

F. E. Mason, of Lethbridge, Alta., owner of the Palace Hotel, was a Cooperstown visitor last Monday between trains. This was his first visit to the property he purchased some three or four years ago and his visit was brought about no doubt on account of the agitation now going on about building a new hotel. Mr. Mason had a good sized chip on his shoulders from the minute he got off the train until he left two hours later. He seemed to think that the people of Cooperstown needed him to come here and tell them they were foolish to build another hotel as this one was plenty good enough for them. However, our people will not take the gentleman's advice seriously and will proceed to build a new hotel. It was thought that Mr. Mason would sell the Palace Hotel at a reasonable price and that the old building could be torn down and the new one built on that site if those interested in a new hotel could agree on the site, but Mason placed the value of the hotel so high that the price is prohibitive and that practically settles it so far as this site is concerned unless he comes off his high horse and talks sense. His property will not be worth much if a new hotel is built and will practically be in the same condition as the old Arcade. Mr. Mason is trying to throw out the bluff that he will move the Palace back in the spring and build a brick hotel in front. Whether he does or not we feel sure that the new deal will go through. Personally we at this end of the block would be pleased to have him spend some money in improvements and will give him hearty encouragement. He has certainly taken his time in looking over his property and has evinced no interest in the town previously and apparently did not care whether we had a decent hotel or not until this new deal came up—now he will do great things he hints. The people of Cooperstown are too old to be caught with chaff.