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A REMONSTRANCE

The Saskatchewan election campaign seems to have borrowed something of the force of the recent cyclone. As the date of the election approaches the province presents the appearance of a battlefield in which contending forces are engaged in the final desperate struggle for victory.

It would have been unreasonable to expect so well seasoned a fighter as the member for Calgary to refrain from swelling the volume of sound proceeding from the Tory forces. We are therefore not surprised to read in a press dispatch that he delivered "a powerful address on provincial issues" at Saskatoon on Friday last.

We have no doubt that Mr. Bennett was eloquent even when he was so illogical as to "indict the Scott government for trying to ride home on a dead political horse called 'Reciprocity'."

For sweet unreasonableness we venture to suggest that this indictment is unsurpassed. The prize of power is sought alike by Premier Scott and by Mr. Bennett's friend, Mr. Haultain.

We can only assume that Mr. Bennett is in greater need of advice concerning the code which governs such contests than we would have supposed. Some more experienced and less scrupulous politician, such for instance as the Hon. Bob Rogers, should take him quietly aside and "put him wise."

Mr. Bennett is convinced that Premier Scott's amount is dead he should have said nothing about it. If he were worldly-wise he would satisfy himself by sneaking behind his hand or winking slyly at his friends while watching that fool of a Liberal premier, engaged in the ludicrous exercise of trying to galvanize a dead mount into activity.

Personally, however, we are prepared to place our money on the "dead horse" ridden by Premier Scott. She had a little more than 600,000 backers in the last race and though she was not a winner her performance was quite creditable.

AS OTHERS SEE US

The long expected article on Calgary, under the caption "What's What in Western Real Estate"

REGINA STORM WAS TORNADIC

The foundations of one house where the wind swept it off, but of the others there is not even a trace left. In another case a row of cottages was crumpled up as a child might telescope a row of cards, all crushed in a heap against the house at the end of the row.

tate" in Toronto Saturday Night, has appeared. There are few people in Calgary who have felt any fear of the approaching investigation. The prosperity of Calgary is established on too solid a basis of existing business to justify any anxiety concerning an examination of its claims; its assurance of future development is too well grounded to be shaken in the least by any criticism which Saturday Night or any other journal might offer.

It was to be expected that Saturday Night would apply to Calgary, as it does, the criticism offered after an examination of other towns and cities in the West, that the boundaries are perhaps unduly extended and that property is being sold which can hardly be in demand for business or residential purposes for twenty years.

Of the extension of Calgary's boundaries Saturday Night says: "There are forty square miles of land within the city's limits, an area twelve miles in excess of what Toronto possesses and considerably in excess of Montreal's municipal boundaries. Calgary can nicely accommodate a million people within her present area, not to speak of her outside subdivisions."

Mr. Norman Harris, in his article on Calgary, as in those which refer to other Western cities, ventures to select from the various subdivisions offered for sale some for commendation, others for disparagement. We do not know that his judgment of prospective values, formed after a visit extending presumably over two or three days, is infallible in a matter in which the judgment of some of the most skilled prophets is sometimes falsified; that, however, is a matter between Saturday Night and its readers. Certainly, no harm can result from a warning that there is risk of loss from investment in many sky-line subdivisions.

The prosperity of Calgary, past, present and prospective, receives its meed of appreciation in the following words:

"Calgary is a C.P.R. town. In time it will be also a C.N.R. and a G.T.P. town. It is going strong, and when the effects of Calgary's real estate dissipation have faded, you will see new business streets opened up from Centre street east and Centre street west, where now are frame residences. You will, I imagine, see tremendous growth in this city within the next five years. Its facilities as a manufacturing and distributing centre cannot be overlooked. Any person who wishes to know more about the glories of Calgary may send for a booklet of two hundred and eight pages which tells the tale to perfection. The Board of Trade will oblige."

Finally, one word of protest. Not satisfied with adorning its pages with two excellent views of Calgary, Saturday Night also publishes a portrait of "Mr. Frank Wrigley, Mayor of Calgary, Alta." Mr. Frank Wrigley, unless we are hopelessly misinformed, is a very capable musician who plays the organ and directs the choir at Knox Presbyterian church. So far as we know he has never been an aspirant for municipal honors, and while possible candidates for the mayoralty at the next municipal election have been discussed, Mr. Wrigley's name has not, we believe, been mentioned.

We believe there are some citizens who are dissatisfied with the present administration at the city hall. Mayor Mitchell, however, is still head of that administration, and is likely to remain so for a few months.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ex-Alderman Watson thinks the city commissioners should resign in a body and, by standing for re-election, give the ratepayers an opportunity to say by their votes what they think of them. Love of resignations has too strong a grip on the former alderman, who lost much of the esteem of the people by bolting from the council when he did, instead of remaining, as he might have done, to back up the charges which he made. Mr. Watson is right, however, when he says that the report of the committee should be submitted without further delay, its recommendations given the most earnest consideration, and every effort made by reorganization to secure some approach to efficiency in the municipal administration.

The rumor is current that one of the aldermen is buying himself with efforts to persuade others to join with him in rejecting the report of the investigation committee, when it is submitted to the council this evening. The findings and recommendations of the committee are not yet known and this gentleman, for motives that can only be guessed, is said to be anxious either to reject the report or postpone action upon it. Watch the debate on the report tonight.

Toronto Saturday Night publishes a portrait of Frank Wrigley, organist at Knox church, and informs its readers that Mr. Wrigley is mayor of Calgary. It is the intention of Saturday Night to suggest that Mr. Wrigley, in his capacity as musician, would be able to substitute harmony for the discord which now reigns at the city hall.

Monday in India, will address a meeting at the Y.M.C.A. tonight on "The Uragas in India and the Hindu Problem as it Affects Canada." No admission will be charged and the general public is invited to attend.

MAY TRADE IN CANADIAN WHEAT. Liverpool, July 5.—Close. West spot 2 1/2; Winter strong, 2s 1-14; No. 2 Manitoba, 2s 1-2d; No. 3, 7s 10-12d. Futures weak; July, 7s 7-8d; October, 7s 7-8d.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of Dr. H. H. Weston. CALGARY IN BRIEF. Rev. Dr. Wilkie, for 33 years a minister in Toronto Saturday Night, has appeared.

ON EVE OF REPORT J. GRAVITY WATSON DISCUSSES PROBE

THAT the condition of affairs revealed at the city hall by the enquiry undertaken by the probe committee is sufficiently serious to call for the resignation of all the commissioners, is the opinion of ex-Alderman Watson, who, as a member of the council, precipitated the investigation.

"I think the commissioners should resign and stand for re-election, so that the people can have a chance to say what they think of them and of their work as revealed by the recent enquiry," said Mr. Watson to The Albertan yesterday. "I don't say that none of them would get back, but I think that in view of the bad work done during their term of office they should seek the endorsement of the people."

"I don't think there can be any question now that the charges I made have been sustained by the evidence gathered by the committee. There are perhaps some matters into which they might have gone more thoroughly, but possibly their instructions did not allow of that. In any case the result of the enquiry goes to show that I was right."

"I am strongly of the opinion that the report of the committee should be submitted and acted upon without further delay. Not only was bad work done last year, as the enquiry has shown, but bad work is being done at the present time."

"I have no hesitation in saying that thousands of dollars of the money of the ratepayers is being wasted at the present time. Every day I see on the street teams working for the city and receiving 1-1/2 cents, about \$6 per day, and not doing sufficient work to earn it. With my experience as a contractor I think I know what I am talking about when I say this. I believe there are only about two departments, the street railway and waterworks, that are doing really good work at the present time."

"The report of that committee should be submitted without further delay and the civic machinery so cleaned and repaired that greater efficiency can be ensured."

FORMER ALDERMAN JOHN WATSON ADVOCATES NEW SITE FOR CALGARY EXHIBITION

Suggests Shaganappi Park, Owned by the City, as Desirable Location; Thinks Present Grounds Too Valuable to be Used for Fair Purposes

WOULD INCREASE THE MUNICIPAL RAILWAY REVENUES

Says Grounds are Altogether Too Small for Exhibition of the Future and Considers Suggested Location Most Beautiful in the City

THE present site of the Calgary Industrial exhibition will be entirely inadequate for the handling of big crowds next year following the erection of necessary new buildings, says Mr. John G. Watson, former member of the board of directors of the exhibition, and a former member of the city council. Mr. Watson advocates the removal of the exhibition from the present site to the municipal property known as Shaganappi Park, just within the three miles circle in Section 18.

"It is quite evident that the grounds already are too small," said the former councillor. "Anyone who was there on the last day and saw how the people crowded the buildings and the grounds in almost a solid mass will agree to that. I believe that there were originally about 80 acres in the present site but a large part has been taken up by the city with car barns, power house, etc. The construction of a new grand stand, a big industrial building, public building, and more stables, as the directors properly propose, will make the remaining space entirely inadequate."

"The tract known as Shaganappi Park comprises some ninety-six acres just three miles from the post office which can readily be reached by the extension of three street car lines. The line now being built on Seventeenth avenue could be extended on to touch the site on the north side. An extension up Twelfth avenue would reach it on the north side. Another line is planned next year from Elbow park

DRILLING FOR OIL WITHIN FORTY MILES OF THE CITY WILL COMMENCE SOON

Segur, Californian Expert, Associated with Local Capitalists in an Endeavor to Develop New Alberta Petroleum District

Drilling for oil within forty miles of Calgary will be commenced within thirty days, according to an announcement made last night by I. E. Segur, the Californian expert, who has been examining property in Alberta for the past six weeks. Articles of incorporation for a development company will be filed at Edmonton early this week and drilling apparatus will be shipped to Calgary shortly thereafter.

While the personnel of the directorate of the development company has not been made public, it is understood that the company will be a close corporation, with Mr. Segur at the head, California and Calgary capital will be used exclusively in financing the corporation.

The first drilling will be done at a location selected by Mr. Segur about thirty miles southwest of Calgary. The Californian expert has spent months of endeavor in attempting to trace the oil fields from the northwestern Montana basin through Alberta, and recent analysis made of seepage oil have convinced him that there are valuable basins within thirty miles of this city.

Mr. Segur, one of the pioneers in the oil industry in California, is enthusiastic as the prospects near Calgary. He is especially pleased at the quality of the seepage oil found near here, and expresses his belief that Alberta is destined to become heralded as an oil producing section as well as a great agricultural country. He returned last night from a trip to High River, where he made an inspection of considerable ground. Evidence of oil were found, but it is Mr. Segur's opinion that the basin proper is not in that locality.

ONE OF THE HOMES WRECKED—Substantial character of the homes of Regina. This is the home of ex-Mayor Laird, which was demolished, together with a hundred other solid-looking structures. Mr. Laird's business places were also destroyed. He lost over one hundred thousand dollars.

BANK CLEARINGS FOR WEEK

Table with columns for City, 1912, and 1911. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Calgary, Quebec, Victoria, Hamilton, Halifax, St. John, Edmonton, London, Regina, Brandon, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, Brantford, and Moose Jaw. Total for 1912 is \$172,249,385 and for 1911 is \$148,715,827.

CROWDS THROGGED TO CHURCH SERVICES IN SASKATCHEWAN'S STRICKEN CAPITAL

Record Attendance at Services Held on First Sunday After the Great Catastrophe; Driven from Damaged Churches Worshipers Gather in Theatres and Halls

SPLENDID PROGRESS IS MADE IN REPAIRING BUILDINGS

Regina, Sask., July 7.—The congregations of the three city churches met today in borrowed halls but never in the history of the city have the services of all denominations been so well attended or marked with such depth of feeling.

It is just one week after the catastrophe which brought sorrow to so many homes and such a general loss to citizens.

This morning the congregation of Knox Presbyterian church met in the parish hall of St. Paul's Anglican church, while tonight they met in the city hall auditorium where holy communion was solemnized.

The Metropolitan Methodist church congregation met in the city hall in the morning and tonight at Regina theatre.

The First Baptist church, the third wrecked church, met this morning in Regina theatre and tonight in Princess theatre.

The pastors in every case referred to the great catastrophe of last week throughout the services. It was announced that on Tuesday next the governing bodies of Knox and Metropolitan churches would meet with a view to carrying out the plans of rebuilding the wrecked churches along lines best likely to tend to the public good.

Wonderful progress has been made in repairing such houses and buildings as justed reports being made. Work has already been started on a temporary telephone exchange.

Major Birdwhistle, representing the Canadian St. John's Ambulance Society, arrived in the city on Saturday and will remain to assist the city authorities in the handling of relief, until such time as his further presence seems unnecessary.

MACLEOD ANTICIPATES LARGE ATTENDANCE AT EXHIBITION

MacLeod residents are anticipating a record breaking attendance at the MacLeod exhibition, which will be held for two days, August 1 and 2, in that city. The official prize list shows that there will be every inducement to make energetic efforts to capture one, and the entries demonstrate that it will be a most comprehensive one.

In the horse division, the exhibition will be notable. Entries in the various classes for thoroughbreds, standard bred, hackney, Clydesdale, Shire, Belgians, Suffolk Punches and Irish saddle horses and ponies, will attract stock raisers' attention immediately. The same is true of cattle, including Shorthorns, Herefords, grades, and also of swine, sheep, Belgian hares, and the like.

The grain exhibit will be a top notcher, and Alberta grown fruits will occupy a most prominent place. Roots and vegetables also will be shown in great variety, and the poultry show promises to outclass anything heretofore attempted at the MacLeod exhibition.

The industrial exhibit will attract special attention from the ladies with the showing of embroideries, laces, drawn work, etc. baby's outfits, quilts, mats, etc., and plants and flowers. The classes for school work include modelling, color work, drawing, pencil sketching, and essays.

The first day's racing program will include trot or pace, mile heats, Gallopway race, for horses and ponies; seven-eighths of a mile open; and one mile, gentlemen's race, for horses bred in Alberta. Purse range from \$25 to \$125. The second day's program will be preceded by a grand stock parade. The races will include a hurdle race, one and one-eighth handicap; five-eighths of a mile dash open, and three-quarters of a mile dash. Arrangements have been made with the Canadian customs to admit foreign horses without delay or expense, and special rates have been made by the railways.

Harry Bulger, the popular musical comedy star, is the latest addition to the army of Alberta boosters. And Bulger's brand of praise is rather different from that expressed by the majority.

"Prosperity?" he asked. "Why a blind man could tell that by the enthusiasm of the Albertans. But I'll tell you something that I believe even your own Californians overlook. You have one of the prettiest countries from a geographical standpoint that I have ever seen—and I've journeyed through Switzerland and the widely-heralded picture spots of the continent."

"In the United States they have been agitating a 'See America First and Europe Afterwards' movement. Albertans should bear this in mind. I have never been in a more wonderful country than I passed through coming to Calgary. If the people in the populous cities of the east realized the scenic charms of British Columbia and Alberta, Calgary would rapidly become a popular tourist town."

"And your climate is a great asset. Perhaps you complain about the rain. But you wouldn't if you lived in the vicinity of Chicago or New York, where right now they are sweltering in the heat."

Bulger appears at the Sherman Grand theatre tonight in "The Flirting Princess" one of the latest musical hits from the east.

Canadian is honored by King Victor Emmanuel. Ottawa, July 7.—For his services in the relief of the stricken people of Messina, Italy, following the disastrous earthquake of December 28, 1908, Mr. W. Lidington, of this city, has just received a beautiful silver medal from King Victor Emmanuel.

Mr. Lidington was a member of the crew of the S.S. Olympic, of Glasgow, which arrived at Messina a few hours after the earthquake and rendered most valuable assistance in succoring the injured people.

EMPIRE

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DISORDER IN PORTUGUESE TOWNS. Portugal, July 6.—The Portuguese government has ordered the evacuation of the towns in the northern districts.

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