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Newspaper Turning Page on 100 Years of Publishing

• *First Paper Here Dated March 18, 1910*

News item: *The Provost News* is turning 100 years old.
The local paper—originally called *The Provost Star* in 1910—enters its second century of publishing on Thursday, March 18, 2010 (tomorrow).
Since using hand-set lead type to print pages of stories and advertisements for Provost’s first paper that hit the street dated Friday, March 18, 1910, an estimated 5,000 different editions have been created here to reflect the life of the community spanning a century.

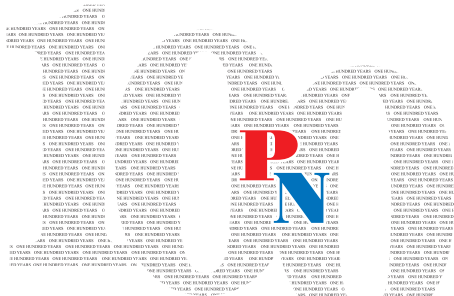
Among news items in the first issue featuring eight pages and near the middle of the front page was a single, now famous line: “The press came.”

And after the press came the continuing life story of Provost—now also celebrating 100 years since incorporation was recorded and stored on the record for thousands of people to read, study, debate and refer to over the years and decades.

During the early hand-set days men in the shop would not only laboriously compose each word letter by letter in a “stick” that held the tiny lead letters—but after the paper was printed each of the thousands of characters would have to be returned by hand to their proper type cases to use over.

The miraculous Linotype which revolutionized printing around the world was later installed at the newspaper (and still sits in the back shop, in operating condition). This machine semi-automated the typesetting process. Primitive engravings were invented by staff at *The News* after 1929 and then it was decades before another transformation took place. In addition to the hot lead newspaper side of the business, experiments here in the 1960s led to offset commercial printing using thin aluminum plates, water, ink and chemicals.

With the advent of computerized photo-typesetting machines the shop was transformed. “Cold type” was used for the newspaper production at *The News*



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beginning in 1979; equipment helped turn out work faster and cleaner and the numbers of pages was increased to take advantage of the new efficiencies.

Even though the work can at times be challenging, we are happy and honoured to continue to be welcomed into the homes and businesses of readers and counted on as a trusted and modern medium for advertisers to still get their message to the public.

We continue to take our work seriously and enjoy the trust of readers so that when people “saw it in the paper” that reality reflects the effort—and hopefully accuracy — that we strive to put into each story, page and edition.

We also look forward to another century—starting tomorrow—of wonderful co-operation of so many from the community to get our work completed week after week. We also take pride in remaining one of Canada’s small group of independently and locally-owned newspapers since so many fall into chain ownership. This newspaper has been in the Holmes family for over 80 years now and is in its fourth generation.

As Ed Holmes (1878-1944), who took over the paper on October 16, 1929 after working in large daily papers in England and in Canada once said “I still hold the conviction that there is no more a free or congenial life than that of a rural weekly editor.”

We hope you continue to: read, relax—and enjoy your community newspaper well into its next century.


Editor,
THE PROVOST NEWS.

Provost Oilpatch Happier as Royalty Rates Lowered

The Alberta government is again changing its royalty rates for conventional oil and natural gas but this time in a downward curve, effective in January.

The moves are being taken to put more competitiveness in the upstream oil and gas sector.

A current incentive program rate of five per cent on new natural gas and conventional oil wells will also become permanent with the current time and volume limits.

The maximum royalty rate for conventional oil will be reduced at higher price levels from 50 per cent to 40 per cent to provide better risk-reward balance to investors.

Meanwhile the maximum royalty rate for conventional and unconventional natural gas will be reduced at higher price levels from 50 to 36 per cent.

Reaction from some people associated with the Provost oilpatch appeared positive:

Manager of Trican Well Service Ltd. in Provost, Paul Tysiaczny says “I think it will be busier” here as a result. He says we hope that the province will leave the rates at one level and not change them back and forth because it causes uncertainty in the oilpatch and servicing companies.

James Hollman for Midfield Supply
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\$1.7 Billion Keystone XL Pipeline Project “In Public Interest”

• *to Originate Near Hardisty, Cross Portion of M.D.*

The National Energy Board approved an application from TransCanada Keystone Pipeline GP Ltd. to construct and operate the Keystone XL Pipeline Project, as well as proposed tolls for the pipeline once it becomes operational.

Spokesman for Keystone, Ian LaCouvée told *The Provost News* that a portion of the pipeline will run through the M.D. of Provost, heading east from the terminal near Hardisty, to Amisk,

Hughenden and then Czar before turning further south towards Oyen, into Saskatchewan, Montana and the crude oil eventually winding up at the Gulf Coast.

A couple of thousand people will be employed at the peak of construction at one time with work to get underway in early 2011.

The project will take approximately two years to complete and be in operation in 2013.

Crews will work in both Canada and the United States at the same time and work in “spreads” moving through communities “pret-

ty quickly” says LaCouvée. “It’s expected that a few hundred people will work near the community at one point for only a few weeks and then they move on.”

TransCanada will also build three new tanks at the Hardisty terminal—each one to hold approximately 330,000 barrels of crude—or close to one million barrels combined capacity.

The NEB found the proposed pipeline to be “in the public interest” and accepted that the project would connect a large, long term

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