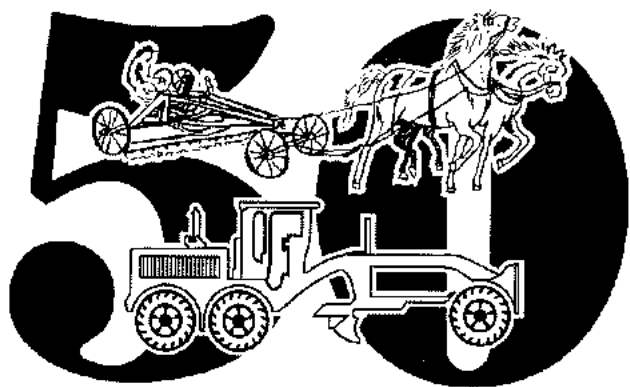


M.D. of PROVOST  
No. 52



1943 – 1993

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I bring greetings from the Municipal District of Provost #52. The process towards a Municipal District began when the homesteaders of this area decided to form a local Improvement District in 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holmquist opened their home for the meeting to chart a course for the future. Over the years following, the district consisted of six independent Municipal Districts which were know as:

Municipal District of Rosenheim No. 361  
Municipal District of Sifton No. 391  
Municipal District of Hillcrest No.362  
Municipal District of Huamha No.393  
Municipal District of Stocks No.363  
Municipal District of Vale No.392

They amalgamated to form the Municipal District of Provost in 1943 so we are celebrating our fiftieth year as one M.D. We have seen a lot of change over the last fifty years. There was a two room office to start with and in 1972 the present administration building was built which also houses the Provost School Division, Ag. Service Board and other related services. Our secondary road system has improved the flow of traffic.

The population of M.D. continues to decline due to larger farms with approximately a 65 to 70 per cent reduction since 1921. Agriculture continues to be the backbone of the M.D. There is a lot of oil activity in the area which has helped to stabilize the tax base.

We salute all the pioneers that were a part of the development of the area and all the hardships they endured in the process. Thank you for all you have done to make the M.D. of Provost #52 a reality.

Reeve  
Milton Lakevold

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## DIGGING UP MEMORIES

Since I am the "sole survivor" of the staff of M.D. Provost when it began 50 years ago, I have been asked to reminisce a bit.

I was hired in the fall of 1943, fresh out of high school. My boss was Walter Ironfield, and his assistant Florence Carlson helped show me the ropes before she left a month later.

The office was located where the chiropractic office now stands. It had originally been a bank, complete with a large walk in vault, and divided into three small rooms. A small basement hole housed a coal furnace, which we kept stoked...no janitors in those days. Duties included spring cleaning, washing walls, windows, curtains, and the daily sweeping.

It was interesting to be involved in the Municipal system, and to learn how tax dollars were used. Road work, though primitive by today's standards, was the main expenditure. The elevating grader was the new item of equipment purchased then. Ratepayers received credit on taxes for road work, and mowing ditches was a common item.

Each quarter of land was listed by hand, in a large book called the Tax roll, where payments and tax levy were recorded. Each of the Municipalities that amalgamated had one of these. Later a new system was introduced with a separate sheet for each parcel of land. Now all this is reduced to computers...what changes the next 50 years will bring, we cannot imagine.

The welfare system was a local expense back then. Those in need were given "relief" cheques, and sometimes medical expenses were paid. I remember druggist bills that listed a frequent item called "Beef, Iron and wine" were disputed, as it appeared this might not be just for medicinal purposes.

The young folks earned a bit of spending money collecting crow and magpie eggs and feet, as well as gopher tails. These were bought to our office for counting and payment. If the child knew how many he had, we were inclined to take his word for it, but often we had to count the less-than-appetizing contents of an old can, then burn them in a barrel in the back yard.

When Stocks and Huamha districts were added, John Nelson came to work in the office, and the three of us handled basically the same area as the M.D. now comprises.

Council meetings were held on Saturdays, amidst a blue haze from cigar smoke. I was fortunate that my uncle, Anthony Thompson was a council member, and frequently gave me a ride home for the weekend. Cars of your own were unheard of, on our wages. I worked there for eight years, and was earning \$125 a month when I left to change careers to a farm wife, and Edith England was hired in my place.

Carol (Porter) Berg

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## "The Good Old Days"

*Some Reflection about the M.D. of Provost #52  
by Francis Blue*

Some long summer evenings as we sit around a campfire at the lake or in our backyard, my grandchildren will say, "Grandpa tell us about the good old days." Well for a moment I sit and ponder and wonder "What good old days?"

Thirty five of my active working years were spent as a member of the Provost Municipal Council. Should I tell them of the few years before I became a Councillor, of the many times we were stuck in the mud trying to get home from Hardisty or wherever after a rain storm and of the times I would cut across on a prairie trail to avoid the big snow banks on our road with my one ton truck with a load of coal and then have to shovel a lot of the way? "These were the good old days."

Should I tell them about our early road construction so they can understand why we only went to town once a week or never visited our neighbors more than six miles away or never played ball except near home where I was one of eleven children? Maybe they will consider me stupid when I tell them of the days I walked behind a fresno and four horses from 7 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening building our first roads. The \$4.00 per day we received was credited against our Municipal tax assessment. We still had to pay in cash the amount of our school taxes because schools needed cash to pay their accounts. Then we would haul gravel by wagon and team, loading it by hand with a shovel onto a bed of planks placed between the standards. To unload we would just have to turn the planks over. For this we were allowed \$1.00 per load, also credited against our taxes as above. Should I remind them that this was part of our summer school holidays week after week and for the two months, while today they are spending the summer at some lake camp or taking part in minor sports? "The good old days."

The Great Depression and the Second Great War years is another story that my grandchildren can hear and listen to but I will leave that for another time except to mention that people survived as best they could, with no cars, no telephones and very little money. The slow steady improvement in circumstances and conditions following the war years resulted in a new system of Municipal Government. The seven local Municipalities joined together in 1943 to form what is now the M.D. of Provost #52. At that time the old Huamha (named Hu - after Hughenden, Am - after Amisk and Ha - after Hardisty) consisted of the area from Hughenden east to now Highway 41 and west to beyond Hardisty and north excluding township 43. The Social Credit government of the day had promised to make available a telephone for each resident and start an electric program for electric power.

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After the amalgamation of the seven small Municipal Districts our old M.D. of Huamha #393 which formerly had five Councillors now only had one elected for a three year period. After Sylus Oxford had retired and Adolph Wallsten moved away in 1950, I decided to try my hand at being a Councillor. I can tell my grandchildren about the terrible snow blizzard we had on election day on March 9, 1951. A lot of the ratepayers couldn't even travel by sleigh the snow was so deep and had to walk, ski or ride horseback. A dozen of my friends from north of Hardisty skied into town and cast their ballots giving me a majority of six votes over Peter Rud of Amisk. At that time Amisk was still a hamlet so all the residents there had a vote. Later there were stories told of the blizzard and of how people got to vote. At a meeting in April I was officially sworn in as a member of Provost Municipal Council #52.

The evolution of road construction was starting now in earnest with a tractor pulling a Richardson or Adams road grader, or in the east part of our M.D., an elevating road machine.

Also the new Highway #13 was being built east from Hardisty at a rapid pace, abandoning the former old road and going straight along the C.P.R. railroad shortening the distance. Mannix and Kramer, the construction engineers, employed a lot of local help, some even with teams of horses. I had some cultivated land along the road right of way that I sold to the government for \$35 per acre.

My grandchildren would also like to hear of how I had to take the Express Steam train from Rosyth to Provost which picked up cream and eggs at each station along the way because the highway was flooded at Czar and north of Provost. The next year while nearing Provost the holes and washboards were so thick the differential housing of my new 1951 Ford broke and left me on the highway. Wilmer McElhinney picked me up in his new Volkswagon and took me into Provost, where I got Meiklejohn's Garage to tow the car in for repairs. I tried to get warranty out of the Ford Motor Car Company but they said it wasn't insured against such roads. However, I haven't owned a Ford since.

I will tell my grandchildren of the fine people I met at that first meeting of Council. John Nelson was the Secretary-Treasurer and Carol Porter his efficient and good looking assistant. The friendly Council consisted of Jack Thompson, Duncan Scott, Peter Fossen, Seg Payne, Anthony Tompson the Burton Brown. I could spend a lot of time telling about each one. Jack Thompson once asked me to drive his Olds 98 to the Convention in Calgary because his wife was afraid to ride with him on account of the ice. I had never driven an automatic before but we made it okay. That little old building where we had our meetings used to get so full of cigarette and cigar smoke my eyes would burn and I couldn't see. I got more nicotine through second hand smoke than if I had smoked myself and I would wonder whether it was worthwhile for the \$8.00 we would get for each day.

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In 1954 a coterminous boundary commission was established by the Provincial Government to study boundary re-alignments. After some time, Flagstaff got part of my division and my old division was re-aligned to extend north along the Battle River, east to 1/2 of range 8 and then south to M.D. of Paintearth and that the area south of Provost was extended to take in a large part of the Special Areas.

I can mention to my grandchildren the election of 1954, where several new faces appeared on Council: Art Borgstrom, Louis Hochhausen, Walter Cromarty, John Penman and Robert Pearson. The Election Act had been changed making it possible to elect a total new Council in the same year where as the old Act allowed for only two each year and three the third year for three year terms. Those Council members remained intact through several elections while Henry Shumacher remained as our Secretary-Treasurer. Before long we moved our administration office to the Paulgaard Garage building where we had our shop in the back part. Pete Fossen was replaced by Dennis Manning and Louis Hochhausen by Alex Hauck eventually but that Council then served for many years.

During that time the M.D. Council had embarked on a lot of new programs. We had established a Service Board, we had designed two Recreation areas and we had developed Shorncliffe and Capt. Ayre Lake parks. We had extended our Health Care system and built a Nursing Home. Our immunization and preventative care under the New Health Unit plan had been extended. Our road development was under better supervision with M.F. Young on the Provost end and Bartley Swelin at Hughenden. More money was coming in from oil discoveries. We were fortunate to have a large pipeline pumping station and oil storage facilities developing within our boundary near Hardisty bringing in nearly a million dollars annually.

My grandchildren would like to hear me tell of the time Bob Pearson flew us in his little plane down to Airdrie to buy a sanding truck from the Department of Highways. We saw the first rays of the morning sun on the mountain tops of the Rockies at 5 o'clock. "Fun", they would say.

They would also laugh when Grandma would tell them of the times she would wonder why all of her flowers along the walk died. Then she found out Grandpa was dispensing 2-4-D for the M.D. and his clothes and hands had the weed spray on them. When he'd come into the house to get paid for it the drift killed all her plants. Sometimes when he wasn't around she would help the neighbors get their spray. The M.D. charged \$2.40 - \$2.70 per gallon depending on whether it was Amine or Esther 2-4-D.

My grandchildren would sit quietly when Grandpa would tell them of the time Dr. Perverseff and he picked up a corpse from a house north of Hughenden that had been found frozen and of the time a RCMP officer and he removed a man from his house near Hardisty who had both feet frozen to the knees and how he took him later to Edmonton where he had both legs

taken off. In the early days he had a gang of welfare workers cutting brush along the roads in order for them to earn enough money for their families. He also supervised the unloading of carloads of fish and canned pork the government shipped in by railroad to help the needy. "Were these the good old days?"

Being a Councillor when I first came on meant being a surveyor, an engineer, welfare officer, financier, lawyer, judge, mediator and policeman and one with a sense of humor as well.

My grandchildren will have to wait until another time to hear of my work with the Health Unit Board, on which I served for 35 years and also my work on the Hospital Board where we engineered the construction of the new hospital of Hardisty.

The steady evolution from horse power to diesel road building equipment went quite rapidly. Caterpillar, John Deere, Le Tourneau, Galeon and Ferguson pulling scrapers were soon replaced by the same companies with enormous self propelled machines moving tons and yards of dirt at one load. The six yard gravel hauler was replaced by tandems moving yards of gravel. I can tell my grandchildren that I was in the midst of the transformation.

I can show them my old chair that I sat in so many days and perhaps they can sit in it too after I'm gone but it remains part of my life. It came from our old office when we built our new building in 1972, bringing together all aspects of Municipal business. I can remember Jack Johnson when he was Secretary-Treasurer and I was Reeve. He would spend all night sometimes getting prepared for the next day meeting. More secretarial help came with Linda McDonald, with Jayant Shukle and now Rodney Hawken. The evolution process has come to the office as well now with copiers, word processors and computers.

I will tell my grandchildren how lucky we have been to have been raised in one of the most beautiful areas in the province with its rolling hills and trees and green grass and that even though the conditions have changed and standard of living has improved during the past fifty years, the country is just as beautiful as ever and there are wilderness areas untouched by our environment.

After fifty years I think that my children and grandchildren can feel thankful for the effort of our Council and staff, office and in the field for a job well done and be proud of our Municipal District of Provost #52.

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## MINISTERIAL ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 17a of The Municipal District Act, being Chapter 41 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1926, the undersigned hereby orders;

That the Municipal District of Hillcrest No. 362, and the Municipal District of Sifton No. 391 be merged into one new Municipal District to be known and designated as the Municipal District of Provost No 362, and shall on and after the date this Order becomes effective comprise the following area:

All of Townships 38, 39, 40 and 41 in Ranges 1, 2, and 3; all of Townships 38, 39, 40 in Ranges 4, 5 and 6; all of the above described land being West of the 4th Meridian.

That the area included by this Order within the above described boundaries of the Municipal District of Provost No. 362 shall be and is divided into five (5) divisions for electoral purposes, described as follows:

**DIVISION NO. 1** All of Township 38, Ranges 1, 2 and 3, and the South third of Township 39, Ranges 1, 2 and 3; all of the above described lands being West of the 4th Meridian.

**DIVISION NO. 2** The North two-thirds of Township 39, Range 1; all of Townships 40 and 41, Range 1; the North two-thirds of the East half of Townships 39, Range 2; the East half of Townships 40 and 41, Range 2; all of the above described lands being West of the 4th Meridian.

**DIVISION NO. 3** The North two-thirds of the West half of Township 39, Range 2; the West half of Townships 40 and 41, Range 2; the North two-thirds of Township 39, Range 3; all the above described lands being West of the 4th Meridian.

**DIVISION NO. 4** All of Township 38, Range 4, 5 and 6; the South half of Township 39, Ranges 4, 5 and 6; all of the above described lands being West of the 4th Meridian.

**DIVISION NO. 5** The North half of Township 39, Ranges 4, 5 and 6; all of Township 40, Ranges 4, 5 and 6; all of the above described lands being West of the 4th Meridian.

and that the Council of the said Municipal District hereby constituted shall consist of five (5) members: one councillor to be elected from each of the said divisions, and the candidate with the highest number of votes in each division to be declared the councillor for that division.

That Thursday, March 18th, 1943, be fixed as the date for receiving nominations for the office of councillor for each of the said divisions, and that the said nomination, and election, if any, shall be in accordance with sub-section (1), Paragraph (c) of Section 197 of the said Act.

That the place for receiving nominations for the office of councillor shall be the office of the former Municipal District of Sifton No. 391, at Provost.

That Ed. Smith, Czar, be and he is hereby appointed returning officer to conduct the election of one councillor for each division and who shall at least seven clear days before nomination day post up a notice in the form set out in the second part of Form "K" in the Schedule to The Municipal Government Act in accordance with the provisions of Sections 204 and 205 of the said Act.

That the returning officer shall divide the municipality into polling divisions and name a polling place or places there for and appoint such deputy returning officers and poll clerks as are necessary.

That if a poll is required in any division of the said municipal district it shall be held Thursday March 25th, 1943, from nine o'clock A.M. to five o'clock P.M.

That ANGUS WYLLIE MORRISON, be and he is hereby appointed to prepare or cause to be prepared a voters' list of the said Municipal District of Provost No. 362, in the same manner as set out in Section 184 of The Municipal Government Act and for such purpose shall have access to the assessment rolls and the voters' lists of the Municipal Districts which are in whole or in part merged by this Order into the Municipal District of Provost No. 362, and the said A.W. MORRISON, shall in compiling or causing to be compiled said voters' list comply as far as possible with the provisions of Sections 185, 186 and 187 of The Municipal District Act and carry out or cause to be carried out all the duties imposed by the said Sections upon the Secretary-Treasurer of a municipal district at the time and in the manner required of a Secretary-Treasurer.

That with respect to the date of erection, only, of the Municipal District of Provost No. 362, this Order shall become effective on the 1st day of March, 1943.

That with respect to any other matter or thing referred to herein this Order shall become effective as of the date of the signing of the Order.

Dated at Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 9th day of February 1943.

Lucien Maynard, Minister of Municipal Affairs

## FIRST MEETING, THURSDAY APRIL 8, 1943

Minutes of the first meeting of the Council of M.D. of Provost No. 362 held at the Municipal Office at Provost on Thursday April 8/43 at 10:20 A.M.

Meeting was called to order by the Returning Officer E. L. Smith. The ministerial Order tabled setting forth the date of first meeting.

A. W. Morrison, Administrator was appointed temporary Sec Treas. Returning Officer E. L. Smith gave results of election, which was as follows:

Division 1 — A. M. Hanson  
2 — Geo Murray  
3 — D. Scott  
4 — A. W. Thompson  
5 — W. P. Smith

### Hospital Representatives

North 6 Tps in old M.D. of Sifton — O. M. Smith  
Old M.D. of Hillcrest — John J. Roderick

Each councillor then signed the oath of office

Councillor Scott nominated Geo Murray for Reeve. Councillor Thompson moved nomination closed. Carried unanimously

The provisions of Section 137 of the M.D. Act as to terms of office were then carried out. The Reeve drawing the names out of the hat. The result was as follows: A. W. Thompson and D. Scott were appointed for a term of 4 years, Geo Murray and W. P. Smith were appointed for a term of 3 years and A. M. Hanson appointed for a term of 2 years.

Councillor Smith moved that A. W. Thompson be Deputy Reeve. Councillor Hanson moved that nominations close and the motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of M.D. of Sifton 391, meeting held Feb. 20/43 and the last meeting held by the Council of M.D. of Hillcrest and monthly statements were read.

Councillor Thompson moved the adoption of the Hillcrest meeting and statements and Councillor Scott moved the adoption of the Sifton minutes and statement, both motion carried unanimously. Statements submitted were for February and March in Hillcrest and the March statement for Sifton.

The Council went into a committee of the whole to discuss the appointment of a Sec-Treas.

Reeve Murray moved that W. Ironfield be appointed. Mr. Smith moved that O. H. Sellin be appointed assistant. Mr. Ironfield was appointed Sec-Treas and on Councillor Scotts motion Mr. Sellin was appointed assistant. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Smith moved that the salaries remain as they are for the present. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Smith moved that the office be in Provost and that the Metiskow office remain open until the end of June 1943. The motion carried.

Councillor Thompson moved that the banking discussion be tabled until after the noon adjournment. Motion carried.

Councillor Hanson moved that a new seal be purchased to conform with the name M.D. of Provost No. 362. Motion carried.

Councillor Scott moved that the regular meetings be held the 2nd Saturday in each month at the hour of 1 o'clock p.m. Motion carried.

The question of discussing Form B was tabled on the motion of Councillor Smith.

Councillor Scott moved that O. H. Sellin be appointed Assessor for 1943. The motion carried.

Reeve Murray moved that McCannel Bros be appointed Auditors for 1943.

Councillor Thompson moved that the appointment be given to W. E. Hansford. For the former motion Councillors Hanson, Scott and Reeve Murray, for the latter Councillors Thompson and Smith. McCannel Bros were appointed Auditors for 1943.

Councillor Scott moved the meeting adjourn until 1:15.

Meeting was called to order 1:15 with all councillors again present.

Mr. McDonald of the Treasury Branch was present soliciting our bank business, Mr. McDonald stated that the business done by the former M.D. of Hillcrest and M.D. of Sifton had been much appreciated, and requested that we continue on similar lines, he offered to loan money for school or other municipal purposes at the rate of 5%.

Councillor Hanson moved that we pay off the old note held by the Bank of Montreal at Hughenden, and for this purpose we transfer our school account from the Bank of Commerce at Provost to the Treasury Branch at Killam and arrange for a line of credit to the extent of \$20,000 for school purposes during the first three quarters of 1943. Motion carried.

Councillor Thompson moved that we carry our School and Provincial Trust accounts with the Provincial Treasury Branch and the balance of the accounts with the Bank of Commerce at Provost. Motion carried.

Councillor Smith moved that Mr. Sellin continue to carry on the business with the Treasury Branch, as formerly until the end of June and the necessary transfers be made after the cash audit at the time. Motion carried.

Councillor Thompson moved that Dr. York be appointed Medical H.O. for Divisions 4 & 5 for 1943. Motion carried.

Councillor Scott moved that E. Read and Howard Menzies be appointed Pound Keepers for Div. 3 and S. E. Hager for Division 2. Motion carried.

Councillor Smith moved that Andrew Christensen and Ingvil Froland be appointed Pound Keepers for Divisions 4 and 5. Motion carried.

Councillor Thompson moved that we ask for a grant of \$5,000 from the Government for Public Works in 1943. Motion carried.

Councillor Smith moved that the remuneration to Councillor for attending meetings be set at \$5.00 a meeting and \$.10 per mile traveled, \$4.00 per day for supervision and \$.10 per mile traveled. Motion carried.

Councillor Thompson moved that the following accounts be paid.

O. H. Sellin	Salary \$112.50 less NDT \$8.04	104.46
Express		1.00
Trip to Provost		1.60
Hamly Press	Financial Statements	47.04
Inspector of Income Tax	N.D. Tax	8.04
Dept. of Mun Affairs	Soc Service	123.80
Wilson Stationery		3.71
Mothers' Allowance		11.75
Education Tax Collections		8.50
Alberta Municipal Assoc.	Tax Roll	23.50
MD of Wainwright	Wm Moore Relief	30.00
Metiskow Coop	Ben Mitchell Relief	11.50
O.K. Store	Mrs. Sarah McNailey	5.00
Metiskow Trading Co.	Mrs. J Person	7.00
J. S. Kluck	Mrs. M. A. Erickson	9.50
Registrar	Withdrawals	14.00
Calgary Power Co.	Hamlet \$15.00 Office \$2.50	17.50
Registrar	Transfer, re: Truman Varty	4.00
King's Printer	New Acts	7.50
Don Stanton	Mallard Relief	30.00
Burr's Grocery	Price Relief	30.00
Wilson Stationery	Supplies	7.41
Mothers' Allowance		11.25
Salvation Army	Rysko Relief	20.00

Provost News	Supplies	8.50
Petty Cash Registrar Withdrawals and Transfers \$11.36		
Stamps \$12.03, Bank \$.75, Express Election expenses \$.65,		
Phone \$5.80, Supplies \$.28, Registrar per R.M. Lee discharge		
\$1.00, caretaker February and March \$8.00		39.87
Phone		5.78
Election Expenses		356.56

Reeve Murray moved that the Secretary and Councillor Hanson be a Committee to look into the matter of Office improvements and report at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Councillor Smith moved the approval of the leases as submitted.

L. J. Curtis was present at the meeting and offered \$1,200 for the purchase of the E 1/2 28-40-6W4, on the following terms - \$100 cash and \$100 per year with option of paying the balance in full at anytime previous to the time limit.

Councillor Thompson moved that we accept the offer of L. J. Curtis and draw up the necessary Bylaw to be submitted to the Minister for his approval. Motion carried.

Bylaw No. 1

Councillor Thompson moved that the Bylaw authorizing the sale of the E 1/2 28-40-6W4 be read the first time. Carried.

Councillor Smith moved that the Bylaw be read the second time. The motion carried.

A letter was read from C. L. Trigg.

Councillor Smith moved that this letter be tabled. Motion carried.

Councillor Smith moved that we approve the transfer of crop lease on the N 1/2 27-38-4W4 from Raymond Rasmussen to Lawrence Kreiser for the years 1943-44-45. Motion carried.

Councillor Thompson moved the approval of the following consolidations:

25-39-6W4	Richards Bros
Lot 1, Blk 5	W *****

Councillor Thompson moved a granted extension of time for payment on her Consolidation agreement to Mrs. Ida Sylte of Czar. Motion carried.

Councillor Thompson moved that Mr. Johnson of Metiskow be asked to act as appraiser of Lot 13, Blk 2 in the Hamlet of Metiskow No. 2 file 001, A.C. Motion carried.

The secretary was instructed to write for title to the N 1/2, SE 28 and S 1/2 33-41-1W4 under the Tax Sale Act.

Councillor Hanson moved the approval of crop leases as follows:

Ian Shand	NE 23-39-2-4
F. Raymond	NW 32-38-3-4
H. Halvorson	S 1/2 12-38-3-4
A. L. Harsch	SW 4-38-3W4
J. Raab	SW 35-38-1W4
D Halvorson	SW 7-38-2W4

all for 1/4 crop share with the buildings under the control of this council. Motion carried.

Reeve Murray moved the approval of consolidation affecting the NE 27 and the SE-34-40-1W4 signed by J. Mutch. Motion carried.

Councillor Thompson moved that the first quarter requisition to the Schools and Hospital be paid: viz: \$8,825 and \$1,920. Motion carried.

Reeve Murray moved that the election accounts as submitted totaling \$357.06 be paid. Motion carried.

Councillor Hanson moved that the secretary apply for titles to the NW 30-388-3W4, under the Tax Sale Act. Motion carried.

W. Whitelock was present and made the offer of \$400, \$100 cash and \$150 May 15/43 balance on or before June 1/43.

Councillor Thompson moved that we accept the offer and renew Mr. Whitelock's lease on the NW 31-39-6-4 for 3 years at \$25.00 a year cash. Motion carried.

Councillor Smith moved that Mr. Sellin notify Andrew Huff to deliver our 1942 share of crop without further delay. Motion carried.

Councillor Thompson moved that office hours be from 9 to 5 each day except Wednesday when the office would close at 12 noon. Motion carried.

Councillor Thompson moved the meeting adjourn.

Reeve Geo Murray Secretary W Ironfield



## OTHER INTERESTING MOTIONS FROM 1943

Councillor Thompson moved that the Secretary and his assistant be considered permanent employees and as such do not come under the unemployment Insurance Act, and that the Insurance Commission be notified to this effect.

Councillor Scott moved that the following schedule for wages be adopted for 1943.

Man only _____	\$ .40 an hour
2 horses _____	\$ .20 "
4 horses _____	\$ .40 "
Rubber Tractor _____	\$2.00 "
Cats _____	\$3.00 "
Foremen _____	\$ .50 "
Grader Men _____	\$ .60 "
For road maintenance	Tractors \$ .40 per mile traveled
	Horses \$ .35 per mile traveled

Councillor Hanson moved that we agree to take into M.D. Provost, Twp. 38, Range 7; Twps 39-40-41 and a portion of 42, Ranges 7 & 8; Twp. 41, Ranges 4, 5 & 6 and Twp 37, Ranges 1,2 and 3; and that the secretary draw up a map covering the additional territory, and further that Councillor Thompson be a committee of one to present the map to the Minister for his consideration.

Reeve Murray moved that Councillors Thompson, Hanson and the secretary be a delegation to interview the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and lodge with him protests in the matter of suggested new area, under the name of M.D. Ribstone

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- Who was the first Reeve of the M.D. of Provost No. 362?
- How many miles of secondary Highways does the M.D. have?
- In 1992, what percentage of assessment in the M.D. does farmland represent?
  - What percentage does power, pipeline and oilfield represent?
- Who is the current Reeve of the M.D.?
- Which Reeve held the position the most years?

- What was the Provost School Division mill rate in 1969, 1977 1984 & 1992?
- What was the Municipal mill rate in 1969, 1977, 1984 and 1992?
- How does the population compare in the M.D. in the years 1944 and 1991?
- Which past or present councillor has served the most years since 1943?
- Who is currently the public works superintendent and how many years has he worked for the M.D.?
- Which grader operator has worked with the M.D. for 27 years?
- How old is the current Administration Building?
- What important piece of equipment has been dropped from the construction crew?

## Answers:

- George Murray
- 107 miles (includes S.H.608)
- 20.32%
  - 73.57%
- Milton Lakevold, Division #3
- Robert Pearson, 12 years
- 1969 - 38.5
- 1977 - 17.0  
1984 - 65.65  
1992 - 11.02
- 1969 - 18.00  
1977 - 42.00  
1984 - 59.06  
1992 - 6.50
- 5500 in 1944 and 2536 in 1991
- Francis Blue, 36 years
- Wally Swelin, 35 years
- William Knorr
- 21 years August 1972
- The cook shack

# 50 YEARS OF COUNCIL

1943	A M Hanson	Geo Murray R	W Smith	D Scott	J Gilbertson	A Thompson	S Oxford
1944	A M Hanson	Geo Murray R	W Smith	D Scott	J Gilbertson	A Thompson	S Oxford
1945	A M Hanson	Geo Murray R	W Smith	D Scott	J Gilbertson	A Thompson	S Oxford
1946	A M Hanson	Geo Murray R	P Fossen	D Scott	J Gilbertson	A Thompson	S Oxford
1947	A M Hanson R	J Thompson	P Fossen	D Scott	J Gilbertson	A Thompson	A Wallsten
1948	A M Hanson R	J Thompson	P Fossen	D Scott	J Gilbertson	A Thompson	A Wallsten
1949	A M Hanson R	J Thompson	P Fossen	D Scott	J Gilbertson	A Thompson	A Wallsten
1950	A M Hanson R	J Thompson	P Fossen	D Scott	J Gilbertson	B Brown	A Wallsten
1951	S Payne	J Thompson	P Fossen R	D Scott	J Penman	B Brown	F Blue
1952	S Payne	A Borgstrom	P Fossen R	D Scott	J Penman	A Thompson	F Blue
1953	S Payne	A Borgstrom	P Fossen R	W Cromarty	J Penman	A Thompson	F Blue
1954	S Payne	A Borgstrom	P Fossen R	W Cromarty	J Penman	A Thompson	F Blue
1955	L Hochhausen	A Borgstrom	P Fossen R	W Cromarty	J Penman	A Thompson	F Blue
1956	L Hochhausen	A Borgstrom	P Fossen R	W Cromarty	J Penman	R Pearson	F Blue
1957	L Hochhausen	A Borgstrom	P Fossen	W Cromarty R	J Penman	R Pearson	F Blue
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1967	A Hauck	A Borgstrom	D Manning	W Cromarty R	J Penman	R Pearson	F Blue
1968	A Hauck	A Borgstrom	D Manning	W Cromarty R	J Penman	R Pearson	F Blue
1969	A Hauck	A Borgstrom	D Manning	W Cromarty R	J Penman	R Pearson	F Blue R
1970	A Hauck	A Borgstrom	D Manning	W Cromarty R	J Penman	R Pearson	F Blue R
				R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue R
				R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue R
				R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue R

1971	A Hauck	A Borgstrom	D Manning	R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue R
1972	A Hauck	A Borgstrom	D Manning	R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue
1973	A Hauck	A Borgstrom	D Manning	R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue
1974	A Hauck	A Borgstrom	D Manning	R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue
1975	A Hauck	A Borgstrom	R Rasmussen	R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue
1976	A Hauck	A Borgstrom	R Rasmussen	R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue
1977	A Hauck	A Borgstrom	R Rasmussen	R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue
1978	N Larson	A Borgstrom	M Lakevoid	R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue
1979	N Larson	A Borgstrom	M Lakevoid	R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue
1980	N Larson	A Borgstrom	M Lakevoid	R Halvorson	C Cameron	R Pearson	F Blue
1981	N Larson	R Hillis	M Lakevoid	R Halvorson	D Penman	R Pearson	F Blue
1982	N Larson	R Hillis	M Lakevoid	R Trenergy	D Penman	R Pearson	F Blue
1983	N Larson	R Hillis	M Lakevoid	R Trenergy	D Penman	R Pearson	F Blue
1984	N Larson R	R Hillis	M Lakevoid	R Trenergy	D Penman	R Pearson	F Blue
1985	N Larson R	R Hillis	M Lakevoid	R Trenergy	D Penman	P Motley	F Blue
1986	N Larson R	R Hillis	M Lakevoid	R Trenergy	D Penman	P Motley	F Blue
1987	N Larson	P Hansen	M Lakevoid	R Trenergy	D Penman	P Motley	F Blue
1988	N Larson R	P Hansen	M Lakevoid	R Trenergy	T Flynn	P Motley R	L Cuthbert
1989	N Larson R	P Hansen	M Lakevoid	R Trenergy	T Flynn	P Motley	L Cuthbert
1990	N Larson	P Hansen	M Lakevoid	B Halvorson	T Flynn	P Motley	L Cuthbert
1991	N Larson	P Hansen	M Lakevoid	B Halvorson	T Flynn	P Motley	L Whidden
1992	N Larson R	P Hansen	M Lakevoid	B Halvorson	T Flynn	P Motley R	L Whidden
1993	T Schneider	P Hansen	M Lakevoid R	R Trenergy	T Flynn	P Motley	L Whidden
							G Crone

\* R. (Reeve) Councilors are not by Division as boundaries have changed over the years.

**Municipal District of Ribstone No. 360  
Just About?**

Any historians out there know why we are not the M.D. of Ribstone?

On December 21, 1943 a Ministerial Order was signed which ordered:

That the Municipal District of Provost No. 362, the Municipal District of Huamha No. 393 and part of the Municipal District of Stocks No. 363, be merged into one new Municipal District to be known and designated as the Municipal District of Ribstone No. 360 and shall on and after the date this Order becomes effective comprise the following area:

All of Townships 38, 39, 40 and 41, Ranges 1, 2 and 3; all of Townships 38, 39 and 40, Ranges 4, 5, 6 and 7; all of Township 39, Range 8; all of Township 40, Ranges 8 and 9; all of Townships 41, 42 and 43, Ranges 7, 8, and 9; all of the above described lands being West of the 4th meridian.

On December 31, 1943 this order was repealed. Huamha and Stocks were added in 1944.

The M.D. of Provost No. 362 was renumbered No. 52 in 1945.

**POPULATION FIGURES 1943 - 1991**

	Municipal	Provost	Amisk	Hughenden	Czar	Total
1943	3000					
1945	5500					
1951	3751	218	123			
1956	3621	878	151	212	153	5015
1961	3328	1022	127	294	196	4967
1966	2944	1328	134	274	222	4902
1971	2859	1489	134	267	196	4945
1976	2653					
1981	2611	1672	192	265	190	4930
1985	2708	1779	217	263	188	5155
1988	2725	1725	217	276	191	5134
1991	2536	1776	198	285	182	4976

**THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PROVOST No. 52**

Written in 1969

For information purposes, the present Municipal District of Provost No. 52 formerly consisted of six independent municipal districts which were known as:

- Municipal District of Rosenheim No. 361
- Municipal District of Sifton No. 391
- Municipal District of Hillcrest No. 362
- Municipal District of Huamha No. 393
- Municipal District of Stocks No. 363
- Municipal District of Vale No. 392

Provost Municipal District No. 52 has come a long way in the last 60 years; in 1909 the homesteaders of this area decided to form a Local Improvement District. One of the organizers, Mr. Albert Holmquist, and his hospitable wife, opened their home for the meeting. Mr. C. Chisholm tells of driving over with Mr. John Frank, who became councillor. Secretary-treasurer fell to the lot of Mr. Holmquist. Mr. Nels Johnson, the father of Jack Johnson, a previous secretary of Provost M.D., walked the ten miles to attend the meeting. Incidentally, there was no salary at that time so it was a labor of love.

Sifton Rural Municipality No. 391, which took in Ranges 1, 2, and 3 of townships 38, 39, 40, and 41, held their January 4, 1913 meeting at the home of G.J. Wardner of Provost. Messrs. G.E. Meiklejohn, George Jackson, G.W. Johnson, W.J. Sullivan, and Joseph Hansman were the councillors. James McKay was elected secretary-treasurer with a salary of \$600.00. J.W. Kilpatrick was assessor.

At that time, road work was of extreme importance. Township 41, Range 1, was granted \$500 for road work, and foremen were chosen. The next year a split-log drag was built by Jim Robb to surface the road west of town at \$2.00 each surfacing. Weed Inspectors J. Prokosch, Dodgson, Sam Dewar, Allan Cable and J. Harper were chosen.

Secretary Kilburn and Lindsay Meiklejohn were succeeded by Walter Ironfield, who took office on May 1, 1916 and remained in that capacity for over 30 years.

In the summer of 1917 men were hired to pull weeds at the rate of \$5.00 per 10 hour day. The meetings, previously held in the Provost Band Hall, were moved to the Provost Hotel. A new M.D. office was built in 1923 with annual meetings in the Royal Theatre. One can trace the history of Provost by a glance at the minutes of these meeting. Mention of Provost Municipal Hospital representatives, the appointment of Medical Health Officers - Dr. York, McColgan, and Knoll - the annual meeting held in the Elk's Hall, give evidence of the growth of Provost. A lease taken on Moore's Lake, Hayter, and the development of the resort at Dilberry Lake tells still another story.

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Sifton M.D. meetings were seldom dull. In 1914 a delegation from the Women's Institute "waited" to reiterate their plea for the promised \$125 grant for a ladies' rest room in Provost, since the W.I. had already raised its quota of \$350.

Later the position of Assessor became vacant. One gentleman suggested that they hire someone with the qualifications of a First Class Teacher Certificate. He intimated that since the best educated man in Provost would "do the job for \$25, a salary of \$50 should be stipulated." The amount settled upon the lucky assessor was \$75.

Gems of humor and neighborliness abounded in the meetings. R.J. Trennery and H.J. McVeety signed each other's nomination papers. A fee of \$1.00 was paid to someone to remove a dead horse from a street in the hamlet of Hayter.

Grasshoppers were a threat to Sifton, so bait was distributed. It was decided not to pay for gopher tails, but gopher poison was sold cheaply. Later bounties were paid for crow's and magpie's eggs and feet.

In the thirties, herring, cod fish, apples and cheese were given out. Relief seed and feed grains were distributed.

On March 1, 1943, Hillcrest and Sifton joined to become the M.D. of Provost No.52. The five men on each council were cut down to seven councillors for the entire area. Some of the reeves included Messrs. Dundas, Meiklejohn, George Murray, A.M. Hanson, Peter Fossen, Walter Cromarty and F. Blue.

Councillors included Geo. Meiklejohn, W. Huff, F.C. Brink, P. Lamont, John Mallough, Charles Read, H.J. McVeety, J.W. Wiley, R. Trennery, Mr. Hager, Ed Wardner, Henry Huff, Elmer Austin, A.M. Hanson, W. Cromarty, S. Payne, Robert Walker, John Penman, Robert Pearson, Jack Thompson, F. Blue, C. Cameron, L. Hochhausen, R.B. Halvorson, Dennis Manning, A. Borgstrom and A. Hauck.

At the amalgamation of Sifton and Hillcrest, Mr. O.H. Sellin served as assistant secretary-treasurer. On his retirement, Mr. John Nelson assumed the duties of W. Ironfield. Mr. Henry Schumacher followed Mr. Nelson. Another previous secretary was Jack Johnson, whose father helped organized the L.I.D. Indeed, history has repeated itself.

A constant war against rats has been waged, with excellent results. With the large school unit, more problems have been added. School taxes, originally 7 mills, have rocketed to 37 mills. School bus roads had to be built, gravelled and snow plowed. This incredible winter, with its phenomenal snowfall and bitter cold of 50 below zero, has created more difficulties.

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## Hillcrest Rural Municipality No. 362

The earliest record available for Hillcrest is of the meeting at Czar on January 3, 1916, with Mr. Casson Reeve, and councillors Messrs. Milo Yearou, Cummins, Lindback, John Long, W. Northcott. Mr. Ewing Smith was secretary-treasurer at a salary of \$800, providing his own building and fuel. Other councillors prior to this were A.P. Homquist, Tom Stewart, Axel Jensen, Wm. Lowe, Jack McCartney and Dr. Ferguson.

Naturally, road work was of prime importance and foremen were appointed. Culverts cost \$1.25 each; slips \$16.95; No. 1 Fresno \$43.50, vastly different from the \$68,000 machine purchased in 1968.

In 1916, J.J. Roderick had joined the ranks of councillors, and meetings alternated from Czar to Metiskow, Cairns and Cadogan. With Milo Yearous as reeve, Ole Gautun, Matt Johnson, W. McBeath and Walter Whitelock were councillors. Jack McCartney was appointed bailiff to collect taxes, diversions of land, cost \$15 per acre, 3 cents per post. Wire was provided and a sum of \$10 was granted for the work.

Mr. James Shurmer assumed the duties of secretary-treasurer in 1917, with office at Cairns. Early residents can remember the golf games played by J.J. Roderick and Mr. Shurmer near the old race track. At this time, Dr. Ferguson and Dr. McColgan were Medical Health Officers for the municipality.

Seed grain was supplied to some of the farmers. 12,000 bushels of seed oats and 30,000 bushels of wheat were ordered through the National and Home Grain Elevators. That year, \$1,000 was donated to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Jack McCartney (1918) became secretary-treasurer with office at Cadogan and salary of \$1,200 and \$50 assessors fee. Four dollars per day was allowed Miss L. McVeety for nursing flu victims.

1920 was the year of inflation with the secretary's salary at \$1500 and a widow's pension at \$10 per month. Children were paid 1/2 cent per gopher tail, "The teacher to count same." Some years later, the writer can vividly recall a boy bringing to school a rare prize - 93 baby crows feet, jammed into a royal Yeast Cake box. A lard pail was partially filled with a jumble of gopher tails and scrambled crows eggs in various stages of incubation and decay. Fortunately the teacher was not squeamish. Magpies, at that time were unknown.

That year a man with team was paid 65 cents per hour; a road foreman 65 cents per hour; and a man 35 cents per hour. One ratepayer was granted \$25 for strawing a road, a very necessary job.

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A grasshopper infestation plagued Hillcrest in 1922. Councillors Weaver, McClaren, Stewart, Essen, Small and McBeath ordered 9 barrels of molasses, 100 pounds of arsenic and 980 pounds of salt, to be mixed for bait.

Mr. Jack McCartney resigned in 1922 to be succeeded by Mr. Arthur Walters, who occupied the new Municipal Office in Metiskow for four years. Mr. O.H. Sellin became secretary-treasurer on December 1926 and carried out the task for 17 years.

The passing of the Herd Law, the year round (1923) brought further ramifications. Poundkeepers Alex Aker, O. Pearson, L. Spilde were given \$5.00 for building the enclosure, the draying costs were paid, and material supplied by the municipality. Fire guardians were appointed, while Weed Inspectors received \$3.50 per day and 10 cents for each unnecessary mile.

The thirties were grim years, with fodder, seed, grain and relief given out. The reeve was paid \$4.00 per meeting, councillors \$3.00 and 10 cents mileage extra. A Leaning Wheel Maintainer cost \$277.50.

Grasshoppers again became a menace and bait was distributed. In 1937 apples, cheese, herring and dried cod, arrived as a gift from the east. Although one should not look a gift horse in the mouth, the cod was not greatly appreciated.

Some of those filling the position of Reeve were: Messrs. Casson, Yearous, Weaver and A. Thompson.

Councillors of Hillcrest were: Wm. Lowe, Wm. Lockyer, Wm. Northcott, T. Stewart, J.J. Roderick, A.P. Holmquist, August Essen, Walter Whitelock, Mr. Quist, Charles Cummings, William Houcher, Percy Forbes, Ike Small, Lee Montney, A. Thompson, Wm. Smith, Hans Hanson, Eric Beckman, P. Fossen, W. McBeath and A. Halvorson.

Many of the homesteaders, finding themselves or their farms unfit for pioneer life, left the district. Where once there were settlers on nearly every quarter, houses became further apart and farms larger.

Metiskow reluctantly said goodbye to the councillors of Hillcrest. Mr. A. Thompson had the honor of being in office for 28 years. Mr. George Murray was reeve for 4 years in the Provost M.D. and a councillor for 19 years. Pete Fossen had eighteen years to his credit.

### **Rosenheim Local Improvement District**

Rosenheim Local Improvement District was started in 1909 with four townships. (37-1, 37-2, 38-1, 38-2).

Felix Schneider was elected secretary-treasurer, John Schumacher and Mr. Weisener were councillors.

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In 1913 the municipality of Rosenheim was formed, and the townships of 36-1, 36-2, 36-3, 37-3, and 38-3 west of the fourth meridian were added. F. Schneider remained as secretary-treasurer until January 31, 1921 when A.J.C. Bernard accepted the position. The formation of the Special Areas in 1939 included part of Rosenheim so Mr. Bernard retired at that time. The remaining portion of Rosenheim M.D. was absorbed into Provost M.D.

Councillors included Philip Hochhausen, Lewis Hochhausen, and Alfred Schug.

The Provost M.D. office and modern shop are a far cry from the homestead shack where men of vision chartered a course for the future. Truly, they built a foundation that endured.

When the first municipalities in Alberta were organized in 1909 this area was too sparsely settled to form until the rest came into being in 1913. Until then, this was an Improvement District.

In 1909, C.P.R. railway was extended east from Hardisty through Amisk, Hughenden and Czar. Grass, stirrup high, was making prairie fires a constant threat with no cultivated land to break their sweep. A large fire in 1909 blackened the country from Hardisty to Wilkie, Saskatchewan. The first person buried in the Czar Cemetery was a woman burned in a prairie fire; in 1910 Mrs. Norgaard died a pain-filled week after trying to save their calf from the fire.

Our first settlers were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houcher on 11-42-6-W4 in 1892. Indians still roamed the plains and often walked into their house unannounced to sit on the floor for hours watching as she did her housework. A niece, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Houcher was the first white baby the fascinated Redskins had seen. The Walter Whitelock family came in 1898, followed shortly after by the Pete Sather and Tom Flynn families, the three Coffey families with their own beloved, Dr. York and his wife with them and Jimmy Hope in 1907. Billy Porter came to Alberta in 1901, here in 1909.

The winter of '06-07, often referred to as the Hard Winter, came as a cruel blow after the previous balmy winter. At Hardisty the temperature on the coldest day of the Hard Winter was 74 to 76 below, according to two different thermometers.

From 1909 - 1914 most land was homesteaded. A wife or adult child could also file while larger holdings were acquired by buying Indian script, South African script, or taking a pre-emption.

School districts were separated from municipalities though the latter did collect school taxes, ranging from 2 mills to 17 mills in 1923. Teachers' salaries before 1920 were \$750 to \$800 per year with a two or three months holiday in mid-winter. In 1912 taxes were about seven dollars a quarter.

Huamha No. 393 was the first M.D. to form in the Hughenden, Amisk, and Hardisty area, given its name from the combination of the first two letters in the three names. First Reeve, A.L. Blue, came to Alberta in 1909, filed on NW-35-42-9-W4. He returned to Washington that winter and the following spring brought his wife and seven children to reside permanently. His son, Francis, lives on the home place and served many years as councillor Reeve of Provost M.D. No. 52. Huamha, formed January 6, 1913 at a meeting in Hughenden school, had as councillors besides Reeve Blue, Wm. Lowe, Chas Cook, Andrew Smith, Hy Wentland, and Andrew Bogg. R. Chapman was secretary-treasurer. The six-man council often had a tie-vote and resulting stalemate; they often stayed all night until someone wearied, gave in and called for another vote. In 1914 the Municipal Act was changed to a council of five members. Reeve Blue served until 1935 when he left to become M.L.A. at Ribstone. Sam Oxford then became Reeve, holding office until the six small districts of Huamha, Stocks, Vale, Hillcrest, Sifton and Rosenheim amalgamated in 1943 to become Provost.

Stocks M.D. was formed on January 7, 1918 with C.W. Elliott as Reeve and council of Bert Smith, Les Cooper, Ed McKay, R. Preston, and W.A. Mitchell. Dave Roberts was secretary-treasurer. Taxes were 7 1/2 mills; pay for Reeve of \$4.00 and others \$3.00, mileage of 10 cents per mile (on foot or horseback), a limit of ten meetings per year. Assets were \$15,620.

Vale M.D. was split by the Buffalo Park and a segment of it became part of Provost M.D. in 1943.

As the number of Model T Fords increased, road building became the first concern of the councils. Trails followed the course of least resistance across the rolling prairie, up and down coulees. Farm fences diverted trails to road allowances which were often impassable until grading was done to level hillsides, circumvent sloughs and detour the steepest hills. Hills that stalled cars were sometimes climbed by going in reverse. The gas tank was under the seat and when climbing steep hills the gas quit feeding the engine. Backward, gravity fed gas to the motor.

Sandy roads were a hazard to the narrow 3 1/2 inch tires in cars for they mired and stuck in the bottomless sand. Straw was commonly used - it was spread on the road's deep spots to provide footing. In 1921 Stocks was sued for damages of \$1000 when E.W. Smith of Czar stalled his car in sand that had straw on it. Sparks of heat from the exhaust ignited the straw and burned the car. The M.D. lost the case and paid \$1717 costs and damages.

Payment for road work in 1918 was 35 cents per hour for a man; man and team 60 cents per hour, and man and four horses 90 cents. Public works cost \$11,349, the grant was \$745.

A disastrous frost in 1918 made seed grain loans necessary for the spring of 1919. Application for a loan of \$25,000 was made to the Provincial

Government. Actually \$27,008 was paid out for seed with \$2,508 repaid that fall. Much of the seed grain debt stayed on the books until 1926 when the balance of \$12,661 was paid from general funds.

In 1920 two road graders were purchased at \$586 each. Until 1922 road work wages had been paid in cash but council moved that henceforth it be applied to taxes and arrears. In 1922 John Nelson became secretary-treasurer of Stocks holding that position until the district was dissolved in 1943, and he moved to the same office with the newly formed Provost M.D.

From '21 to '24, W.A. Mitchell was Reeve, then G.C. Hobbs for two years. Taxes were 5 1/2 mills while school tax varied from 2 mills for Wild Lands to 17 for organized school districts. Drought and hail brought hard times in 1924 and that year saw the beginning of land going back to the M.D. for non-payment of taxes. Tax sale terms were half cash with the assessed value as upset price. Councillors' pay was raised to \$4.00 with the Reeve getting \$5.00. Road work was raised to 40 cents for a man, with team 60 cents and four horses 75 cents. Four horse teams must have been more common than in 1918 when they earned 90 cents.

A contract with the local paper, the Czar Clipper, published by H.W. Betts was signed in 1927 at 75 cents per to send the paper to all ratepayers, carrying accounts of meetings and special releases. In 1928 a grant of \$250 was made toward building Hardisty Hospital. M.D. assets were \$48,733.

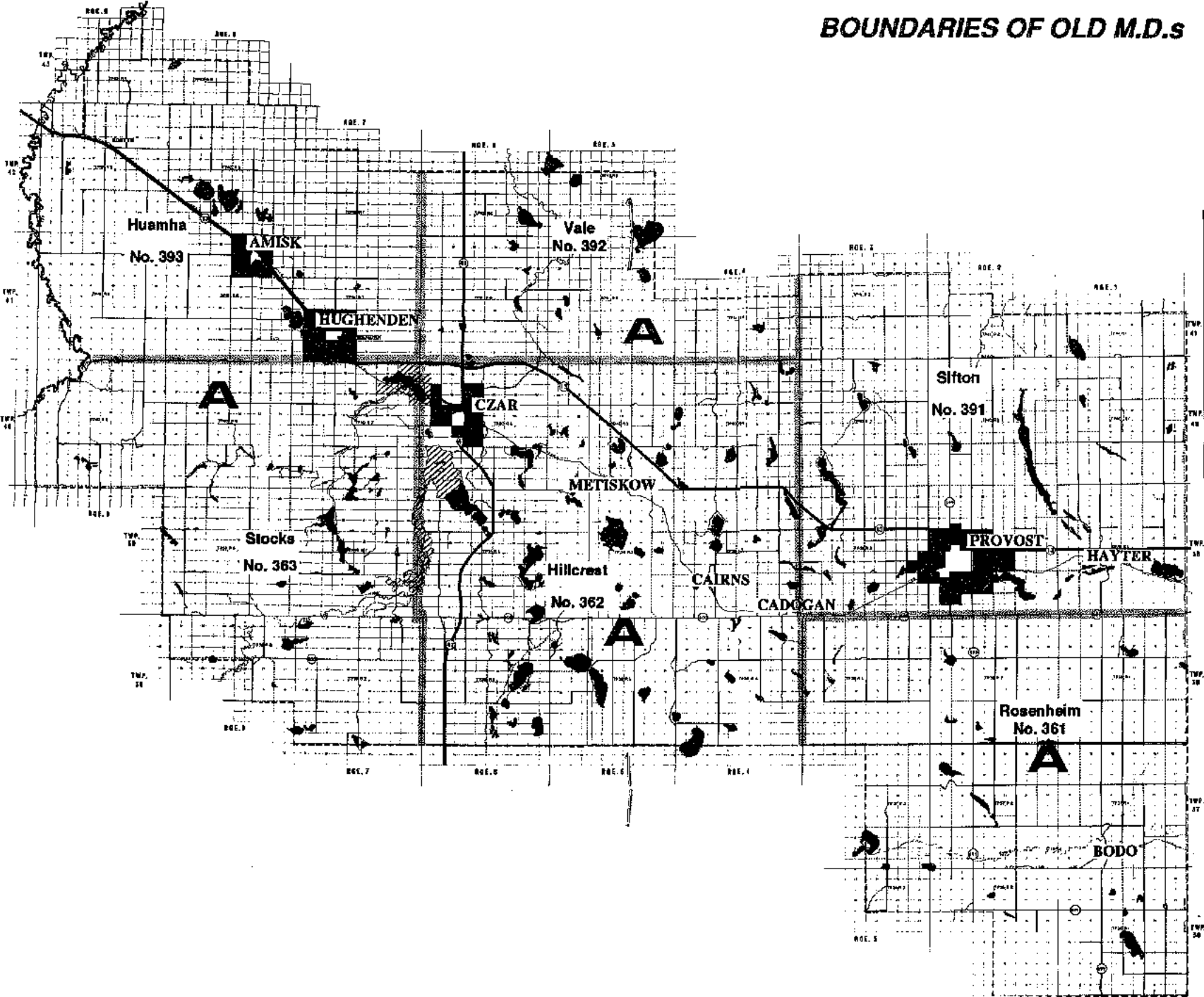
A weed inspector was hired at \$8.00 per day in 1929. He must have had special pull for this was a large wage for those days. In the 30's men worked on farms in winter for \$5.00 a month. Also in '29 a tractor was hired to pull the 8 foot road grader at \$2.00 per mile while grading, \$1.00 while moving the outfit. Taxes were 9 mills, school at 3 and 20. Public works were \$417,410 and the grant \$3,592.

In 1930 the CNR put a railroad grade through Stocks. Hard times came and no steel was ever laid. During the construction farmers rejoiced thinking they would soon have a closer haul to market their grain. Over all the years grain had been hauled with horses up to 25 miles each way.

Payment for relief had gradually increased since 1928. Severe drought in 1929 seared the crops. In 1931 a bumper crop brought as little as 21 cents a bushel and rye at 7 cents was burned for fuel, being cheaper than coal.

In 1932 ratepayers requested a municipal contract with a doctor to enable necessary medical care. This was negotiated with Dr. Jones at \$15 per family, covering maternity care, operations and official calls. Hospital rates were \$1.60 per day for residents. More and more land was gong back to the M.D. with 63 parcels offered at tax sale. Relief applicants were paid \$629 in 1933. Council had difficulty financing schools and in 1934 met with each school board to discuss cutting expenses. Teachers signed contracts

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for the minimum \$600 and often the M.D. deducted board money and applied it on the farmers' taxes, with the teacher moving from place to place every three months to help little on the situation. Some teachers collected only \$300 or \$400 a year. Money was almost nowhere to be found.

When asked for memoirs of those days, A.W. Thompson, a long time councillor, replied solemnly, "There was usually nothing at all funny about it." Like so many others he labored long to serve the people. The story goes that when Arndt Halvorson was called to his first meeting of council he had the mumps. He couldn't bear to miss the meeting so his wife wrapped his throat in many scarves and he attended. At the meeting next month he was the only one present. The others were all at home with the mumps....

In 1933, 25,000 bushels of wheat and 5,000 bushels of seed oats were supplied. Grass seed was distributed at reduced prices to induce seeding down lands that were blowing in the winds. Relief workers were cutting brush and picking rocks to earn a bit for groceries. The M.D. quit supplying coal and relievers cut their own wood on M.D. lands. Relief work totalled \$4,406 and direct relief was \$3,298. Doctor's and hospital payments for those on relief was \$2,648.

Farm prices were give-away. In 1936 fat beef steers sold at \$2.00 per hundred. Hogs, \$3.00. In 1914 prime beef had been \$7.25 to \$7.60 with Weiller and Williams market report saying they did not understand how prices could stay so high. Hogs were \$8.25. Now in January 1969 top beef is \$25.75 and hogs, \$30.00.

In 1937 the west had the poorest crop in history. That was the year of the Russian thistle as it flourished everywhere. It was cut, salted and stacked for winter feed; it was nourishing, almost like silage. Cows milked well on it and farmers milked cows and shipped cream all through those years. Tons of cream at \$1.95 for five gallons of rich sweet cream, grading "Special". Cream cheques were the currency of the land. Eggs sold as low as two dozen for 5 cents. That dried out year sympathetic Canadians in the Maritimes sent carloads of salt cod and canned herrings. From Ontario came big rounds of cheddar cheese and apples and more apples from B.C. These were distributed by the council to each family according to the number in it. Stocks M.D. got two carloads of apples and a half car of fish and cheese. These treats were deeply appreciated.

Better crops in 1938 began to relieve the financial crisis but even so 233 parcels of land were offered for sale. \$3,048 was spent on road work. A crop share lease was introduced in '39 with farmers giving 1/5 share. The land had probably been their own and lost through tax arrears. Grazing land cost \$10 per year.

Payment of \$1,536 was still made for relief. In 1942 the era of big spending approached with \$6,000 for a grader.

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## 1993 UPDATE

The extent of the changes within the M.D. of Provost over the last 50 years is hard to grasp. Small communities are suffering, many schools and in fact hamlets that were here 50 years ago are almost non-existent.

Transportation and communication have had huge effects on our communities. Some may argue, but our roads and vehicles have improved vastly and now people can travel from one community to another in practically no time; thus local services are being lost such as elevators, rail lines, schools, medical care and of course stores. Communication within our M.D. as well as the rest of the world is so easy with the help of updated telephone equipment, fax machines and computers.

A new administration building in Provost was completed in 1972. The Provost School Division shares office space with the M.D.

Jack Johnson retired as Secretary Treasurer in 1981 after twenty years of service. Linda McDonald took over as Administrator and put in nine years of service before moving on to work for Municipal Affairs. Rod Hawken is the present Administrator and has been since 1990. Jayant Shukle spent 21 years as Assistant. Iris McNalley is the present Assistant Administrator. Some long term office assistants over the years have been: Carol Berg, Edith Thoreson, Betty Wandler, Raymond Weatherly, Vivian Rasmussen, Anna Grocock and Dana Laye. Present Office staff include: Judy Larson, Le Ann Kloster and Marilyn Reinhart.

The present Pest Control Officer is Bette Dallyn, she has the rat population well under control. Five infestations were found and cleaned up in the last year compared with 146 infestations in 1982.

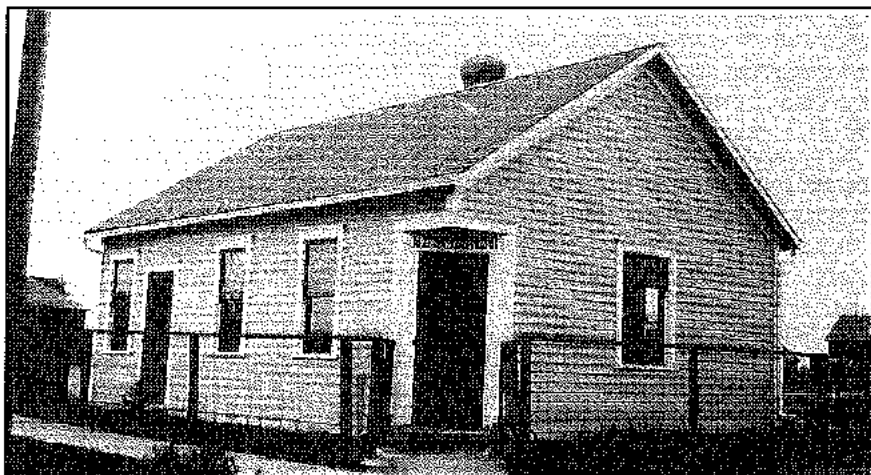
Burt Forbes is the present Agricultural Fieldman. He is kept busy looking after such services as roadside spraying, tree spraying, equipment rental as well as experimental plots. Various Fieldmen have been: Harry Hobbs, Dave Dudley, Dwayne Campbell, Owen Mawbey, Wayne Larson and Cam Perry.

With the increased oil activity along with strict Provincial Legislation the Utilities/Development Officer is very busy. Calvin Symington has taken on the job while still under the eye of Francis Hochhausen. Various Utilities/Development Officers have been: Donald Ferry, Ron Southoff, Fred Crone and Francis Hochhausen.

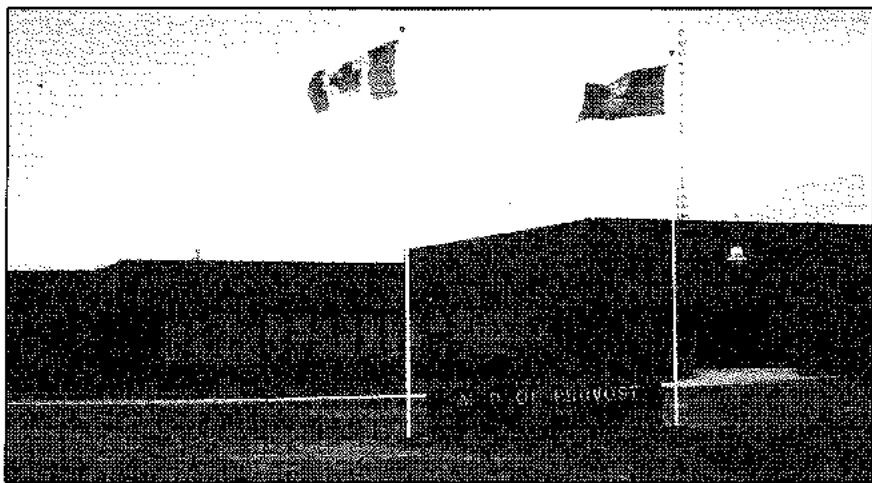
Public works continues to upgrade and maintain roads. Superintendent Wally Swelin with the help of Assistants Doug Rasmussen and Curtis Hughes oversee the public works department which employs between 20 and 40 individuals depending on the season.



Some past long term public works employees include: Bartley Swelin (34 years), Stephen Hahn (29), Louis Sandmaier, Merritt Young (25), Bob Broughton, Percy Sheen, Dewy Hager, Arnold Walaska, Peter Sheen (25), Ed Larson (20), Mike Froland (36), Howard Browne (22), Ray Hoff (21) and present employees Wally Swelin (35), and Willy Knorr (27).



FIRST ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



PRESENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

M.D. No. 568

M.D. No. 362

AUDITOR'S  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
For the Year Ending December 31st  
1943

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF

PROVOST No. 568

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

AUDITOR McCannell Bros. & Co. ADDRESS 713 McLeod Building, Edmonton, Alberta.  
 REEVE George Murray ADDRESS Hayter, Alta. TELEPHONE 1005  
 SECRETARY-TREASURER W. Ironfield ADDRESS Provost, Alta.  
 AMOUNT OF BOND \$5,000.00 NUMBER OF BOND F. 44968  
 COMPANY Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation  
 DATE SURETYSHIP BEGAN 1/1/30 BOND RENEWED TO 1/1/45  
 HAS BOND BEEN CHANGED DURING 1943? IF SO, GIVE FULL DETAILS: no.  
 NAME OF BANK Canadian Bank of Commerce AT Provost  
 TREASURY BRANCH AT Killam  
 Is Council Elected by Divisions? Yes or at large?  
 Number of Verification Tax Notices Mailed by Auditor under Sec. 183 (6) 157

FORM B, SECTION 183, THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ACT

Take notice that a meeting of the Electors of the Municipal District of Provost No. 568, will be held at one o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday the 19th day of February, 1944, at Elks Hall, Provost for the discussion of municipal affairs, and that at the same place and on the same day, the Returning Officer will receive nominations of candidates for the office of Councillor from three o'clock p.m. to four o'clock p.m.

W. Ironfield  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Secretary-Treasurer will please read Page 10 and advise auditor immediately

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RECEIPTS (General)

1. BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1942				
	Treasury Branch	Bank	Cash on Hand	
Municipal Account	8,255.80	5,948.57		15,103.37
Provincial Tax Trust	717.58	255.19		972.77
School Tax Trust (Rural)	522.92	5,668.98		6,191.90
School Tax Trust (Reporting)	10.14			10.14
Hospital Tax Trust	154.35	2,993.00		3,047.35
Hall Tax Trust	82.49	511.63		594.12
Seed Grain (Govt. Guar.)		791.93		791.93
Tax Sale Surplus				
Other (Specify) Savings		4,146.80		4,146.80
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>30,146.58</b>
2. RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT TAXATION				
Municipal Taxes only or Amalgamated Taxes	Cash	Current	Arrears	
	Labour			88,474.30
	TOTAL			3,756.24
				28,280.54
Social Services Taxes				14,789.02
Educational Taxes				80.47
W&L Lands Taxes				52,260.43
School Taxes (Hospital/Reporting Only)				15,306.53
Hospital Taxes				1,674.37
Hall Taxes				
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>108,341.36</b>
3. LICENSES AND PERMITS				
Professional and Business				
Other (Specify)				
4. RENTS, CONCESSIONS AND FRANCHISES				
Sundry Rentals				180.00
Concessions and Franchises				180.00
5. LAW ENFORCEMENT				
6. INVESTMENT EARNINGS				
Interest Earnings				185.83
Tax Sale Surplus Transferred to General Account				
Miscellaneous (Specify)				186.33
7. SERVICE CHARGES				
Commissions: Govt. 345.49	School 102.60	Hall 75.56	Tax Sale Surplus	523.95
Certificates and Search Fees				
Sanitary and Other Charges				20.00
Miscellaneous (Specify) Coyote Bounty				548.95
8. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES				
Recreation Services				29.00
Community Services including Cemetery				29.00
9. GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
Dominion—Local Ration Board				
Provincial—Unemployment Relief				1,322.00
Other: Road Grant, 322.00, L. & M. Loans				1,322.00
10. ADVANCES AND CHARGES REPAID				
Unemployment Relief (by Individuals)	186.75	Indigent Relief		186.75
Hospital		Pests and Weeds	67.05	67.05
Seed Grain and Feed, etc.: Municipal		Govt. Guar.	1,379.87	1,379.87
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>1,633.67</b>
11. MISCELLANEOUS				
Assets Sold (Specify) Sundry 184.60; Baskets 95.00; Land 591.70				871.30
Reporting School Taxes 2698.40		Machinery Rental	2,698.20	2,698.20
Overpaid Taxes 229.10	Refunds	Misc.	81.75	394.17
Suspense	Income Tax	Tax Sale Surplus	1,095.83	1,095.83
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>5,059.80</b>
12. LOANS				
Municipal	School 4,000.	Hospital	Seed Grain (Govt. Guar.)	4,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>4,000.00</b>
13. OUTSTANDING CHEQUES, VOUCHERS OR OVERDRAFT, DEC. 31, 1942				
Municipal	710.03	Provincial Tax	School (Rural)	710.03
School (Reporting)		Hospital	Hall	
Seed Grain (Govt. Guar.)		Tax Sale Surplus	Overdraft	710.03
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>710.03</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>152,154.32</b>

PAYMENTS (General)

1. OUTSTANDING CHEQUES, VOUCHERS OR OVERDRAFT, DECEMBER 31, 1942				
	Municipal	Provincial Tax	School (Rural)	
School (Reporting)		Hospital	Hall	3,722.92
Seed Grain (Govt. Guar.)		Tax Sale Surplus	Overdraft	3,722.92
2. GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Salaries—Sec. Treas. 4,230.00	Assistants 1,112.15	Assessor 6.00		3,350.15
Audit Fees 328.40	Councillors' Fees (Meetings Only) 751.50	Bond 20.00		1,099.95
Legal and Tax Recovery Expenses 196.36	Salaries 247.77	Rent 12.00		476.13
Printing and Stationery 1,482.46	L.T.O. 68.83	Elections 322.60		1,873.91
Postage, Telegrams, Telephone 345.11	Insurance 39.73	Office Exp 324.48		709.32
Association Fees 30.00	Other Payments to Councillors 77.20			107.20
Collectors Fees	Delegates 192.95	Local Ration Board		192.95
Sundry (Specify) Secretary's Travelling 40.20, Sundry 5.70				45.90
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>7,855.51</b>
3. PROTECTION TO PERSON AND PROPERTY				
Pests	Pound 31.05	Pests and Weeds 129.61	Wood Inspector	170.68
Street Lighting	380.12	Bounties 235.00		615.12
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>785.76</b>
4. PUBLIC WORKS				
Labour (Cash payments)	5,421.95	old 329.51		5,751.46
Labour (Applied on Balld)		Labour (Applied on Taxes)		3,756.24
Machinery and Repairs 447.96	Material 228.72			1,076.68
Purchase of Road Allowances 215.00	Surveys			215.00
Workmen's Compensation Board 155.00	Council Fees (Supervision Only) 517.35			672.35
Office building alterations 1,009.13				1,009.13
Metiskow grainery 32.19	Office furniture 113.00			145.19
LS2998				121.00
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>12,756.94</b>
5. SANITATION AND WASTE REMOVAL				
6. PUBLIC WELFARE				
Unemployment Relief	Indigent Relief 1,295.84	M.O.		1,295.84
Doctors 327.00	Hospital Bills 2,328.92	Child Welfare		5,125.93
Municipal Hospital Requisitions				7,860.00
Molasses Allowance 249.75	Old Age and Blind Pensions 1,167.81			1,417.56
Sanatorium 432.50	Practical Training School			432.50
Grants (Specify) Salvation Army 75.00	Institute for Blind 75.00			150.00
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>14,142.83</b>
7. EDUCATION				
Public School Requisition				35,772.84
Separate School Requisition				35,772.84
8. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES				
Parks	Rinks 80.00	Cemetery 147.30		227.30
Weigh Scales	Hall	Misc.		227.30
9. TRUST TAXES OR REQUISITIONS PAID INCLUDING SEED GRAIN (GOVT. GUAR.)				
Social Services				12,891.34
Educational				18.17
W&L Lands				2,097.63
Hall				1,070.51
Seed Grain (Govt. Guar.)				16,078.65
10. MISCELLANEOUS				
Refund of Overpaid Taxes 220.18	Payment of Tax Sale Surplus			220.18
Savings Certificates or Other Securities Purchased	Victory Loan Bonds			3,000.00
Reporting School Taxes 2,759.55	Education on Reported Arrears			2,759.57
Income Tax	Seed Grain (Municipal) 88.49	Misc. (Specify)		88.49
Overpaid on seed and feed to Government				81.95
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>6,180.20</b>
11. LOANS				
Municipal	School 16,245.65	Hall	Seed Grain (Govt. Guar.)	40.68
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>16,245.65</b>
12. BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1942				
	Treasury Branch	Bank	Cash on Hand	
Municipal Account	1,669.56	34,002.75	23.50	35,695.83
Provincial Tax Trust	746.19			746.19
School Tax Trust (Rural)	55.37			55.37
School Tax Trust (Reporting)				
Hospital Tax Trust				
Hall Tax Trust		95.11		95.11
Seed Grain (Govt. Guar.)		661.03		661.03
Tax Sale Surplus		1,061.71		1,061.71
Other (Specify) Petty Cash			50.00	50.00
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>36,385.24</b>
<b>general</b>				
B. Above Cash on Hand was Deposited January 3, 1944				TOTAL 152,154.52

**REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
 (General Section)

Exhibit V—Form 2

## REVENUE

TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL AND HOSPITAL PURPOSES, OR AMALGAMATED TAX LEVY			
1. REAL PROPERTY			
Land including Minerals and Timber Improvements, Buildings, etc.			26,927.29
2. PERSONAL PROPERTY AND/OR STOCK IN TRADE			
3. BUSINESS			
4. POLL			
5. TAXATION FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES			36,271.97
6. SOCIAL SERVICES TAX			10,191.13
7. EDUCATIONAL AND/OR WILD LANDS TAX			
Educational Tax Levy			
Wild Lands Tax Levy			
8. LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Professional			
Business			
9. INVESTMENT EARNINGS			
Interest on Bank Deposits	66.83	Interest on Investments	120.00
Penalties and Com.	351.04	Tax Sale Surplus Transferred to General A/C	
	186.83		9,351.04
			9,537.87
10. GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
Donation—Local Ration Board, Etc.			
Provincial (Ex. Relief)		Road Grant	1,322.00
Provincial—Unemployment Relief		& M. Loans	
Other Municipalities			1,322.00
11. OTHER REVENUE			
Rentals	180.00	Commissions: School	102.88
Concessions		Govt.	267.08
Weight Scales		Halls	71.45
Cemeteries	29.00	Community Hall	
Tax Certificate Fees		Misc. (Specify)	
			670.36
12. TOTAL REVENUE			84,920.62
13. SURPLUS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS (if any)			
14. TOTAL			
15. DEFICIT FOR YEAR (Excess of Expenditure over Revenue)			
16. GRAND TOTAL REVENUE SECTION			84,920.62

As indicated above, levy for Hospital purposes must be included with the Municipal Levy as also are any tax levies for Doctors or Hospital Agreements. If Levy for School, Social Services, Education and Wild Lands Tax purposes are included as part of an Amalgamated Tax Levy, omit Items 5, 6 and 7. The off-acting Expenditure items will be dealt with as follows:

Expenditure for Social Services, Educational and Wild Lands Taxes will be shown under Items 12 and 13 respectively of Expenditures (Page 5) at the amount of the Requisition if included in an Amalgamated Levy, or at the amount of the actual levy when levied separately.

Expenditure for School Taxes will be shown under Item 8 of Expenditures (Page 5) at the amount of the Requisition.

Expenditure for Hospital Taxes will be shown at the amount of the Requisition under Item 7 of Expenditures (Page 5).

**REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
 (General Section)

PAGE 5

Exhibit V—Form 2

## EXPENDITURE

1. PROVISION FOR RESERVES (Specify)			
Collection Reserve		3,000.00	3,000.00
2. GENERAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION)			
Executive and Legislative			
Administrative		6,526.88	6,526.88
Other General Government Expenditures			
3. PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY			
Fire Protection			
Police Protection		81.05	81.05
Protective Inspection			
Street Lighting		380.12	380.12
Destruction of Pests		453.66	453.66
Other Protection (Specify)			
4. PUBLIC WORKS			
5. SANITATION AND WASTE REMOVAL			
6. CONSERVATION OF HEALTH			
7. PUBLIC WELFARE			
Unemployment Relief			
Charity and Miscellaneous Welfare Including Indigent Relief		1,130.07	1,130.07
Child Welfare			
Hospitalization and Medical Services		1,202.93	1,202.93
Disaster Emergencies			
Old Age and Blind Pensions		1,200.00	1,200.00
Mother's Allowance		259.25	259.25
Charitable Grants		150.00	150.00
Municipal Hospital Requisition		7,680.00	7,680.00
8. EDUCATION			
Public School Requisition		35,662.64	35,662.64
Separate School Requisition			
9. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES			
Recreation Services		80.00	80.00
Community Services		147.30	147.30
10. DEBT CHARGES			
Temporary Debt Charges: Bank and Other Interest	230.34	Exchange	40.56
			271.00
Discount on Current Taxes			2,752.25
11. CAPITAL EXPENDITURES PROVIDED OUT OF REVENUE (Specify)			
Additions to office building	1,000.00	Furniture	100.00
			1,100.00
12. SOCIAL SERVICES TAX LEVY OR REQUISITION			10,191.13
13. EDUCATIONAL AND/OR WILD LANDS TAX			
Educational Tax Levy or Requisition			
Wild Lands Tax Levy or Requisition			
14. TOTAL EXPENDITURE			82,073.89
15. DEFICITS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS (if any)			
16. TOTAL			
17. SURPLUS FOR YEAR (Excess of Revenue over Expenditure)			1,846.73
18. GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURE SECTION			84,920.62

REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET (General Section)

Exhibit III--Form 6

ASSETS

1. NET BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1943	Treasury Branch	Bank	Cash on Hand	
Municipal Account	1,519.23	33,443.07	23.50	34,985.80
Provincial Tax Trust	746.19			746.19
School Tax Trust (Rural)	55.37			55.37
School Tax Trust (Reporting)				
Hospital Tax Trust				
Hall Tax Trust		95.11		95.11
Seed Grain (Govt. Guar.)		661.03		661.03
Tax Sale Surplus		1,061.71		1,061.71
Other (Specify) Petty Cash				60.00
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>37,655.21</b>
2. INVESTMENTS				
Victory Bonds \$,000.00				6,000.00
Other Bonds				
3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE				
Sundry Accounts and Rents Receivable				
Agreements for Sale			2,270.40	
Hospital, Aid and Relief Accounts Chargeable to Person			509.05	
Feas and Weeds				
Seed Grain (Municipal)			389.98	
Miscellaneous (Specify) Overpaid Seed Grain acct.			91.98	
Less Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts				
<b>4. DUE FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES (Specify)</b>				<b>5,241.39</b>
5. DUE FROM PROVINCE				
Unemployment Relief				113.90
Commission on Prov. Taxes			113.	
Rural Grant				
6. DUE FROM LOCAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OR OTHER FUNDS				
Contributions: School				
Hall				
Provincial Tax Trust A/C				
School (Rural) Trust A/C				
School (Reporting) Trust A/C				
Hospital Trust A/C				
Hall Trust A/C				
Seed Grain (Govt. Guar.)				
Tax Sale Surplus Trust A/C				
7. TAXES RECEIVABLE (not including Property Acquired for Taxes)	Total	Less Reserve for Uncollectible Taxes	Net	
Municipal Taxes only or Amalgamated Taxes	51,546.30		31,846.30	
Social Services				
Educational	23,347.69		23,347.69	
Wild Lands				
School (not Incl. Reported Arrears)	56,102.42		56,102.42	
Hospital	18,759.40		18,759.40	
Hall	11,626.62		11,626.62	143,682.63
8. TAXES RECEIVABLE ON PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR TAXES	Total	Less Reserve for Uncollectible Taxes	Net	
Municipal Taxes only or Amalgamated Taxes	44,003.81	15,000.00	29,003.81	
Social Services				
Educational	14,349.75		14,349.75	
Wild Lands				
School (not Incl. Reported Arrears)	44,500.49		44,500.49	
Hospital	10,710.80		10,710.80	95,564.85
Hall				
9. INVENTORIES (Value of Consumable Goods or Supplies on Hand)				
Stationery 1,060.				1,165.00
Poison 25.				
Coal 50.				
10. PAID IN EXCESS OF CONTRIBUTIONS				
Provincial Government				
School				
Hospital				
Hall Board				46,480.82
11. SEED GRAIN (GOVT. GUAR.) OWING BY FARMERS				
12. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS (Specify)				
13. DEFICIT--Exhibit IV (Page 8)				
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>				<b>336,892.70</b>

CAPITAL AND LOAN FUNDS BALANCE SHEET (General Section)

Exhibit II--Form 5

ASSETS

1. GENERAL FIXED ASSETS (See Schedule 1, Page 2)			
Less Reserve for Depreciation	net		8,200.00
2. CASH (net Balance, December 31, 1943)			
3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (Specify)			
4. OTHER TANGIBLE ASSETS (Specify)			
5. DEFICITS AND/OR EXTRA-ORDINARY EXPENSES CAPITALIZED			
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS</b>			<b>8,200.00</b>

REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET

Exhibit III--Form 6

(General Section)

LIABILITIES

1. BANK OVERDRAFT			
2. TEMPORARY LOANS			
Municipal			
School	3291.76		
Seed Grain (Govt. Guar.)			3,291.76
3. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			
Salaries--Sec. Treas.			
Assistants			
Assessor			
Auditor			
Hospital Bills			
Doctor Bills			
Indigent Relief			
Unemployment Relief A/C		18.00	
Labour			
Material			
Machinery (Current)			
Councillors (Supervision)			
Councillors (Meetings)			
Light and Power			
Seed Grain (Mun.)			
Misc. (Specify)			
Deposit on land sale		400.00	
<b>4. DUE TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES (Specify)</b>			<b>418.00</b>
5. DUE TO PROVINCE			
Old Age and Blind Pensions	1,800.00		
Mother's Allowances	16.25		
Child Welfare			1,816.25
Provincial Training School			
Sanatorium			
Provincial Mental Hospital			
Unemployment Relief			
Workmen's Compensation Board			1,816.25
6. DUE TO LOCAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OR OTHER FUNDS			
Provincial Tax Trust A/C			
School (Rural) Trust A/C			
School (Rept.) Trust A/C	47.14		
Hosp. Trust A/C			
Hall Trust A/C			
Seed Grain (Govt. Guar.)		1,095.63	
Tax Sale Surplus Trust A/C			1,142.77
7. SOC. SEC. TAXES OR REQUISITION TO PROV. BOARD	36,269.85	2,744.58	39,014.43
8. SCHOOL TAXES OR REQUISITION TO SCHOOL BOARD		5,573.10	5,573.10
9. HOSP. TAXES OR REQUISITION TO HOSPITAL BOARD		2,561.72	2,561.72
10. EDUCATION TAXES TO PROVINCE	1,112.44	27.43	1,139.87
11. WILD LANDS TAXES TO PROVINCE	315.15		315.15
12. HALL TAX ARREARS TO HALL BOARD	11,528.82	75.39	11,702.21
13. SEED GRAIN (GOVT. GUAR.) TO PROVINCE			60,388.45
14. OTHER LIABILITIES			
Machinery Notes			
Misc. (Specify)			
15. RESERVES--OTHER THAN DEDUCTED FROM ASSETS (Specify)			
16. SURPLUS--Exhibit IV (Page 8)			224,426.33
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FUND LIABILITIES</b>			<b>336,892.70</b>

CAPITAL AND LOAN FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

(General Section)

Exhibit II--Form 5

LIABILITIES

1. TEMPORARY LOANS			
Municipal			
School			
Hospital			
2. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (Specify)			
3. OTHER CAPITAL LIABILITIES (Specify)			
4. RESERVES (Other than Deducted from Assets) (Specify)			
5. INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL (OR FIXED) ASSETS			8,200.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL LIABILITIES</b>			<b>8,200.00</b>

## REVENUE FUND SURPLUS (DEFICIT) ACCOUNT

Exhibit IV—Form 7

	Debit	Credit	Balance
1. Balance of Surplus (or Deficit) at Beginning of Year		\$ 116,200.55	\$ 116,200.55
2. Surplus or Deficit included in Current Budget—Transferred to Revenue and Expenditure Account, Exhibit V			
3. Adjustments Affecting Operations of Previous Years: (Specify) as per Schedule		106,579.05	
4. Balance after Above Adjustments			\$ 222,579.60
5. Other Transactions Affecting Surplus: (Specify)			
6. Surplus or Deficit for Year Under Review—Brought forward from Revenue and Expenditure Account, Exhibit V		1,546.73	
7. Balance of Surplus or Deficit at End of Year—Carried Forward to Revenue Fund Balance Sheet, Exhibit III			\$ 224,426.33
8. Totals of Debit and Credit Columns	\$	\$	

## GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

Land, Buildings, Plant and Equipment, and Municipal Improvements Schedule I—Form 10

Functional Classification	Schedule I—Form 10				Total
	Land	Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Other	
1. General Government: Municipal Offices	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,780.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 3,930.00
2. Protection to Persons and Property: Fire Department Police Department Street Lighting Destruction of Pests and Weeds					
3. Public Works: Workshops, Yards and Other Buildings Bridges Dikes and Ditches Sidewalks Streets and Roads (inc. Road Machinery)			4,800.00		4,800.00
4. Sanitation and Waste Removal: Garbage and Waste Collections and Disposal Miscellaneous (Specify)					
5. Conservation of Health: Health Offices, Clinics, Laboratories					
6. Public Welfare: Welfare Offices, Charitable Institutions Miscellaneous (Specify)					
7. Recreation Services: Amusement Parks and Playgrounds Skating Rinks and Arenas Miscellaneous (Specify)					
8. Community Services: Community Centres and Halls Markets Parks Wash Boilers					
9. Miscellaneous, N.O.P.: (Specify)					
Total General Fixed Assets—Item 1, Exhibit II, Page 6	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,780.00	\$ 5,200.00		\$ 8,200.00

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROVIDED OUT OF REVENUE

Schedule 12—Form 34

Functional Classification (See Schedule 1, Form 19 above)	Nature of Work or Asset Acquired	Amount of Expenditure
Municipal offices	Improvements to building	\$ 1,000.00
Plant and equipment	office furniture	100.00
Total Capital Expenditures Provided Out of Revenue, Item 11, Exhibit V, Page 5		\$ 1,100.00

## SUMMARY OF TAX ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1943

Analysis of Levy	Amount
1. TAXES LEVIED FOR: Municipal and Hospital Purposes only, or Amalgamated Tax Levy School Purposes	\$ 26,927.22 26,927.22
2. TOTAL TAXATION REVENUE	\$ 63,199.22
3. CHARGES OR TAXES PLACED ON TAX ROLL FOR COLLECTION: Social Services Educational Wild Lands Other (Specify)	\$ 10,191.13
4. TOTAL CHARGES ON TAX ROLL FOR COLLECTION	\$ 10,191.13
5. TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE (in respect of Current Year's Levies or Charges—Total of (2) and (4) above)	\$ 73,590.39
6. PRIOR YEARS' ASSETS ADDED TO CURRENT ROLL: Arrears of Taxes as at December 31, 1942 1943 Penalties and Costs on Above Hull Tax Arrears including 1943 Penalties Other (Specify)	200,728.96 11,812.93 13,689.91
7. TOTAL FACE AMOUNT OF TAX ROLL	\$ 389,080.09

NOTE: Tax Levy for Municipal Doctor and/or Hospital Agreements is to be included in Municipal levy as well as that for Municipal Hospital purposes.  
Reported School Tax Arrears are not to be included in the above statement.

## 1943 MILL RATES

SPECIAL LEVIES:	Approx. Description of Area of M.D. Covered	Mill Rate
Municipal Doctor Agreements	D11	
Hospital Agreements	D11	
Other (Specify)	D11	

## MUNICIPAL OR AMALGAMATED TAX LEVY

## Schedule 6—Form 28 TAXES RECEIVABLE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1943

Social Services Tax Equalized Assessment Valuation \$	Total	Current Year's Levy	Prior Years' Arrears
Balance January 1, 1943	\$ 303,556.93		\$ 303,556.93
Current Year's Levy	73,590.39	\$ 73,590.39	
Penalties and Costs added in 1943	12,162.77		12,162.77
Taxes Reinstated			
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>\$ 389,080.09</b>	<b>\$ 73,590.39</b>	<b>\$ 315,689.70</b>
Collections in 1943, including Costs	\$ 108,341.36	\$ 66,044.90	\$ 43,296.46
Discounts Allowed	12,570.24	3,252.25	9,317.99
Contingencies	10,921.21		10,921.21
UNCOLLECTED TAXES, DECEMBER 31, 1943	257,247.28	5,093.24	252,154.04

NOTE: The above statement is to include taxes for all purposes, except Reported School Tax Arrears.

## ALLOCATED FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Section 278, M.D. Act

Total allocated over all M.D. to be Shown Here

	Amount
Labour	11,400.00
Machinery and Repairs	
Materials	600.00
Total	
Labour Applied on Relief Adjustments from 1942	
Net Allocation for 1943	12,000.00
Paid for Public Works (See Page 2)	9,806.91
Unpaid for Public Works (See Page 2)	18.00
Total Expenditure (Paid and Unpaid)	9,824.91
Under-Expended December 31, 1943 Over-Expended December 31, 1943	2,075.09
* Do not include "Deferred Liabilities"	

SCHOOL TAX

Table with columns: Name of Rural School or Section, Number, Mill Rate, Assessed Valuation Before City, Current Tax, Uncollected Dec 31, 1942, Penalties Added in 1943, Taxes Requisite in 1943, Total Due, Collected in 1943. Rows include Provost, Wainwright, Neutral Hills, and Total rural Village, Provost Cadogan CZAR.

HOSPITAL TAX

Table with columns: Name of Hospital, Number, Mill Rate, Assessed Valuation Before City, Current Tax, Uncollected Dec 31, 1942, Penalties Added in 1943, Taxes Requisite in 1943, Total Due, Collected in 1943. Row includes Provost.

TRUST TAX COLLECTION

Trust Taxes Collected but not paid at December 31, 1942. Collected in 1943.

Trust Taxes Itemized in Excess of Collections December 31, 1942.

TOTAL DUE (accounted for below)

Paid in 1943 to Provincial Government and Hall Board. Paid in Excess of Collections at Dec. 31, 1943, including previous year. Amounts Collected by Town but not paid December 31, 1943.

Amount of Requisition in 1943. Requisitions Owing from Previous Years. Total Requisitions Due. Requisitions Paid in 1943. Requisitions Unpaid, December 31, 1943.

(Standing of M.D. With Farmers)

SEED GRAIN, FEED, FODDER AND FUEL

Table with columns: Prior to 1941, Implemented, Seed, Grain, Fodder 1937/8, Fodder 1938/9, Fuel Oil, TOTAL. Sub-headers include: Advanced to Farmers on Current Loans, Uncollected December 31, 1942, Interest Added in 1943, Total Advances with Interest, Repaid by Farmers in 1943, Canceled, Authority for Cancellations, Due to M.D. by Farmers Dec 31, 1943.

MUNICIPAL SEED GRAIN AND

Table with columns: Seed Grain, Feed, TOTAL. Sub-headers include: Advanced to Farmers on Current Loans, Uncollected December 31, 1942, Interest Added in 1943, Total Advances with Interest, Repaid by Farmers in 1943, Canceled, Authority for Cancellations, Due to M.D. by Farmers Dec 31, 1943.

Table with columns: Disbursements on Taxes in 1942, Canceled, Uncollected Dec 31, 1942, Requisitions in 1943, Requisitions Owing from Previous Years, Requisitions Paid in 1943, Requisitions Unpaid Dec 31, 1943, Current Interest on Loans, Paid in Excess of Collections Including Prev. Years, Collections in Excess of Payments Inc. Prev. Years. Rows include Provost, Wainwright, Neutral Hills, and Total rural Village, Provost Cadogan CZAR.

STATEMENT

Table with columns: Disbursements on Taxes in 1942, Canceled, Uncollected Dec 31, 1942, Requisitions in 1943, Requisitions Owing from Previous Years, Requisitions Paid in 1943, Requisitions Unpaid Dec 31, 1943, Current Interest on Loans, Paid in Excess of Collections Including Prev. Years, Collections in Excess of Payments Inc. Prev. Years. Row includes Provost.

LAND REQUISITION STATEMENT

Table with columns: Social Services, Educational, Wild Lands, Total Provincial, HHS. Rows include 1942-1943, 1943-1944, 1944-1945, 1945-1946.

OIL, UNDER GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE

(Standing of M.D. With Government or Bank)

Table with columns: Balance Due Dec 31, 1942, Advances During 1943, Interest Added in 1943, Total Loans with Interest, Repaid by M.D. on Loans in 1943, Canceled, Authority for Cancellations, Due to M.D. on Loans Dec 31, 1943. Sub-headers: To Bank, To Government.

FEED UNDER SEC. 257, M.D. ACT

Table with columns: Balance Due Dec 31, 1942, Advances During 1943, Interest Added in 1943, Total Loans with Interest, Repaid by M.D. on Loans in 1943, Canceled, Authority for Cancellations, Due to M.D. on Loans December 31, 1943.

PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS FOR MEETINGS

Division	Name of Councillor	No. of Meetings	Days	Rate	Other	Rate	Amount Due for 1943	Balance Due from 1942	Total Due	Paid in 1943	Balance Due Dec. 31, 1943
1.	A.M. Hanson	10	5.	854	10		91.40			91.40	
2.	G. Murray	10	5.	420	10		108.00			108.00	
3.	D. Scott	10	5.	418	10		108.60			108.60	
4.	A.W. Thompson	10	5.	866	10		151.60			151.60	
5.	W.P. Smith	11	5.	410	10		96.00			96.00	
6.											
7.	Old Sifton						94.40			94.40	
	Old Hillcrest						80.40			80.40	
Trustee	J.A. Thompson	1	1	4.	24	10	5.40			5.40	
Sec 184 (4)	G. Murray	2	2		167	10	29.70			29.70	
TOTAL							751.50			751.50	

PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS FOR SUPERVISION—Sec. 184 (5), M.D. ACT

Division	Name of Councillor	Days	Rate	Other	Rate	Amount Due for 1943	Balance Due from 1942	Total Due	Paid in 1943	Balance Due Dec. 31, 1943
1.	A.M. Hanson	15	5.	780	10	153.00		153.00	153.00	
2.	G. Murray	15	5.	300	10	105.00		105.00	105.00	
3.	D. Scott	9	5.	288	10	66.60		66.60	66.60	
4.	A.W. Thompson	44	5.	208	10	44.80		44.80	44.80	
5.	W.P. Smith	14	5.	782	10	146.20		146.20	146.20	
6.										
7.										
TOTAL							517.35		517.35	

ANY OTHER PAYMENT TO COUNCILLORS WHATSOEVER NOT SHOWN ABOVE  
Sec. 184 (9), M.D. Act

Div.	Name of Councillor	Days	Rate	Other	Rate	Am't. Due for 1943	Bal. Due from 1942	Total Due	Paid in 1943	Bal. Due Dec. 31, 1943	Reason for Payment
1.	A.M. Hanson	3	4.	14	10	13.40		13.40	13.40		Amalgamation w/c
2.	G. Murray	43	4.	128	10	30.90		30.90	30.90		Amalgamation or
3.											Tax Recovery
4.	A.W. Thompson	1	4.	37	10	7.70		7.70	7.70		Tax Recovery or
5.	W.P. Smith	44	4.	72	10	25.20		25.20	25.20		Tax Recovery or
6.											Health Insur.
7.											
TOTAL							77.20		77.20		

VERIFICATION OF CASH ON HAND AT DECEMBER 31, 1943

Cash on hand as per Cash Statement at December 31, 1943 (page 3)	73.80		
Cash received between December 31, 1943, and date of this Audit	6,985.72		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,059.52</b>		
Deduct cash deposited in Bank between December 31, 1943, and date of this Audit	7,009.28		
<b>CASH ON HAND ACTUALLY COUNTED BY ME/US AT DATE OF THIS AUDIT AS LISTED HEREUNDER petty cash</b>	<b>50.00</b>		
Bills 5 x 1	x2 1 x5	x10 2 x20	50.00
Municipal Cheques, Endorsed and Received for			
Other Cheques			
Grain Tickets			
Treasury Branch Vouchers			
Silver			
<b>TOTAL CASH ON HAND ... \$</b>	<b>50.00</b>		

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the accounts of the Municipal District of PROVOST No. 362 for the year ending December 31, 1943, and have compared the said accounts with their relative vouchers and certify that in my own opinion the foregoing financial statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the Municipality according to the best of my own information, the explanations given to me/us, and as shown by the records, subject to any qualifications mentioned in Auditor's Special Report attached.

DATED at Provost Alberta this 27th day of January, 1944.  
SIGNED Wm. Marshall Ross ADDRESS 713 McLeod Bldg., Edmonton

PLEASE ATTACH AUDITOR'S SPECIAL REPORT (Sec. 182, M.D. Act), IF ANY

LANDS UNDER THE TAX RECOVERY ACT

Total Number of Parcels Finally Acquired by M.D., but not sold (Sec. 20), as at Dec. 31, 1943	469	Number of Parcels Sold at Public Sale in 1943	
Number Under Tax Notification	234	Number of Parcels Sold at Private Sale in 1943	8
Date Last Tax Notification Registered at L.T.O.	Apr. 1, 42	Number of Parcels Leased Under Sec. 26 in 1943	221
Date of Last Public Sale		Total Parcels Dealt With in 1943	229
Receipts from Lands Sold or Leased in 1943		Public Sale	2,668.91
		Private Sale	
		Leases	6,254.64
Receipts in 1943 from Lands Sold or Leased Prior to 1943		Public Sale	
		Private Sale	2,650.00
		Leases	
<b>TOTAL TAX SALE and LEASE RECEIPTS IN 1943</b>			
<b>11,573.55</b>			
Above Receipts have been credited as follows:			
Credited to Costs and Commissions			
" " Municipal Account			4,334.81
" " Provincial Trust Account			1,201.01
" " School and Other Trust Accounts			5,877.00
" " Tax Sale Surplus Trust Account			260.73
<b>Total Tax Sale and Lease Receipts Accounted for</b>			<b>11,573.55</b>
TAXES CANCELLED UNDER Sec. 24(2)	Municipal		
	Provincial		
	School		
	Specify Any Other Cancellation		
<b>Total Cancellations</b>			

STANDING OF LANDS FINALLY ACQUIRED BY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

	Number of Parcels	Assessed Value (Market Only)	TAXES				Total Taxes
			Municipal and County	Provincial	School	HOSPITAL	
At Dec. 31st, 1943	469	380,908.	43,028.15	13,726.79	42,563.23	10,004.52	109,322.69
Add: 1943 Penalties on above			620.52	243.06	623.39	194.68	1,681.71
Add: 1943 Levy on above (if any)			1,101.17	670.69	2,426.56	670.69	4,869.13
Add: Acquired during 1943							
Total			44,749.84	14,640.54	45,613.20	10,869.89	115,823.55
Deduct: 1943 Cancellations on above							
Total							
*Deduct 1943	17,020.	748.27	290.81	1,112.71	159.09	2,308.88	
Standing at Dec. 31st, 1943	362,888.	44,002.61	14,349.73	44,500.49	10,710.80	113,564.65	

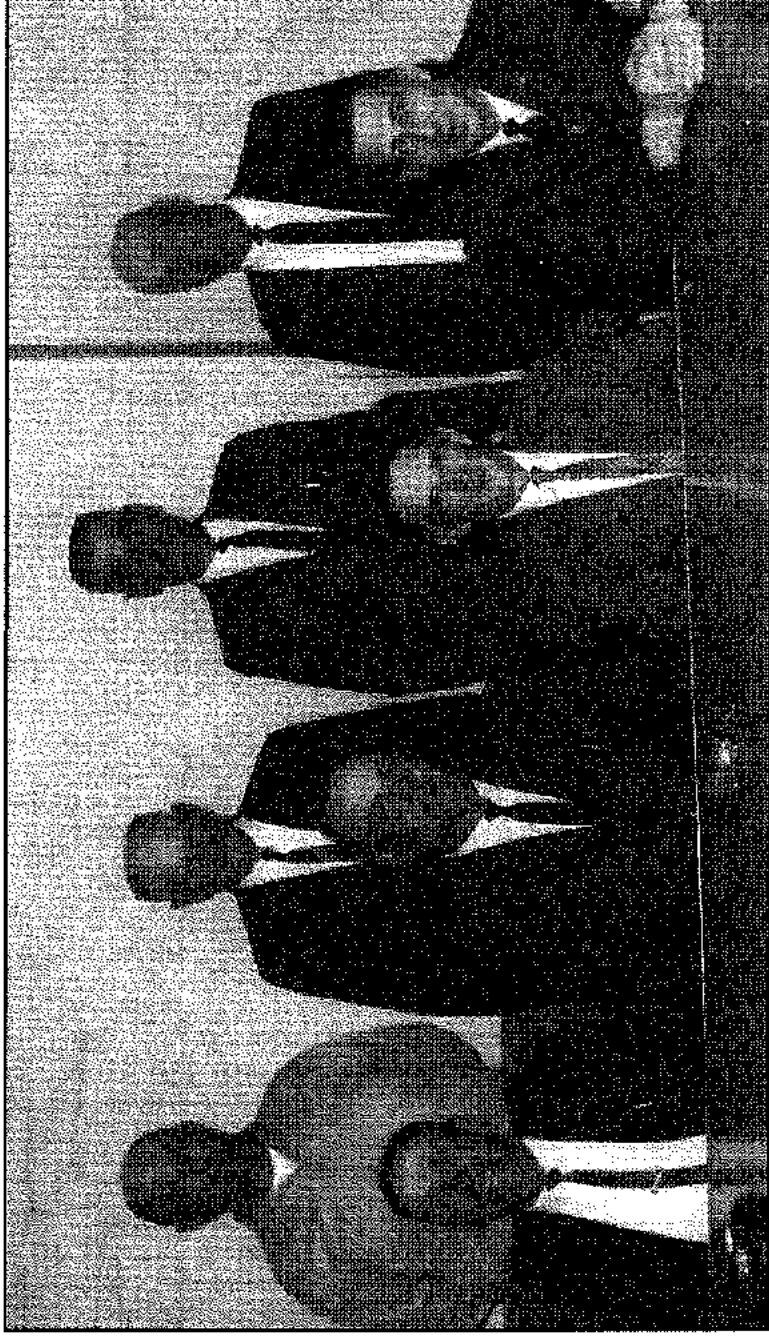
\*NOTE—Show number of parcels actually sold during 1943, with their assessed value and the total receipts from both sales and leases actually applied on taxes during 1943. The above statements do not include Deferred Payments.

INVENTORY OF ROAD EQUIPMENT

Description	No. of Each	Valuation Dec. 31, 1943	Purchased During 1943	Total	Depreciated During 1943	Valuation Dec. 31, 1943
Material						
Tractors						
Graders (Elevating)						
Graders (Blade)	9	3,800.00		3,800.00	800.00	3,000.00
Maintainers	16	1,800.00		1,800.00	800.00	1,000.00
Presses	51	800.00		800.00	100.00	700.00
Scrapers	21	300.00		300.00	25.00	275.00
Drags	11	150.00		150.00	25.00	125.00
Plows	15	250.00		250.00	25.00	225.00







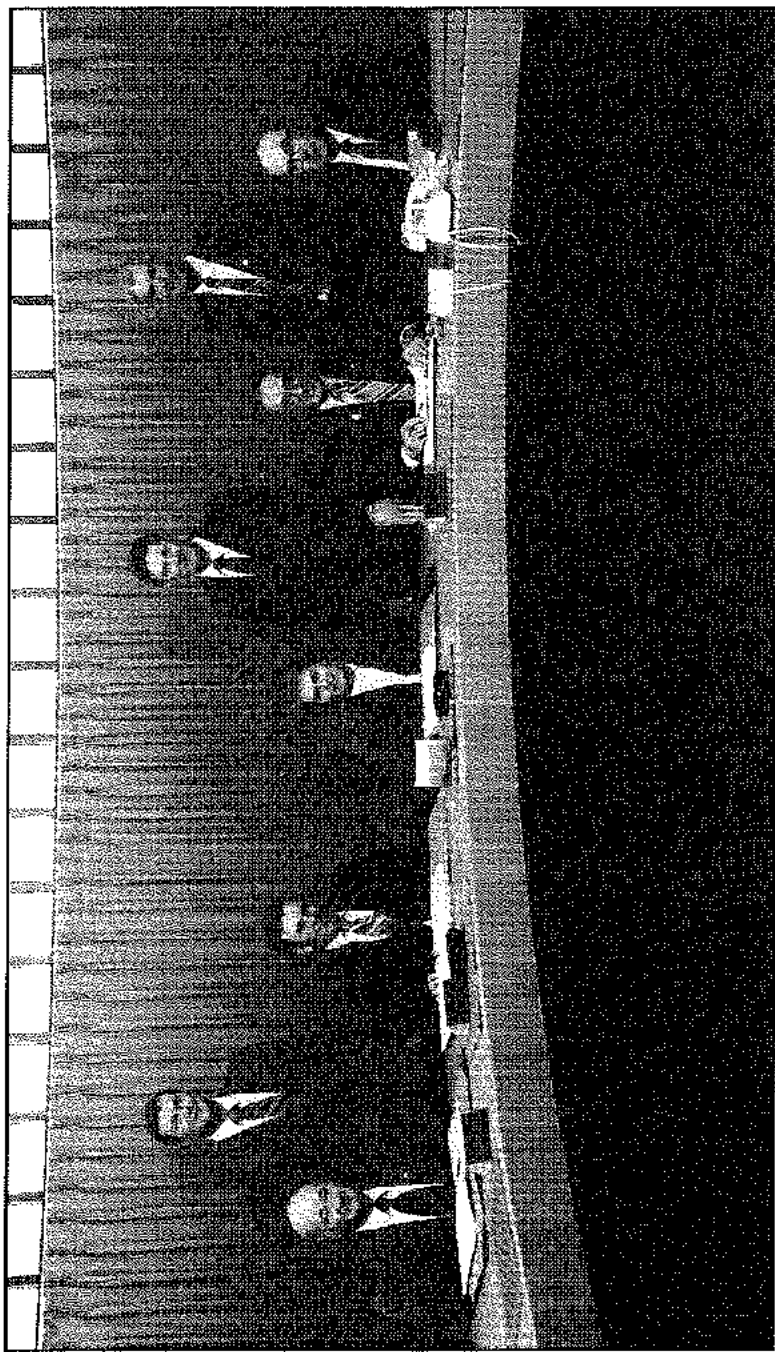
**1966**

Back row, left to right: Art Borgstrom, Dennis Manning, Robert Pearson and Francis Blue. Front: John Penman, Louis Hochhausen, Walter Cromarty and secretary-treasurer Henry Schumacher.



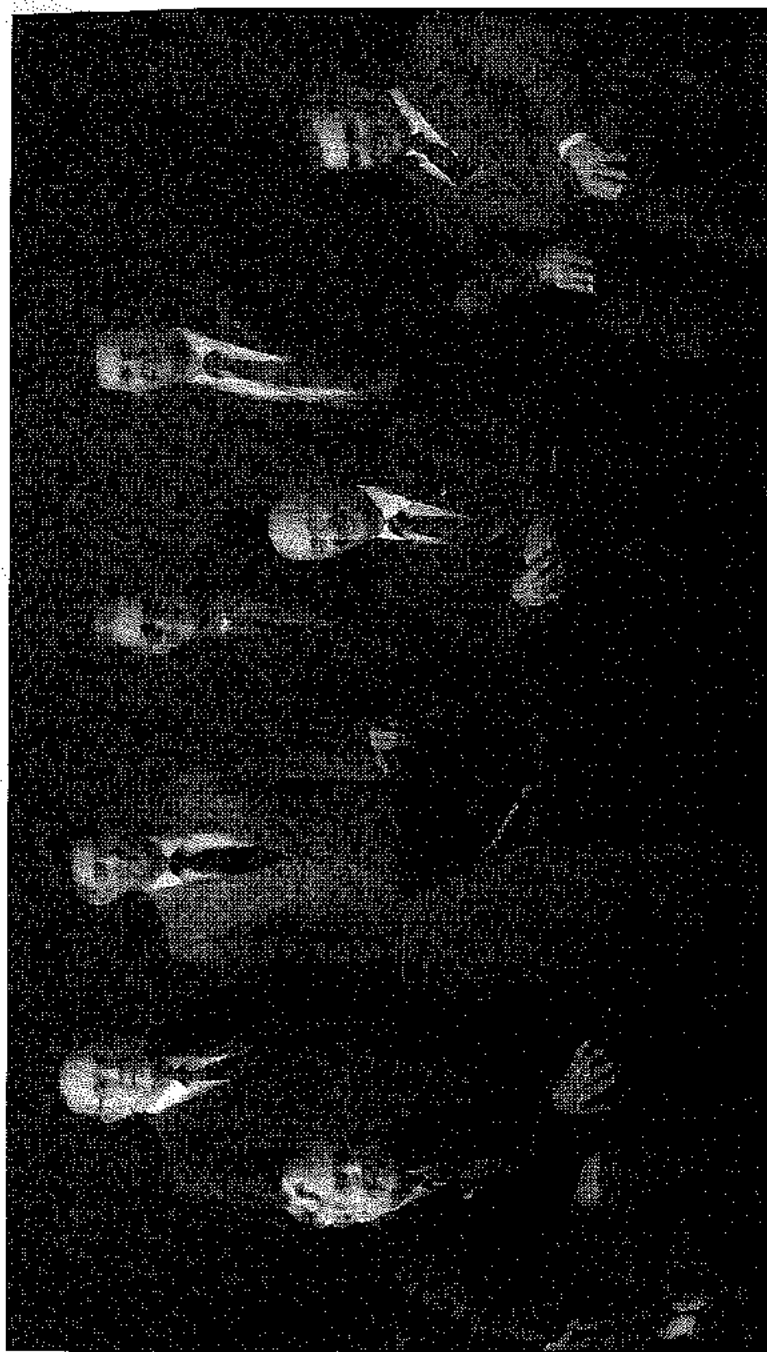
**1967**

Back row, left to right: John Penman, Alex Hauck, Robert Pearson, Francis Blue and assistant secretary-treasurer Jack Johnson. Front: Art Borgstrom, Dennis Manning, Walter Cromarty and secretary-treasurer Henry Schumacher.



**1981**

Back row, left to right: Francis Blue, Don Penman, Dick Trenery, secretary-treasurer Linda McDonald, Norman Larson, Robert Pearson, Milton Lakevold and Robert Hillis.



**1983-86**

Milton Lakevold, Bob Hillis, Norman Larson, Percy Motley, Francis Blue, Donald Penman and Dick Trenery.



**1986-89**

Milton Lakevold, Lloyd Cuthbert, Norman Larson, Tom Flynn, Percy Motley, Dick Trenerry and Phil Hansen.



**1989-92**

Tom Flynn, Norman Larson, Barry Halvorson, Lee Whidden, Percy Motley, Milton Lakevold and Phil Hansen.