Copy of first issue of Moose Jaw Times-Tuesday April 2,1889from Mr E.N. Hopkins&s Scrap Book-

Forty years ago on Tuesday April 2,1889, the first issue of the Moose Jaw Times was published and a copy of the first issue has been furnished by Mr T.W.Clubb, now a farmer South East of Mortlach and who was a brother of the late Mrs James Ostrander ?Mr Clubb was at that time employed by Mr T.W.Robinson, founder of the Robinson-MacBean departmental store, and who in turn were successor to E.M.Robinson&Co.Mr Clubb was a printer and he undertook the job of producing the first issue of the Moose Jaw Times, for the proprietor and editor, Jas, M.McDonald.

The caption at the head of the first column of the front page of the initial issue of the paper contains the following;-

A paper devoted to the interests of the Canadian North-West is published at the Times Printing Office, Moose Jaw, Assa. Terms \$1.50 per year in advance.

In the first column amd immediately under the above mentioned notice is the legal advertisement of

Wm Grayson, barrister, attorney, conveyancer, Notary Public, office Moose Jaw, N.W.T. Agent for Canada Northwest land Co, Ltd., and the Trustees of Moose Jaw Town site.

Another legal advertisement was that of J.G.Gordon barrister, advocate, notary public, Main St. Moose Jaw, N.W.T.

An advertisement of A.R. Turnbull M.D. physician, surgeon, accouchour office corner of Main and River St. Moose Jaw Assa. also appears in be the same columns.

S.J.Holbrook vetinerary surgeon ,advertises in the same column that he would treat diseases of horses and cattle. "Infirmary stable" in connection.

Other advertisements in this column included the C:PgR.Dining Hall F.Waghorn manager:The Ottawa Hotel, H.Bates proprietor, Brunswick House, James Ostrander; H.U.Rorison, grain and commission merchant; R.L.Alexander, Dominion Government imigration agent, who tells the public "Homesteads shewn to settlers"; J.W.Bradshaw, builder and contractor; John Dickenson, builder and contractor; G.H.Crapper, house, sign and carriage painter; James McLelland stone mason, bricklayer and plasterer; and F.G.Herrler, stonemason, bricklayer and plasterer.

In another column on the front page of the paper is the advertisement of Miss E.Clark, who tells the public particularly the ladies of Moose Jaw of that day, that she has "just received her spring stock of millinery and staple and fancy goods, ready made jackets and dressmaking a specialty"

Williams nowns was the town butcher and he advertised it as "meat and vegetable parlor"G.M.Annable advertised as an importer and dealer in heavy draught and carriage horses , brood mares, ponies, working oxen; milk cows for sale.

The City Drug store with E.H.Scoff M.D. as manager advertises that "Miss Servis is authorized to collect all accounts due this branch and sign receipts for the same."

The largest advertisement on the front page is that of T.W.Robinson, dry goods and clothing; crockery and glassware; groceries and provisions; boots and shoes.

"With the first issue of the Moose Jaw Times, we wish to thank the people of Moose Jaw and the surfounding district, for the liberal patronage extended to us in the pastand hope by strict attention to business and the right goods at the right price to merit a continuance of the same.

C.A.Gass, agent advertised; This space is reserved for A.Harris and sons, Brantford, manufacturers of agricultural implements.

Ega. Baker and CO. grain merchants , wholesale and retail dealers in groceries, provisiosn, flour and feed, hardware, stoves, paints oils, established 1883, also had his place of business on Main St.

Felix Plante, proprietor of the Buffalo store, told his public in his advertisement that "The Buffalo Store is the place to buy dry goods, ready-to-wear clothes, groceries, provisions, boots and shoes, settlers effects a specialty. Farmers 'produce bought at highest market price.

In the "Town and District" column are many items that will be read with relish by old timers now resident in the city and district.

"The weather is magnificent"

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"Wheat is selling for 95 cents a bushel on the street, this week"
"Mr T.W.Robinson has completed his large warehouse in the rear
of his lot on Main St."

Mr Jas H.Ross M.L.A. returned on Sunday from a business trip west Mr Ross was delayed 18 hours by a rock slide in the moutains.

and still they come-another batch of immirants, arrived on Tuesday morning to settle in the Moose Jaw district.

"John H.Hill farmer 18-17-27 was the first subscriber to call ath the Times office and pay his subscription for one year"

Mr and Mrs Wm Riddell left last week for Ontario.Mr Riddell intends purchasing several carloads of horses for Sir Lester Kaye's farm, at Swift Current.

"Mr John Bellamy has had a new front put on his store, in the Bellamy Block, corner of Main and High Sts., and has also had the outside beautified by an additional coat of paint.

"Mr G.M. Annable has bought the celebrated young Clydesdale stalle

stallion, Young Hero, from Messrs Hopkins and Bates . We understand the price paid was in the neighborhood of \$600.00.

Rev.S.J.Taylor pastor of the Presbyterian Church, has some to Ontario, in connection with Church work. During his absence his pulpit will be filled by Rev.McLean, missionary of Buffalo Lale.

"Rev. and Mrs Elliott, of Deloraine, Man. stopped over Sunday in Moose Jaw on their way to Japan, to engage in missionary work in that country. Mr Elliott preached in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening."

"Mr Herhert Hinton, clerk in the assistant superintendents office has gone to "roadview to fill a position as assistant agent at that station. His departure leaves a blank in musical circles, as he was one of nature's gifted men"

Mr Charles A. Gass our popular new postmaster, deserves the thanks of the citizens of Moose Jaw for remaving the postoffice to a more convenient location. He has the lower flat of the Bradshaw Block fitted up for the purpose.

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"At the last meeting of the directors of the Moose Jaw agricultural Society ,it was decided to give a prize for the best kept farm including crops, stock, state of cultivation, and everything pertaining to mixed farming . The entries are to be made by the first day of June ,and should excite a good deal of competition.

as there are many good farmers in the district:

"Mr Robert Graham left on Friday for Ontario. Mr Graham intends bringing back two carloads of brood mares, for Mr D. McLeans ranch also an imported heavy weight draught Clydesda; e stallion , weighing about 1200 pounds for the use of the Moose Jaw district."

The Schoolboard have decided to submit a byelaw to the ratepayers of the Moose Jaw School district , for the purpose of raising money for the erection of a new school building . Voting pakes place on

on april 20, as per notice in another column. This is a step in the right direction, as such a building is very much needed in town, and it is hoped that the trustees will receive such support from the ratepayers as will enable them to bring their scheme to a successful conclusion.

Backing the Alerts

Baseball meeting.-A meeting was held in the C.P.R. reading room on Tuesday evening March 26, for the purpose of reorganising the Alert Baseball Club of Moose Jaw. The following is a list of the officers elected for the year 1889; Mr Thos. Tair, late assistant superintendent, honary-president; Mr C. Cumpston, president; Mr T.B. Baker, vice-president; Mr James H. Ross, manager; Mr W.T. Reading secretary; Mr.G.L. Sherlock was treasurer.

Messrs Reading, Rutherford, Turnbull and Waghorn managing committee
Messrs Realy, Miller, MacDonald a committee to select grounds for
practice. The first regulare practice will be held as soon as suitable grounds are secured.

The above list of officers is a guarantee that the Alerts mean business and it is hoped that the citizens of the town will give them a liberal support, financially and otherwise. Some interesting practices may be looked for during the coming summer.

Mr G.M. Annable has gone to Medicine Hat on business."

"Mr Toms, E. of Qu'appelle Valley is registered at the C.P.R. Dining Hall"

The appearance of the C.P.R.platform durings the past week reminds a person of the old beam days of '82.

"Mr Tm Trent returned on Sunday from Winnipeg Commercial College to take his former situation in T.W.Robinson's store."

"The Wilson family returned on Sunday from Dakota with a carload

of stock and implements , with which they purpose going into farming again in this district.

"Mesers A.E.Baker and Co's store on Main St.has received an additional coat of paint and now presents a very nice appearance .Mr Geo.Crapper performed the artistice part of the work."

The average attendance at the Moose Jaw School for the month of March was 84. The number of names on the register was I2I.

"See our new advertisements next week .A number of our merchants were so rushed with business that they had not the time to write their adds this week.

"We see by the Winnipeg Sun that there are 18 passengers enroute to Moose Jaw . We have room for them all and several thousand more.

"Ameeting of the citizens of Moose Jaw has been called by Mayor Simpson for Wednesday evening in Campbell's Hall for the purpose of discussing the question of tree planting.

"Messrs Geo Gagen and Alex Thompson of the Beaver Creek Ranch arrived in town on Thursday evening with a band of good young oxen which we understand they have sold to Mr Robt.Riddell."

"Moose Jaw is soon to lose one of its most prominent and energete citizens in the person of Dr Scott who goes to Moosomin to practice his profession. The Dr carries with him the good wishes of all who have known him for the past six years . Our loss is Moosomin's gain."

Mr D.W.Bole of Dawson, Bole & Co wholesale gruggists, Regina, is in town. This old reliable firm has purchased the City Drug Store from E.H.Scott M.D. and intend to run it as a branch of their Regina business."

"A number of settlers from Saskatoon are in town for their summer supplies . They report the trail in good shape. We think the Board of

Trade and town council should do something towards providing suitable accommodations for travellers along this trail.

"Mr michards a graduate of the Ontario College of Pharmacy is expected to arrive on Wednesday to take charge of the City Drug Store.Mr Richards is a thoroughly competent man in every respect having spent about ten years in one of the leading Drug Stores in the city of Ottawa.

"Mr and Mrs Thomas Healy returned on Saturday morning from Ontario, where they have been spending the winter. Mr Healy has been doing some excellent missionary work for the Moose Jaw district and brought back with him several families who intend to settle in this district."

## Young Scotsmen

on Sunday the train from the East arrived in two sections about nine hours late. In the first section were Mr Herbert Clinton manager of Sir Lester Kaye's farmat Swift Current and 44 men mostly from aberdeen Scotland, for the farms out west. They were fine looking men and appeared well pleased with what they have seen of the country and with the treatment they have received on their journey.

Registeredat the Brunswick; C.R. Stovel, Prince Albert, R.T. Wilson, Black Hills, Montana; Wr Hunter and daughter, Orangeville, Ont.

J.P. Doran, Gu'Appelle Valley; James Baywood, Medicine Hat;

A Welfare, London, England.

At the Ottawa, Sam Cameron, Albert Waynes, D.McLean, James Gibson,
A.McRoberts, London; James Rouatt, Seaforth; W. Patterson, W. Warren,
Carlton Place; C.W. Ashwin, Thamesville; Miss Marion Harvey, Hawkesbury;
W. Ledingham, Dornoch, W. S. Perry, Biddulph; James Wilson Rat Portage;
John McMillan, John Young, Robt. Sillie, Lucan.

The following names were registered at the C.P.R.Dining Hall during the past week; A.Cavan, Calgary; R.O.Miller, town; J.Fenwick, Brandon; C.Waterous.Brandon; D.Cameron.Calgary; T.W.Middleton, Winnipeg, W.T.Barrett Elkhorn; D.Moore, Broadview; John Cuddy, Winnipeg; A.Daly, Broadview; Pat McCulloch, Calgary; W.T.Burns, Winnipeg; T.W.Robin, Buffalo Lake; D.L.Scott, Regina; D.W.Bole, Regina; J.Bellamy, Brandon.

#### Caron News

Notes from Caron appearing in the first issue state that the settlers in this vicinity are preparing to put in a much larger acreage of crop than formerly. The splendid yield of the last two seasons has placed them on a good financial footing and has been the means of banishing any doubts that may have existed as to successful farming in this country.

Dr David Hawkes has purchased two more teams of horses which with the help he can command will place him in a position to farm on a large scale.

Mr Horace Hurlburt goes on his farm at the beginning of April, and being a first class blacksmith will do some work in that line, which will be a great convenience to the settlers.

Intending settlers should examine the land in this district before going elsewhere. There is a magnificent tract of land lying to the north of caron station, which is rated as No.I. land by the government. In close proximity is the valley of Thunder Creek where is abundance of good grass and water affording a splendid run for stock. This is an advantage which should not be lost sight of by the intending settlers.

No.I. wheat land can be got convenient to this valley and within three or four miles of Caron Station , where there is a store, postess office, hotel and blacksmith shop, and as soon as a few more settlers

there will be a school in Caron as well.

Mr Holmes has just returned from Old Wives Lake ,where his band of horses has been running out all winter. He says they are in fine form.

#### Buffalo Lake News

Bufifalo lake district also had a correspondent in those days, and he reported;

nor Brander had wintered about 200 head of horses in the Buffalo Lake Valley. The horses lived out all winter and rustled for themselves and look quite sleek and fat.

Mr Thos Franks lost a valuable stallion lately imported from Ontario this week. Mr Franks also had the misfortune to lose a good mare at Carberry on his way up from Ontario.

Wild geese are on the lake in swarms . They have returned far more numerous than ever sefere.

Seeding operations have become general in the Buffalo Lake district and a much larger acreage will be sown than in the former year.

# Regina's Greeting

From Regina greetings were sent by a correspondent who wrote;
The queen city sends greetings to its sister town and expresses
the wish that with the first issue of the exponent of its right
a newspaper life will be commenced which may now and for years
and years to come be watched with ever increasing pride by the
inhabitants of that district and by the whole North West.

On the back page appears the church directory or the town Presbyterian Church Main St.Rev.S.J.Taylor

Methodist Church, Rev. W.C. Bunt

St John's Baptist Church, Anglican incumbent) Rev. W. Nichels B. A. B. D.

The Introductory Bow

On the same page as the editorial captioned "Our introductory Bow"which reads as follows;

With this issue we give to the public the first number of the Moose Jaw Times .

The Times has been started to supply a want which as been felt for a number of years by the people of Moose Jaw both in the matter of making known to the outside world the resources and advantages of this part of the great North West and as a medium for the expression of the opinions of the people on the questions which affect their interests.

In the past our town and district have suffered from the misrepresentation of parties interested in other places while our
citizens had no means of making the true state of affairs known.

With the advent of the Times a brighter day has we trust dawned for
Moose Jaw. The magnificent crop and the excellent wheat grown for
the past two seasons have secured for the Moose Jaw district its
just recognition wherever known as one of the best wheat growing
districts in the Canadian North West.

the policy political and otherwise of the new paper and we wish here to assure our readers that the Times is now and always will be a paper devoted to the interests of the Canadian North West and will always be found supporting chatever legislation that has for is its object the development of the resources of our country.

In Domimion Politics the Times will support the present

Conservative Government because in our opinion it is the party whose
policy is best suited to the wants of our young country but while
making this announcement we leave ourselves free to criticize

any acts which are not in the interests of and for the general good of the North West. The columns of the Times will always be open for the expression of opinion by any person irrespective of party or politics and as such communications will always be welcome. Our aim is to make the Times such a paper as all patriotic member of the community will have the fullest confidence in. From time to time we will give our own unbiased opinion on the public questions that effect our country and although we do not expect our opinions always to meet with the approval of everyone still we expect those who differ from us to give us credit for sincerity and honesty of purpose.

The Times will fear neither friend nor foe where matters of truth and justice are concerned. If we are to secure anything for our town we must make a united and concerted effort and we can afford to forget our little differences in local matters when the interests of the country are at stake.

To our friends the farmers of the Moose Jaw District who have already given us such liberal support and kind words of encouragement we wish to express our thanks and hope to be able to supply you each week with as good a paper as can be produced in this country. We wish you a happy and prosperous year, good crops, good prices and those other blessings which can neither be bought of sold. We have made arrangement for goor correspondents in every part of the district who will each week send in items of interest from each locality. Any assistant we can give you in asserting your rights as pioneer settlers of this country will be most cheerfully rendered.

To the business men of the town who have patronized our advertising colu,n so liberally we wish increased business as a

result.Liberal and continuous advertising is one of the greatest factors of success in business.It is impossible to build up a large retail trade without advertising.

we have started this paper on purely business principles, relying on the public for the support that it deserves as we have always found the public willing to pay a fair price forgenuine articles. If we can be of any service in the development of this great country and in the making of this beloved Canada of ours a united nation with all the different elements molded into one harmonious whole the Times will not have been started in vain. With this short introduction we send out our first effort in the field of journalism we know there are many imperfections in it but in future we hope to improve we will endeavor to follow the advice which Richard Steele in his play makes old Lord Brompton teach to his son—

But be the thou honest, firm and impartial,

Let neither love, nor hate, nor faction move thee,
Distinguish words from things, and men from crimes."

# On Immigration

From statistics furnished by Mr R.L.Alexander, dominion government immigration agent here we learn that 18 carloads of horse cattle and settlers effects have arrived at this station already this season. The aggregate value of the 18 cars is \$39,090 .or considerably over \$2000.00 each. The total number of immigrants men women and children for the month of marchwas 91. The greater number of the horses brought in are heavy draught and consist of first class stallions and brood mares for breeding purposes. Judging from the superior class of horses and cattle brought in it is evident the farmers and stock raisers are determined to produce a class of

horses and cattle second to none in the territories. Many of the new commers have been induced to come to this district through report reports of the superior advantages offered to go into mixed farming. In conversation with some of the new arrivals we find that considerable influence has been brought to bear on the immigrants by agents in Manitoba to prevents their coming to this place.

Wet we find that those who have come afe more than delighted with the country and evince no desire to return. The majority have already taken up homesteads and premtions or are selecting suitable lands and will as soon as possible make their entries. Land in this district is being rapidly taken up and more entries have been made this spring than at any time since the boom of I882. On Sunday a family returned from Dakota after having tried that country for a year. They are satisfied that this country offers better inducements than the country across the boundary. Everyone of the excursion -ists who went east last fall on the C:P:R: excursions have returned many of them bringing back friends to settle in this country.

We will give a more extended account of the new arrivals the next issue.

## A New Railway

Another item of interest on the same page is that which chronicles as follows; The Moose Jaw, Battleford and Edmonton Railway Bill received its third reading in the house of parliament on Thursday last. The object of the promoters of this road is to open up the northern country and secure its freight from Moose Jaw. They claim to have the shortest route from the C.P.R. through Battleforda and Edmonton. The road will run through and open up one of the finest sections of country to be found in the whole North West.

An item clipped from the Tilsonburg Observer of March 22 makes

reference to a pamphlet recently issued by the Moose Jaw Board of Trade of which Er E.H. Hopkins, formerly of Brownsville is secretary. The article in question indicates that the pioneers of Moose Jaw went about the business of attracting new settlers in a practical manner. For the Observersays"the pamphlet also gives very full information as to the lands and how to get them soil and climate and experience of settlers, markets and religious and Educational advantages, together with the statement of the number of bushels of grain raised by a long list of farmers whose P.O. addresses are given. These farmers grew from 750 to 2500 bus. of wheat in 1888 besides an equal quantity of other grains and sold their wheat for \$1.00 per bus. and upwards. As the book says these rows of names and figures tell their tale of comfort and prosperity for the farming community better than volumes would. The climate seems to be quite mild. Baseball was played in Moose Jaw on New Years Day, the mercury standing at 44 degrees in the shade and it promises to improve when trees are cultivated on the prairies.

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#### Markets

Under the heading of Moose Jaw Markets 1889 the prices obtained for grain at that time were as follows; - Wheat 90 cts per bus.

Barley-40 cts; Oats--30 cts; Peas \$1.25; Bran per ton \$16.00

Shorts-\$20.00; Chop Feed \$22.00; Butter per lbs-20cts. Eggs per doz, 15c Beef per lb-12½ cts-Pork-15 cts; Bacon-15 cts.

# School Bye-Law

The School Board of District No I.N.W.T. which is the Moose Jaw School District advertised in the first issue of the Times the submission of a by-law to the citizens on April the 20-for 5000.00 for the construction of a brick or stone school and to furnish the same .The Debentures which it was proposed to have sanctioned by

the by-law were to bear 8 % interest and be for a period of 20 years. The qualifications to vote were set forth in the legal notice as follows;

"That I A.B. do solemnly swear that I am a bone fide resident ratepayer of the Moose Jaw Protestant Public School District No I.

R.W.T. and am of the full age of 21 years .That I am not an unenfranchised Indian, that I have not voted before at this election and I have not received any reward either directly or indirectly nor have I any hope of receiving any reward for voting at this time. and place so help me God. The legal notice was signed by:
E.Colpitts, Chairman; Wm Hannah and H.McDougall trustees.

### Wood Mountain

Notes from Wood Mountain tell that the geese and wild ducks were already plentiful on the sloughs and that Maj.Jarvis with a number of men was expected to reach the mounted police post in a few days.

# Marlborough Notes

The Marlborough District which was a very vigorous community im those days had an item in the first addition as follows;-

The farmers debating club closed last week for the season with a debate for the benefit of the bachelors on the subject IS a dirty good natured woman or a clean ill natured woman preferable "The question was defided in favor of the clean woman.

at a large meeting of the settlers of this district on Monday it was unanimously resolved to petition the Lieutenant Governor for the erection of a new school district. The Trustees elected for the ensueing year are; -Messrs Wm. Watson; J.G. Beesley and Alec. Macpherson.

seeding operations have become general and every farmer is

preparing to put under crop all the land he can put in proper shape.

We are pleased to see our old friends H.Checker; R.O.Miller; S.Getty; and A.Dalrymple back again among usbut are disappointed that they all returned without bringing partners to share and brighten their homes.

Mr J.G. Beesley has moved onto his farm again and is preparing to put im a large crep.

Other Advertisers.

The back page of the first issue of the Times also included a number of local advertisements and among tem is that of;

James Baynton inviting all and sundry to visit his barber shop-

held on Friday evening April 5 at 20 o'clock was signed by Jas.N.MacDonald secretary.

"A Square Deal " and also that they are benefactors of the people of Noose "aw .

The City Drug Store operated by Dawson, Bole & Co, advertises the usual line of goods which Drug stores today handle.

.E.Potter agent for the Massey Harris Manufacturing Co.carries a fullsstock of Agricultural implements with Gurney Ware always on hand.

# The Good Old Days

Carter a barber advertised-"Lather, shave and frizzle your hair comb out your moustache, fix you up fine, send you home happy for the sum of a dime.

Messrs Hopkins and Bates advertised as importers and breeders of Clydesdale horses and short horned cattle with prices law and terms easy.

Andrew Dalgarno advertised that he had for sale "Two thoroughbred Short horn Durham Bulls and one two year old heifer ,with pedigrees registered in the Dominion herd book.

Fred Healy importer and dealer in all kinds of confectionery advertised fruits and nuts, confectionery, toilet soap, cigars, pipes tobaccos, books, stationery and school supplies.

J.T.Jackson ,who bought out the livery business of John A.

Whitmore,advertised himself as being in a position to supply the public with "a first class turnout at reasonable prices, None but the best horses and first class rigs kept."

James Brass contractor and builder advertised that he would prepare estimates ,plans and specifications and guaranteed all work.

Mr Ed. Boan of Qu'Appelle Valley , notified the public that he was prepared to herd horses and cattle for the coming season.

The Toronto Bakery ,operated by Mrs Tillen advertised "good bread cakes and pies."

John Bellamy contractor and builder advertised that that he was a dealer in all kinds of furniture, window shades and rollers, picture moulding and frames , organs, sewing machines and baby carriages.

William Walsh operated a livery and feed and sale stable , and advertised "horses, ponies and cattle for sale with baled hay always on hand."

H.Mc ride and Co.offered for sale at cost price the whole of his stock of boots and shoes.

G.B.Colles, watchmaker, sought the patronage of Moose Jawresidents "because the watch or clock you get from me will run and keep good time".

J.T. Simpson dealer in lumber lath and shingles , sahes, doors,

moulding, wood, brown building paper, tar, felt, glass, etc.crushed always grain and feed, advertised that he also-had full lines of the above stock, and that window and door frames could be made to order on short notice. He was also a general commission merchant, and agent of the Equitable Life of New York, and the Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Co.of Waterloo.

Extract from an address delivered by E.N. Hopkins at the Dairy Convention held at Fort Qu'Appelle in March 1896-as quoted by Percy Reid at the "Canary "banquet March 24,1929.

"In grain there is very little value per pound and the transportation charges take a very large share of the value.

Would it not be better to condesse the grain, convert it into butter and cheese and thuse lessen the transportation tharges.

Ladies and gentlemen; I have great faith in the cow. She never goes on strike or troubles herself about the fiscal policy of the country, but quietly chews her cud and gives a dividend twice a day for kindness and good care, and what is somewhat singular for this country she never grumbles. But if she is not properly considered she merely stops a part of the dividend until such time as she receives proper consideration."