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THE BOW VALLEY ELECTION

Harold Riley seems to be getting in wrong with certain members of the party for suggesting that there should be no contest against Hon. Mr. Mitchell in Bow Valley by-election. The Medicine Hat Times, a Conservative paper, says "we must confess to being astonished at Mr. Riley's reasoning. It appears that he is one of those who think that the only object of a political party should be to obtain power." The Times proceeds to show that the only way to obtain power is to continue to fight in impossible contests.

The Lethbridge News, also Conservative and Southamite in addition, "frankly does not think much of Mr. Riley's judgment in the matter." The News admits that Mr. Mitchell is a man of ability and therefore it would be a good thing to have him beaten, and even if he should not be beaten "there is nothing like a fight to develop force in a political party, and it is very evident that in Bow Valley the Conservative organization needs more force than it showed in the general election."

There is this difference between the position of The Times and The News on the one hand and Mr. Riley on the other hand. The newspaper editors in question would sit back and watch the smoke of the battle, while Mr. Riley would have to get into the struggle and bear the brunt of a hard and hopeless struggle. It is easy enough to be heroic when you are encouraging some person else to go in to do the impossible and bear all the wounds for the sake of the cause. It is different for the man who has to go into a hopeless struggle, practically alone, bear the whole fight and get nothing for it but defeat and abuse.

Mr. Riley is correct. The people of Alberta have endorsed the Sifton administration. Mr. Riley does not believe that they acted wisely in making such a decision, but the fact remains that they endorsed the government by a decisive vote. The electors of Bow Valley, by a vote of almost two to one, endorsed the government. The people made this declaration six weeks ago. Nothing has occurred politically since that time which should induce Albertans voting Liberal to make a change.

As a matter of fact, the government is stronger now than it was on election day because since then the farmers have actually started building elevators, the farm implement companies have not left the province as they threatened and the Ottawa allies of the opposition have decided to keep the tariff to its present lofty height.

Under the circumstances the man who would decline to put the constituency to another election would be acting, not only with discretion but with wisdom. The candidate who would ask for an election must believe the electors are very fickle. The people are not likely to give a changed verdict even though they have an opportunity of making the government of Alberta weaker through the defeat of one of its ablest ministers.

THE C.N.R. SUBSIDY

Nothing has occurred in the house of commons which reflects so seriously upon the Canadian people in many years as the granting of \$5,000,000 in cash subsidies to the Canadian Northern railway. It is a straight hand-out. The Dominion gets in return a small bunch of stock

of questionable value. It gets no assurance that the road is to be built. It gets nothing in return for this generosity. The government members voted down an amendment asking that the railway rates be placed under the control of the railway commission.

The Canadian Northern has no claim upon the people of Canada. There is excuse for the grants to the Canadian Pacific, enormous as they were. There is excuse for the assistance to the Grand Trunk Pacific, for Western Canada was greatly in need of railway competition. But there is no excuse whatever, for the millions for the Canadian Northern.

It is in no sense a pioneer road. The Canadian Pacific is building railways through Alberta without bonuses. But the government is giving heavy bonuses to the Canadian Northern on a road between Ottawa and Toronto.

For three hundred miles west of Edmonton the Canadian Northern parallels the Grand Trunk Pacific, and for a greater part of the way within a stone's throw apart. Of the whole route between Edmonton and Port Mann the C.N.R. is developing only 200 miles of new territory. From Sudbury to Ottawa the Canadian Northern practically parallels the Canadian Pacific.

The government is merely handing over \$15,000,000 to Mackenzie and Mann and their associates. It is not for railway building, for the railways would be built, but it is to satisfy the avarice of railway promoters.

The opposition made some sort of a fight but it was not as strenuous as it should have been. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his associates might well have made an issue upon this matter as vigorous as they made upon the naval question. It is even more serious.

In a sort of pharisaical spirit Canadians regard with alarm the influence of the corporations in their lobbies in the different administrations and legislatures in the United States. But none is stronger, wiser, craftier, than the Canadian Northern lobby in Ottawa and none gets better results.

The Canadian parliament is railway owned and railway controlled.

NO ROOM FOR THE DRINKING MAN

William Jennings Bryan defies all precedents and at a state dinner in Washington has no wine upon the table and the public in the United States and elsewhere approve and applaud the man who is true to his principle.

Theodore Roosevelt brings action and recovers damages against a capitalist editor who accused him of lingering too long at the wine cup. He declared that while not a total abstainer he was not a hard drinker or even what the public would describe as a moderate drinker.

The public has no use for a hard drinker. The time when the public man who had a fondness for the flowing bowl was looked upon with some consideration has long since passed. The voter does not care to cast his ballot for a man whose indulgence in liquor makes him incapacitated at any time. He does not care to be represented by a man who even tampers with liquor.

It is the same in the commercial world. Commercial life is too strenuous for the man who has a love for the bar-room or much of a liking for liquor. The railways, the business houses, and most other enterprises require abstinence during business hours and give the preference to the abstainer every time. Competition is too keen now for any business enterprise to place dependence on a man who gets drunk.

Not so very long ago newspaper men had the well-earned reputation of conviviality of that kind. The temptations were very great and it is not surprising that they yielded sometimes. But the day of the booze-fighting newspaper man is past, and the non-drinking newspaper man is in the vast majority.

There is no place in the world of commerce or trade or traffic or even of politics for the man who drinks.

Editorial Notes

The Albertan has had a hard battle for the last four weeks against living springs, an underground river and with like obstruction. The water was the most persistent obstacle that men who work in the city of things in Calgary have ever known. However, after patient toil the obstruction has been overcome. The water was struck by a pit under the big press. The pit is now constructed and the press will be tracked up as quickly as possible. We hope to be running well in ten days. In the meantime The Albertan is comforted from the News-Telegram press.

The municipal paving plant, last year, in addition to giving the city the best service, saved the city \$3,000. With the evening papers ask the city to close the plant because it competes with paving companies which are doing business in Calgary? Has the city not as much right to operate a paving plant as a paving plant?

Despite the fact that a bill was brought into the house of commons in serious manner and given readings in a regular way, Canada is some distance from parcel post even yet.

The Kansas City Star has started a campaign against the practice of hauling voters to the polls which it believes to be a form of bribery that, though somewhat conventional, is corrupting. What would happen if men declined to serve on the jury unless brought to court in a motor car? It is as important to the public welfare that every citizen should discharge his obligation to the state or to the city on election day as to pay his taxes. Why should the state not enforce this obligation as it compels men to pay their taxes?

It is all very well for the wise editors in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat to sit back and complain because Harold Riley does not get into another fight in the Bow Valley riding. But it may be noticed that neither editor has offered himself as a sacrifice for the glory of the cause.

Calgary is a public ownership city.

It is doubtful if any other city in Canada owns utilities so valuable and has managed them so successfully. That is something to boast about.

The Toronto Mail and Empire, more Tory than George III, praises the administration of the demonstration farms in Alberta. It says that "six demonstration farms in Alberta have been opened during the year at a profit of \$33,315. This is the most convincing way of teaching how to farm."

Sidewalk Sketches

By Howard L. Rank

COLUMBUS
This is the 40th anniversary of the untimely death of Christopher Columbus, who discovered America. There was nothing worth discovering here except the uncharted red man and the little form of the cholera morbus. Columbus couldn't have chosen a poorer time to discover this country. No body knows why he didn't wait until somebody had opened a hotel or a saloon, where he could be received with pomp and tendered a rousing vote of thanks, but when Columbus made up his mind to discover anything he

went right out and hung the Spanish flag on it.
If it had not been for Queen Isabella of Spain, who pawned several of her wedding presents in order to buy ships for Columbus, America would never have been discovered up to the present writing, and the people of foreign lands would still believe that the earth is constructed on the order of a graphophone record. The American invasion would also have been postponed for several years with great unanimity.

As not many people cared at that time whether America was discovered or not, Columbus had to hire a lot of sailors, who were not enthusiastic about getting anywhere in particular, and who mutilated a number of times in a fervent and unbiased manner, making it necessary for Columbus to bury a few of the ringleaders in order to promote harmony. The shotgun with which Columbus pacified the mutineers is now on exhibition in several Spanish museums and can be seen by tourists who have the price of admission.

Columbus made several trips after striking the continent but did not succeed in discovering anything that afterwards got into the geographies. King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella because he had never redeemed Isabella's jewelry, and one time when Columbus was chasing around South America looking for the tree of life, he had him handcuffed to one of the Spanish militia and sent home. This broke the proud spirit of Columbus and made him an easy prey to the Spanish gout, which foreclosed on him in 1506. Thus died one of the best discoverers that ever came to this country, but one of the poorest financiers outside of the treasury department.

IF DEATH NEVER CAME.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?
Suppose for a moment writes Professor W. Peabody Bartlett, in The New York American that the equilibrium between life and death were to cease; imagine death arrested in its work. What would happen? The number of living beings upon the surface of the earth would be so great that there would be no room for them. The atmosphere would be transformed into a compact mass of birds and insects which would be impenetrable even by the rays of the sun. In its superabundance life would suffocate and crush out life itself. And then death would rule supreme, all rule on earth in a few days all organic life would have disappeared from the earth; it would be nothing but a waste and a desert.

That microscopic animal, the Rotifer, rotates its body every day at a time and starts seventy generations every year. If all these individuals remained alive, the end of the year the total would be so enormous as to make a sphere larger than the known universe.
The Cynips, which produce the galls on the oak trees, the rose lice, the phylloxera, and other parasites or insects, multiply in enormous numbers. One aphid produces twenty-five descendants in a single day; on the second day there should have 25 x 25, or 625 individuals; the third day 15,625 and so on in geometrical proportion. The end of the year the number of insects would be so great that they would weigh one-twentieth of a gram. Ten consecutive generations would weigh 200 pounds each, and this in ten days.

Consider the vegetables for a moment. One acre of beans can produce no less than 10,000 seeds in a single year. In five years it would make a solid surface of the earth with an impenetrable layer. And what about all the mushrooms, that multiply so rapidly in a few days as to make all other vegetable life almost impossible? The destruction of life is as cruel in the depths of the ocean as it is on earth, and the same terrible thing would happen if there were no death in the sea. Take, for instance, the simple cod fish. If there were no death one cod would, in six years, fill the ocean solid with running over. Of course the original codfish wouldn't do it alone, but she would be responsible for it. One cod lays about nine million eggs in the year after she is three years old.

Three years later, if there were no death, all the progeny of this first cod would each deposit nine million eggs during the year, making a total of 81,000,000,000. Of course, these figures are so great that they mean nothing to us, except perhaps a sense of astonishment. Now take another three years—making six in all from the time the first cod deposited her eggs, each of these cod deposited nine million eggs, making the total of six years 64,081,000,000,000,000,000,000,000. And this from one codfish only!

If there were no death imagine what the codfish would do at a rate? As a matter of fact, taking codfish alone, if there were no death among them, they would smother everything to death with their numbers in the first three years and leave the old earth dripping codfish into stellar space.
Billions of Medusae are destroyed in enormous numbers by aquatic animals; but the stomach of each medusa contains more than 100,000 of those microscopic marine algae called diatoms. One whale at a single mouthful swallows billions of these marine animal-cul-de-sac. From the bottom to the top of the scale the scene is the same. The greater the propagating power of species the greater and more rapid is the work of death, so as to preserve the equilibrium without which all life would cease. Nature seems cruel to us, but is it?

Of course, such a thing as no death is a great deal like an irresistible force striking an immovable body, for in an unbelievable short time the earth would be covered with animal and vegetable matter, the air packed solid with birds and all flying things, and the seas made solid by fish. The result would actually be a paradox, to the effect that if there were no death everything would promptly be smothered to death. But one needs but a few minutes' thought to this before they understand why there is death. After all it is only by death that we live.

Bloomington, Ill., June 3.—Joseph Stoughton and Grant Preble, business men of Lethbridge, shot each other probably fatally tonight in a revolver duel. Stoughton made his will, then walked down the street and shot at Preble. Preble, shot through the lungs, walked back a few steps and fired two bullets into Stoughton. Comments about Stoughton's business affairs which Preble is alleged to have made caused the trouble.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Remember:

During June, July and August, this Store will Close every Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Wednesday morning purchases will not be delivered until Thursday morning. In no other way will the drivers and the horses, too, benefit by the weekly half-holiday they so greatly appreciate.



Here's News of the Best Shirt Sale We've Held

\$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 Shirts to Sell at 85c

WHEN we tell you that this Three Day Shirt Sale is to offer the greatest values this store has ever announced, it simply means that it is the best shirt sale Calgary gentlemen have been informed about. And it is the result of heavy purchases by this store that brings such news. Big manufacturers, as a rule, extend their best values to their biggest customers. That is why Tooke Bros., the big Montreal shirt house, sent these through direct to this store. And they're mighty good buying.

1,200 Men's Negligee Shirts, made in all the newest materials and in the season's most popular and attractive patterns. Every garment is made and cut after the fashion that has made "Tooke" Shirts famous among particular dressers, and shirts that sell in the ordinary course of business events everywhere at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 each. See Window today.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday

85c

Fruit Sealers "Perfect Seal"

THE preserving season will soon be at hand. Better look up your supply of sealers.

We have gone carefully into the merits of several makes of fruit sealers with a view to securing the most satisfactory sealer, both from an economic and durability standpoint, and after careful selection have chosen the "Perfect Seal" conscientiously believing this to be the most perfect sealer in use today.

The price is a little more than for the ordinary sealer, but housewives using the "Perfect Seal" will have no cause to regret the loss that usually occurs from the use of poor fruit sealers.

"Perfect Seal," pints, per dozen \$1.20
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Grocery Dept. Phone M6131

Ladies' Night Dresses

In the Whitehead Store ladies will find many beautiful garments to interest them these fine days. These dainty gowns are worthy attention.

Well-made of finest quality cambric and nainsook; slip-over and high neck styles; beautifully trimmed with embroidery and lace and fine tucks; three-quarters, short and long sleeves; several styles and designs; in all sizes. Splendid value \$1.25

Ladies' Silk Waists

Every lady's wardrobe should include at least one good Silk Waist. There are so many occasions on which a Silk Waist is needed where none other will answer.

Beautiful Waists of fine quality Messaline silk, in navy, brown and black; in plain tailored effects; long sleeves and high collar of fine tucks. Two very pretty styles here to choose from. Sizes 34 to 44. Splendid value \$2.95

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TAKE selections from a host of the season's newest and prettiest shapes today, tomorrow and Saturday at a fraction of their real worth. Thinking we would be in the new store ere this, we bought too many untrimmed shapes for the amount of room here. Hence these radical price reductions.

MILAN STRAW SHAPES—In the newest and best shapes in white, tan and black; together with hemp black shapes suitable for elderly ladies. Regular \$2.25 each. 95c Sale price

FINEST ITALIAN CHIP HATS—In white, tan and black, and in two-tone colors in black and tan; black and purple, black and blue, peanut and hemp straws, in all the new season's colors. Regular \$4.00. Sale Price \$2.00

FINEST GRADE TAGEL, HEMP, CHIP AND PEANUT STRAW SHAPES—In self colors, tan and two-tone effects. Reg. \$5.00. Sale Price \$3.00

ANOTHER LINE OF BEAUTIFUL QUALITY MILAN, HEMP AND TAGEL—In the most becoming shapes and in all the season's newest colors. Reg. \$9.00. Sale Price \$4.00

NEW ARRIVALS IN PRETTY RATINE HATS—And Duck Hats, in pink, white, blue and tan, and White Felt Hats for outing wear. Also a line of ready-to-wear, semi-trimmed hats and sailors in black and white. Regular \$5.00 each. Sale Price \$2.00

