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NOT AN INCIDENT BUT A HABIT

The Bell Telephone company, after a long silence about this fierce service of lack of service, takes the trouble to reply when it is learned that steps are being taken to install a municipal system. It replies that its building is in process of construction and on its completion that it will be in a position to furnish a better service.

It would seem that that new building has been in process of construction for a number of years and its completion is one that is held up to Calgary people as a thing to compare with. It is ever to be finished it will be watched with a great amount of curiosity.

But this is not an incident of the Bell telephone; it is a habit. When Calgary asked, and asked repeatedly, for long distance connection, nothing was done by the company and nothing would be done by the company until a telephone man came along with a long distance telephone proposition in his pocket, and then the Bell people got to work and kept to work.

The Albertan is informed that the Bell Telephone company made money out of the long distance line from the very beginning.

The manager of the telephone company says that they underestimated the rapid expansion of Calgary. And the Bell Telephone company underestimates the expansion of all districts and all cities. That is another habit of this company.

The Bell Telephone company underestimated the growth of the west and refused us long distance connection until long after we needed it and should have had it. The Bell Telephone company refused to improve the Calgary service until long after we needed it and should have had it. And this is not the end of telephone improvement. Whenever any new invention or change is made in telephone matters, the Bell Telephone company will not think that we need it, until we become desperate at the delay and then it will give in.

And all these times we shall be the sufferers. It is the policy of the Bell company, being a monopoly, to delay improvements in service until the customers are good and ready, and there is more than an ordinary profit in it, too.

If we are to get good service and keep up to date we must have a telephone service of our own. Now is the best time for us to start in on such an enterprise because it is the earliest time that we can start in on such an enterprise.

TELEPHONE COMMISSION

One of the resolutions passed by the Alberta Farmers' Association favored the appointment of a commission to manage the Alberta Provincial Telephone service, that it might be freed from political influence of any kind.

The Farmers' Association in adopting such a resolution did not expect upon the administration of affairs as yet. The present administration has not handicapped the service by showing any political preference in any way.

This is an age of commissions. In the United States appointed commissions are to a great extent usurping the functions of government. There is a commission to build the legislative buildings and a commission for nearly everything that is to be done.

By means of these various forms of administration, appointed by the votes of the people for the purpose of doing the business of the people, is able to shirk much of its duties.

In some instances commissions are necessary to administer large public concerns, but as a general thing, it is wise to stay by the good old system of representative administration.

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WHERE COMPETITION FAILED

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The C.P.R. and the C.N.R. in rushing forward the coal, each took care of their own towns first, and left competing points till afterwards, probably thinking the need there would not be so great. But the Great Northern had a car shortage and fuel shortage much worse than anything in Manitoba. Between the three stools, Brandon fell to the ground.

This matter of railway competition is evidently so keen that it oversteps cities when pressed to the limit.

UNFAIR CRITICISM.

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The fact that Medicine Hat returns a Liberal to the Dominion parliament should make no difference about public buildings and probably does not make any difference. Calgary did not elect a Liberal and its new post office has got beyond the foundation.

The most conspicuous fact in the late election in Glenora was not merely that the present Alberta Liberal administration punished no riding for sending an opponent to represent it, but that the Conservatives admitted the fact that the Alberta government punished no riding for sending an opponent to represent it, and more than that, the Conservative attempted to get votes for their candidate for that reason.

Honest criticism is always welcomed, however hard it strikes. But newspapers are going a little beyond the mark when they condemn a Liberal administration because it does not favor constituency with a Liberal member.

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