



Hoppers Union Bank, c1900.

who offered their services to the public. As well, a demand arose for the need of sidewalks, repairing of streets and a firehall.

All was quiet on the scene as far as fires were concerned. Also the weather, according to local experts, was not too hard to take.

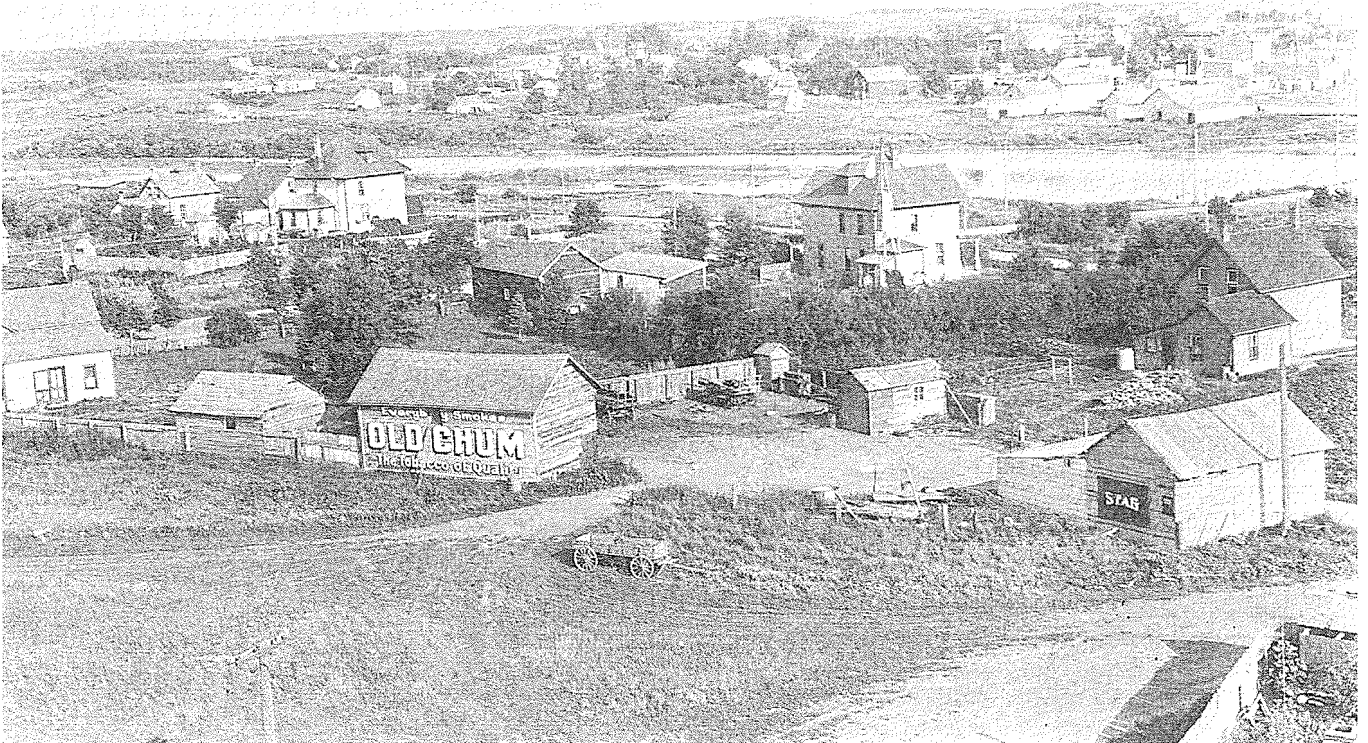
1905 — It wasn't too long into 1905 when a fire destroyed the newly replaced Windsor Livery, in spite of the recently purchased fire apparatus which was unable to quell the blaze. Mayor Clay suggested that the populace demand fewer sidewalks and direct more money into other more necessary improvements plus a new town bell.

This year also saw moving pictures come to Rapid City, delighting the public and offering the sceptics more opportunity to discuss the new apparatus. A good crowd turned up at the St. Paul's Church, no doubt curious as to its reliability and entertainment value.

R. Hales, owner of the Rapid City brickworks, just recently purchased a quarter section of land near Brookdale primarily for its quality of clay.

At this time too, a public meeting attended by a large number, heard proposals to improve the town. C. Hindson moved and G. Stone seconded that the council borrow on debenture the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of erecting a town hall plus other improvements.

Community life continued with its joys and sorrows. Drs. Crookshank and A. Allan attended to A. Winterton who had been hurt while digging for coal. Nurse Kate Barber was kept quite busy tending children ill with scarlet fever. A town bell was purchased and placed in position in order to signify



View of Rapid City from the northwest.