonishment to me, as it has been to every other traveller who has seen the present capital and Moosejaw. Compared with the latter place the present capital sinks into insignificance in every respect. The two places should not be mentioned together—for Moosejaw is a city by nature, while Regina is barren of all the beauties and attractions which go to make, and which only can make, a great city. The future of Moosejaw cannot but be of the brightest character, while the future of the present capital cannot and will not, for the reasons above stated, be anything more than a village. In saying this I wish your readers to understand that I speak impartially. I simply place the crown on the brow most worthy to wear it.

There is another question which I wish to refer to before I close this letter—I refer to the land question, and the difficulty experienced by intending settlers in procuring lands within an easy distance of the C.P.R. and rising towns like Moosejaw, and I could not but think, when I stood on the elevation to the north of your town, and viewed the vast stretch of fertile prairie which extends away on every side, of the great benefits which would accrue to the farmers and citizens of Moosejaw alike were such lands immediately placed under cultivation.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I have to thank you for the privilege you have accorded me of giving my impressions of Moosejaw, and I feel confident that when I again visit your town—which will be before long, I trust—the Legislative Buildings of the Province of Assiniboia will crown the beautiful elevation to the north of, and the beauty, grace, wisdom and wit of Assiniboia be centred in, the City of Moosejaw. Again thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the privilege you have so generously accorded me, and wishing you success in your enterprise, I beg leave to sign myself, Yours respectfully,

A CITIZEN OF THE WORLD.

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SALUTATORY.

We are proud to be the first to give the promising city of Moosejaw the first newspaper published in the place and though the size of this sheet may not satisfy the expectations of our very enterprising citizens, yet we must remind them that precedence is the better part of valor, and that, however much we would have liked to issue a larger paper, we feel that, in our own interests, it is better to commence our journalistic career in Moosejaw on a sound financial basis, and enlarge our paper as rapidly as circumstances may warrant.

We were not alone in directing our steps towards Moosejaw to establish a newspaper, there being many others who were willing to do so; and, though we were the last to make our proposition to the citizens, we are the first in the race, and are well rewarded by the liberal support given us by the businessmen of the city.

In advocating the interests of Moosejaw and the country immediately surrounding it we acknowledge no locality in the Northwest territories as superior, either in the natural beauty of the townsite or the agricultural resources of the land surrounding it, and we will regret any attacks made on it by any other district. We are not adverse to a friendly rivalry between our neighbors, and believe that honest criticism is highly beneficial, but we shall discourage the tendency to bitter and malicious attacks by newspapers and individuals on any rival town. The extent to which this baneful practice has developed in Southern Manitoba has resulted in great injury to the country, as the emigration agents of the United States are ever ready to turn to advantage the statements of Canadian newspapers and settlers.

We will not follow blindly the dictates of any political party, and, while the government of the day will receive our support in maintaining and administering the laws of the country, we will not be remiss in urging the claims of Moosejaw to certain privileges of which she has hitherto been deprived, and to which we will refer hereafter.

Trusting that our enterprise will merit a continuance of the liberal patronage already accorded it, we submit to a generous public the initial number of THE MOOSEJAW NEWS.

THE POST OFFICE.

The delay of the Department in granting to Moosejaw the postal facilities to which we are entitled seems to us quite unwarrantable, and we sincerely hope that no further time will be lost in extending to the few hundred people located here the benefits of regular postal service. During our residence of a week in Moosejaw we have gathered three days at a time without any mail matter whatever, though the C. P. R. express has been running regularly every day to this

point, and when a large accumulation of letters and papers at last arrived, it was only through the courtesy of Messrs. Hunter Bros. that a place was found to store them. The letters were assorted as well as the facilities at hand would permit, while the papers were turned into a large box, where all who had time and patience at their disposal were at liberty to search for themselves. Petitions, letters and telegrams were sent to various officials of the department, and the following letter is the most satisfactory information that has been received on the subject:—

Post Office Inspector's Office, }
Winnipeg, April 25th.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 21st inst, and to say in reply that the subject of the application for the establishment of a Post Office at Moosejaw is engaging the attention of the Postmaster-General, and I hope to have early instructions to establish an office.

I can do nothing further until I receive authority to establish the proposed office. Yours truly,
W. W. McLEOD,
E. O. Inspector.

W. GOODWIN, Esq.,
Moosejaw.

INCORPORATION.

More than a month ago, while Moosejaw contained scarcely a dozen houses, the public-spirited citizens, recognizing the future importance of the place, held a mass meeting and adopted a resolution to memorialize the Lieut.-Governor on the subject of incorporation. In reply to their petition the following letter was received:—

OTTAWA, 4th April, 83.

SIR,—I am directed by His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-west Territories, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., transmitting a petition of certain inhabitants of Moosejaw, praying city incorporation.

I am to inform you that power is being asked for the Council of the North-west Territories to legislate upon such matters, and if obtained that the petition will be laid before the Council at its next meeting, to be held some time next summer. His Honor is unable, at present, to fix upon a date.

I am, Sir, Dear Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
A. J. T. ALLEN,
Clerk of the Council.

MERCER & THAYSON,
Moosejaw.

We wait with anxiety the decision of the Dominion Government and the action of the North-West Council in this matter. Since the petition above referred to was sent down the growth of Moosejaw has been simply marvellous, and it is hoped that no impediment will be placed in our path by the Dominion Government or the Council of the North-west Territories.

THE HANYA BANK.

The amount of business transacted in Moosejaw is quite sufficient to warrant the opening of at least one bank here, and we hope that we will not be many days longer without one. Every one coming to Moosejaw feels the inconvenience of having no banking facilities, and the transaction of business is greatly retarded. Such an amount of fraud and deception has been practised in the sale of town lots in other parts of the country that intending investors come here to see for themselves before purchasing, and when they find that Moosejaw is all, and even more than has been represented, they are anxious to invest, and begrudge the time required to obtain the money from Winnipeg. One real estate man alone lost the sale of several thousand dollars worth of property on Wednesday through this cause, and many of the surveyors now in the city would have invested had they been able to draw money from Winnipeg. The interests of Moosejaw require the opening of a bank at once, and we trust that an institution of the kind, whether private or chartered, will be located here without delay.

One of the most important features in the new laws act now before the House of Commons is that which dispenses with actual residence as one of the conditions to be fulfilled in order to obtain a homestead patent, cultivation and improvements only being requisite.

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We will take it as a favor if you will call and see what we have got before purchasing else, where, in order to satisfy yourself that what we have said above is true in every respect.

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