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LIBERAL RALLY TONIGHT

The Albertan believes that all the citizens should attend political meetings. It frequently advises its readers to hear Conservative speakers. And they take the advice and attend the meetings. It believes that the same courtesy should be shown to Liberal speakers. Let us be fair and hear all sides of the question. Premier Sifton has been in power for three strenuous years. He has been subjected to the systematic attacks of the most vicious kind from the corporation press. He is in Calgary to speak for himself tonight. It is the duty of friends and opponents to hear him.

A VICIOUS ATTACK

Rev. S. Bacon Hillocks in his address last night repeated the cruel untruth once circulated by the arch-enemies of the government, to the effect that Premier Sifton was interested in coal properties in the Crow's Nest Pass, which were being opened up by the guarantee of the bonds by the Alberta legislature. When such a statement was made in the house Mr. Sifton described it as a cold-blooded lie and the members of the opposition admitted it. Premier Sifton was not present last night and Rev. Mr. Hill, as repeated the vile and vicious slander. The Albertan cannot believe that Rev. Mr. Hillocks would willfully misrepresent an opponent in such a dastardly manner. Of course, he should not trifle with the reputation of public men without knowing the truth of his statements. But he is somewhat new at the political game and so is deserving of some consideration. If he persists in repeating the foul and vicious untruth, the people of Calgary will get some idea of his sense of fair play and truthfulness. As all the properties in the Pass have been opened up for ten years, the statement of Rev. Mr. Hillocks is as ridiculous and silly as it is untruthful.

A PARTY WITHOUT A POLICY

The opposition party is one without a policy. The Albertan has made this statement before and proposes to make it again until the party produces its platform in black and white and shows that the party is behind it. Some newspapers insist that the party has a platform. But let them produce it. That will settle the whole thing. The Albertan will gladly give them space to show what they have, what they have advocated and what they stand for. One Conservative paper says that the party had a meeting last February and drafted out a platform at that time. Another paper declares that the meeting was one year ago last February but neither gives any details of the platform. If the Conservatives are still behind the platform adopted at that time, we shall be very glad to hear about it. They have done nothing whatever in the house to advance a single plank in it. For instance, if we are not mistaken they said something, in very remote days, about prohibition, but though the leader of the opposition would accept the vote of the temperance people, he has not let the word pass his lips within the provincial legislature. Besides that, his newspaper champion in Calgary comes out to champion the cause of Charlie Bell, who had for good reasons been deprived of his license of the King George hotel. Mr. Michener seems to be prepared to accept the support of either party. But it is hardly likely that he will get the support of either. But let them come along with the policy, the record, the platform or the promises of the party. We are anxious to see them.

HEAD OF THE OPPOSITION

R. B. Bennett, the solicitor of the Royal bank in the A. & G. W. case, the direct emissary of Robert Rogers, the western exponent of the narrow market government, who is the elevator monopoly itself and representative of practically all the monopolies which are distressing western Canada,

Editorial Notes

Rev. S. Bacon Hillocks, in his address in North Calgary, is speaking of the wrong-doings of his opponents. But not one of his opponents in this election, either in legislature or city council through any wrong-doing, which cannot be said of the candidates supporting his own party in this election. It is Rev. Mr. Hillocks' desire to furnish him with the same. Nothing is sacred to the opposition candidates, and now they are dragging the university question into the

arrived in the city yesterday to take part in the contest and attempt to defeat the Sifton government.

Mr. Bennett begins by announcing the issue in the coming contest. Usually the people determine the issue for themselves, but the solicitor for the Royal bank, the elevator monopoly and the direct emissary from Mr. Rogers, has decided to call the issue himself. He says that it is to be the A. & G. W.

Mr. Bennett is the elevator monopoly, as we just said. At a previous meeting in Calgary he spoke about "my elevators." And "my elevators" are paying from 15 to 19 cents a bushel for oats which is much less than the cost of production. Is it surprising that Mr. Bennett is anxious to get the people to consider something except the price of oats and the elevator question?

The Sifton government is attempting to break down the elevator combine. Mr. Bennett announces that the people are not to consider that at all. Elevator combines and the breaking down of them, must not be considered. Mr. Bennett has come to Alberta to make a demonstration to induce the people to think of something besides the price of oats and the elevator monopoly.

If Mr. Bennett and his forces should succeed in defeating the government, they would deal the most vital blow to the campaign for wider markets that has ever been dealt in this western country. Would there be much chance of elevator competition with R. B. Bennett, the elevator monopoly himself, on the job dictating the policy of the government?

The presence of Mr. Bennett should arouse the people to the real meaning of the campaign upon which they are engaged. The defeat of the government means a victory to the narrow market people, to the 15 cents a bushel oats advocates, to all the corporations with which Mr. Bennett is identified, most of which are working directly against the interests of the farmers.

SPEAKING OF CATECHISMS

Now that there is a sudden revival of interest in the shorter catechism, Mr. Michener setting the style, The Albertan takes the opportunity of asking a few questions of the opposition leader himself.

Have you a policy? If so, what is it? Did your party support the Farmers' Elevator bill?

Did your party support the government's Farm Implement bill?

In your campaign in 1909 did you support the Rutherford-railway policy? Did that include the A. & G. W. legislation?

Did you not write a letter to the ex-premier announcing independent support of his government in 1909, on the strength of which he did not campaign in your riding?

Did you not on the very first opportunity accept the leadership of the opposition, making independent support of the Rutherford government impossible?

Did you support the Boyle-Riley resolution in the house favoring the cancellation of the agreement with the A. & G. W., the building of the road by the province and the spending of the balance of the A. & G. W. money, for roads and bridges? Do you not know that that solution contains the very same principle which led to the rejection of the legislation of the Sifton administration by the privy council?

Did you not continue to favor such a solution of the A. & G. W. difficulty until R. B. Bennett became solicitor for the Royal bank, when you then favored a payment of a large sum of money to some person, name unknown for "fixing" the case?

Did you or any member of your party ever object to any money vote passed by the provincial legislature? If so, which one?

Did you or any member of your party ever object to any expenditure of money at all by the province? If so, which vote?

You are reported as saying that the direct legislation passed by the government does not go far enough. Will you tell us wherein it is less liberal than the direct legislation of Oregon, South Dakota, Montana or similar legislation of any other states in the Union?

Did you as leader of the Conservatives of Alberta ever urge upon Premier Borden the desirability of him fulfilling his promise to hand over the natural resources to the province?

Did you or any member of your party in the recent legislature introduce any legislation, resolution, acts or bills which would in any way benefit the electors of Calgary or any other riding in Alberta? If so, what are they?

Your supporters speak in a most abusive and insulting manner of your opponents and so far have been unrebuked by you. Do you know that one of your candidates, campaigning in a neighboring riding, was forced to resign from the Calgary city council for irregularities in that council? Do you approve of that sort of candidate?

Mr. Michener, or some of his supporters, might answer these questions because they are of particular interest in this contest.

its neighbor, San Francisco, in 1906. That time, had 75,000 people and was all scratched out of shape trying to maintain metropolitan life. Two days after the earthquake it had 200,000 people. Unfortunately the census didn't come along in time to register the people's population in the census records, but in 1910 Oakland still had 150,000 people and was growing fast.

It is extremely difficult to persuade any Oaklander to say a harsh word about earthquakes. Oakland is situated on the rambling extensive bay of San Francisco and was originally founded by people who wanted some relief from the climate of the other side. Oakland was Mr. Tamalpais and the coast hills for wind break and claims to have a climate 178 per cent better than San Francisco. This, however, is not conceded across the bay. The debate between the relative merits of Oakland and San Francisco climaxes has now been in progress for half a century and shows no sign of settlement.

Oakland is a city of great life and vitality. It is filled with residence streets. It is filled with



Debates Between the Relative Merits of Oakland and San Francisco. Climate.

people who have the science of living pleasantly down to an extremely fine point and it claims to have many more covered porches and Portlands. Oregon, its people are a hardy sea-going race who have traveled the six century miles by ferry to San Francisco night and morning so often that they only smile when they cross the English channel.

FINANCIER PASSES ON FEATURES OF THE NEW BANK ACT

H. C. McLeod, Former General Manager of Bank of Nova Scotia, Comes All the Way From Italy to Accommodate the Committee

PRaises SOME PROVISIONS AND CRITICIZES OTHERS

Has Good Word to Say for Canadian System of Banking; Says Profits Are Not Excessive; Urges Greater Protection for the Depositors

OTTAWA, April 2.—The banking and commerce commission, when consideration of the new bank act was taken up today heard the evidence of H. C. McLeod, ex-general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia and generally recognized as one of the monetary experts. Mr. McLeod came all the way from Italy in response to a cablegram from the committee in order that he might have the benefit of his ripe experience. He made a carefully prepared statement, covering the various features of the act, praising some of its provisions, criticizing others, suggesting new features, and dealing in a general way with the Canadian banking system.

He praised Canadian banking machinery, contending that banking-profession in Canada are not excessive, urging greater protection for the depositors, defending foreign loans, advocating a rigid and thorough external inspection of the general management of each bank, and was of the opinion that the amalgamation of the banks could only be made possible by act of parliament.

In addition to the number of other important suggestions and observations. He said, in part: Rapid Expansion a Problem.

"I am not in accord with the prevailing idea of banking profits being excessive, an idea voiced by the press as well as by the suggestions before the committee. One of the difficulties that confront Canada pertains to the procurement of sufficient banking capacity to keep pace with the expansion of the trade and development of the country. That difficulty would not exist if banking held out the prospect of good profits.

"The machinery of the Canadian banking system is excellent, but in many individual cases it has been used without skill, or recklessly used. From the outset the financial authorities have failed to exercise effective control over the banks. We are told the government is afraid to assume any responsibility, but it is not so in other countries.

"Among the provisions that should be introduced for the protection of depositors there ought to be included a most rigid inspection of the general management of each bank. A less efficient inspector, or one where the smaller banks are inspected and the larger ones, through influence, go free, would be a mockery of the depositors' rights. The system proposed in the bank act is an acknowledgment that external inspection is necessary, but only by the utmost activity in the development of finance can this plan be made effective. No stipulation is made as to proper qualifications required of the auditors and it is open to any man to have his balance sheet audited by auditors that are nothing more than 'dummies' of the general manager.

"External inspection will clear away false accounting and have a salutary influence, but there were causes of failure that it may not obviate. It may not save a bank from over-expansion of loans, nor prevent the inevitable consequences of running without sufficient cash reserves and liquid resources. The banks should be required to keep a fixed cash reserve of one per cent. Some ten years ago I advocated ten percent of a bank's liabilities to the public; I now advocate fifteen percent, as present conditions show the need of a larger reserve. There should be a provision that, in case the percentage is impaired

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY



More and More Attractive Are the New Fashions In Women's Garments

FASHIONS are ever so much more graceful and feminine and certainly never more interesting than we are showing just now. It seems as though all the gowns and suits and coats in the Ladies' Salon had been made specially for each woman who looks at them. We have succeeded in assembling a congress of exquisite modes and novelties that will add generously to the already great prestige which this store enjoys as leader of fashion.

AT \$23.50—A nobby Coat, severely plain tailored style; shown in a very new material of cut velvet, fastened with three large round agate buttons in shade to match material.

AT \$25.00—We are featuring a number of very attractive styles. One particularly smart Coat at this price is shown in a beautifully woven imported tweed, with long directive revers of seal and a very smart square cut collar, and cuffs of black fawn velvet.

AT \$25.00—Another clever little model at this price is in material of plain diagonal cloth, with large revers and Robespierre collar and cuffs; inlaid with cream serge and piped with black satin.

AT \$25.00—This is a very smart Coat shown in material of mixed tweed, satin lined throughout, round collar inlaid with seal, in beautiful Bulgarian colors.

AT \$25.00—This Coat is featured in the new Ottoman cord material, satin lined throughout, cutaway front, large round collar and cuffs of plain satin.

AT \$35.00—This is a very attractive coat, produced in a soft fine material of checked blanket cloth, satin lined throughout, with small standing Robespierre collar of Persian silk and pipings.



A Price-Cut in Turkish Towels

Housekeepers have always learned to look to this store for the very best values in towels, just as they do for linens and other household needs. It is principally in buying direct from the makers in large quantities and for spot cash that we are in the position to offer such values. This bargain for Today's shoppers will emphasize our leadership in this line. Housekeepers will do well to stock up generously.

Splendid heavy quality Turkish Bath Towels, size 18x40, in brown with blue stripe, which is warranted fast color. See them in the window today. On sale Friday, not before. Regular 50c pair. Sale price 35c

A Glove Sale From "The Bay" Always Worth Noting

There's an economy of fifty-cents on each pair of these Gloves, which represent splendid money's worth at the regular price. With the new season opening up and with new gloves in much demand, we look to a record day's selling in this section, both today and tomorrow. We can't promise such glove values again. Make the most of this saving.

Fine quality French Kid Gloves, in tan, black, gray and white, with dome fasteners; well cut, carefully finished and splendid fitters. Regular \$1.25 pair. Sale price 75c

Oh, For Care-Free Life on the Links!

ENGLISH GOLF SHOES HERE GOLF, "the Game of Kings," is eagerly looked forward to by scores of ladies and gentlemen at this season of the year, for the out-of-door life is calling them again at "short range." Proper footwear adds immeasurably to the enjoyment of the game when "putting through the green." We are showing a splendid line of English golf footwear for both men and women.

- Men's Tan Russia Calf, "K" Brogues; pair \$6.00
Men's Black Calf, "K" Brogues; pair \$6.00
Men's White Buck Laced Boots, calf lined; pair \$4.50
Women's White Buck Laced Boots, calf lined; pair \$4.00
Women's Russia Calf Oxford; rubber sole and heel, pair \$6.00

Apples

That car has arrived and is ready for record selling today. One car lot of Fancy No. 1 B. C. Apples, some of the finest apples we have secured this season, including such delicious species as the following, bought direct from the growers at a special price.

- On Sale Today
Russets, Ben Davis, Spitzenberg, Salome, Gano, about 50 pounds. Per box \$1.55
Akin Red, Spies; per box only \$1.75

Three Very Moderate Priced Corsets

Some of the best values we have ever shown are among the recent arrivals just opened up. Women will wonder at the prices, for they represent extraordinary good value. Read these:

- AT 75c—120 pairs only of Ladies' Corsets, made of fine coutil, medium bust and short hip; very good strong corset, with 6 hose supporters. Sizes 18 to 28. Sale price 75c
AT \$1.00—155 pairs of Ladies' Corsets, well made of fine coutil, medium bust and hip and long skirt; nicely trimmed with lace; 6 hose supporters. Sizes 18 to 28. Sale price \$1.00
AT \$1.25—120 pairs only of these Corsets, made of fine coutil, medium bust and hip; very nicely trimmed with embroidered edging; six hose supporters. Sizes 18 to 28. Sale price \$1.25

Newest Shadow Laces in Fashion's Favor

Some wonderfully lovely laces have just been opened for the admiration of those who appreciate the new and beautiful. The very newest shadow laces in Bandings, All-overs, Edgings and Flouncings, in white, cream and black. Bandings and Edgings, from 1 1/2 to 10 inches, 18 inch All-overs and Flouncings, 27 and 45 inches 25c to \$3.00

Also a new collection of real hand-made Irish Lace Banding, Edging and Beading, as well as the newest effects in Pearl Edgings. Ask to see these while the showing is complete.

Ohio Reaches High Mark

Evansville, Ind., April 2.—The Ohio has passed the 57-foot mark, the highest ever recorded here with one exception. Backwater has invaded more homes in Oakdale. There has been little loss so far.

Many people were taken from flood-lit houses and barns in lower Hoge county today near the mouth of the Wabash. On the Illinois side of the Wabash Indiana side. Near Carroll and Maunle families caught by the high water have been without food for three or four days. The towns themselves are flooded and unable to give aid.

At the mouth of the Wabash, Illinois, yesterday the water rose a foot, twenty miles up the river the rise was four inches. From Maunle, Illinois, up the river is falling slowly.

At Carroll, Illinois, the Wabash and the Little Wabash are one stream for more than 35 miles across and there is hardly a dry spot in Point township, at the confluence of the Wabash with the Ohio.

Uniontown, Ky., on the Ohio, just above the mouth of the Wabash, is 10 to 20 feet deep in the water and the water is running into the second stories of the business houses. The water is six inches above the 1884 mark now and the last inhabitants have left the stricken town. A woman's body was found in the river there yesterday. It is believed she was a victim of one of the towns of the Great Miami.

Paduach Under Water

Paduach, Ky., April 2.—All the lower sections of the city are under water to a depth of two feet and 250 refugees are at a camp and board in the higher western part of the city.

The river was rising at midnight was 11 1/2 feet and the river was rising at the rate of an inch an hour. A stage of 165 feet is expected late today, which would shut down the lightning plant and a stage of 86 feet, predicted, would leave less than five blocks of the city out of water.

AUGUSTUS THOMAS—Who is said to be sure of an important appointment in the United States diplomatic service, President Wilson is known to be greatly attracted by Mr. Thomas' personality and brilliant work. Mr. Thomas' announcement that he wished to go to Paris as the representative of this country has been well received in Washington.

Mr. Northrup: "The small bank with smaller capital and unable to attract the