

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

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committees formed so that they could be taken care of in the proper manner.

Just in passing I would like to remark that, from what I have heard, the public are looking for something out of the ordinary from this year's Council. However, the citizens can

not expect too much without lending their hearty co-operation.

While we recognize that this is the beginning of the reconstruction period which we all hope will be to our benefit, projects must not be undertaken without due consideration, and especially in the spending of money we have got to be guided as to the results that we are going to accomplish.

Cheap Power Necessary

The first matter that I consider of

vital importance to the city is the matter of power. Our only means of reducing taxation is by getting in more people so as to relieve ourselves by having a greater number to share the burden with us. Our only means of securing this additional population is through cheaper power. I was pleased to note Premier Norris stated the Government were working on this proposition, and our object should be that we should have a special committee, and a strong committee to agitate for this power, and not stop until we have secured same for the city.

We have here what we might call the hub province of the Dominion, and with the province properly electrified there is no question but that it could be made the real "hub."

While we cannot expect to have the power this year we can, at least, in the meantime, undertake the securing of jobs and businesses of all descriptions, and with out present distributing facilities we should have no trouble whatever if we adopt the right means of securing same.

I sincerely trust that you will give this matter your very serious consideration, and will allow no stone to be left unturned to see that this work is undertaken at the earliest possible moment.

Entry of the G. T. P.

Linked up with the matter of power and securing of business is the matter of getting the entry of the Grand Trunk into our city completed. You all recognize the importance of this. This also should be handled by a special committee.

For Good Roads

Then again is the matter of good roads. However, in undertaking the "Good Roads Movement" it is not wise that we should confine ourselves to our local streets or the adjoining municipalities, but we should lend our assistance to the whole Western part of the province. The benefits to be derived from good roads are unbounded.

Make the Farm a Centre

Now that we have lost, apparently, any possible chance of securing the Agricultural College, there is no reason whatever why we should not be aggressive along the lines of having the Experimental Farm brought up to a standard, and make it a drawing card for the farmers throughout the whole of the province.

We should have, besides a model farm, the very best class of stock procurable of every description.

In fact, this farm should be made such an attractive proposition that there would be excursions from all parts of the province during the summer months.

An Advisory Committee

As outlined in my letter to the electors, I consider an advisory committee to assist us in our deliberations of vital importance, and would be pleased if you would have the forming of such a committee undertaken with as little delay as possible. I can see where this committee would, in all likelihood, save us considerable expense in the future, provided same was in proper running order; and seeing that we are a democratic body it would give them an opportunity, at any time of expressing their wishes to us as to what they would like to have accomplished.

A Suitable Memorial

Then again is the matter of handling the returned soldiers, and a suitable memorial for our brave boys from Brandon and district, who are not going to return.

I do not think there has been a movement along this line, but as your Council is a representative body of citizens I think it is fitting that you should take the lead in this matter.

Our boys have gone over to France and Flanders, and they have gone "over the top" in our behalf and have certainly given valiant service. It behooves us to see that they are assimilated into civil life without inconvenience to themselves. Any inconvenience should be on our part.

This matter certainly requires a special committee, and a strong committee, who are prepared to devote their time and energy that these boys' services will not be unrecognized, and when the time comes and you are asked to appoint this committee, I trust that you will do so.

Not wishing to burden you with a lengthy address on this occasion, outside of drawing these few matters to your attention, all of which I am of opinion should be given your consideration and suitable committees formed to take care of them.

Everybody Should Help

I cannot close, however, without impressing upon you the responsibility of your position, of which I know you are all quite aware; and recognizing that it is going to take considerable time, I only trust that you will devote the time and energy to carrying out the various activities to the very best of your ability. In the expenditure of money, you will, at all times, recognize you are spending public money and in doing so, naturally, we should be more cautious than if it were our own. On every occasion trying to get the best value for the money expended. I am sure the

citizens would sooner we would spend judiciously in trying to accomplish something than not to spend at all.

For your information I wish to advise that I will be in the Mayor's office from 10.30 until 12 o'clock daily, Sunday and holidays excepted, and I only trust that I may have your confidence in all matters.

Assuring you that my one aim and object is for the betterment of the city of Brandon, I am,

Yours sincerely,

A. R. McDIARMID.

CHAPMAN WINS: RECEIVES CASH FOR GRAIN AND COSTS

Elevator and Grain Company Settled When Case Was to go Into Court

ECHO OF FACEY CASE

Forged Bill of Lading Accepted by Companies — Growers Did Not Lose

Some further developments have occurred in the Brandon Grain Company case which created such interest in the courts some months ago. As a result the Terminal Elevator Company of Port Arthur, and James Richardson & Sons, Ltd., Winnipeg, have settled W. G. Chapman's claim, paying him \$1,000 cash for his car of grain and \$200 law costs.

W. G. Chapman, a farmer near Beresford, was involved with the Brandon Grain Company, through depositing with its president a bill of lading for a car of grain shipped by him from Merle siding in the Fall of 1917. Not receiving the usual returns regarding this car on its arrival at Port Arthur, he asked the Brandon Grain Company to look into the matter for him. For this purpose he deposited the bill of lading with Wm. Peacock, who turned the same over to the Brandon Grain Company, to make the necessary inquiries.

Mr. Facey, manager of the Brandon Grain Company, at once forged the name of Mr. Chapman to the bill of lading and sold the grain procured by it to James Richardson & Sons, Ltd., Winnipeg. These people paid the Brandon Grain Company through Facey for the grain and procured from the terminal elevator at Port Arthur the warehouse receipt for the bill of lading, it was not forthcoming and Mr. Facey, the manager, was away. After a while the above condition of affairs was disclosed and Chapman immediately demanded that James Richardson & Sons, Ltd., pay for the grain, or return the bill of lading and the warehouse receipt. He also demanded the same things from the Terminal Elevator Company at Port Arthur.

Failing to get satisfaction he laid an information against Facey for forgery in signing his name on the bill of lading, and to that charge Facey pleaded guilty, when the case was heard. Chapman sued the Terminal Elevator Company, James Richardson & Sons, Ltd., and the Brandon Grain Company, for the conversion of property. The Terminal Elevator Company, defended the action, and a few days ago when the case came up for trial and had been set down for hearing in Brandon, the Terminal Elevator Company and James Richardson & Sons, Ltd., settled with Mr. Chapman, paying him the sums mentioned above.

Mr. Chapman thereby procured payment for the grain from James Richardson & Sons, Ltd., and the Terminal Elevator Company, at the current market price at the time it was bought by the Brandon Grain Company. The defendants thereby admitting that their title to the grain through a forged bill of lading could not be sustained.

It is understood that two other farmers, whose bill of lading was forged and the grain sold to James Richardson & Sons, Ltd., to which forger Mr. Facey also pleaded guilty, are about to bring action with James Richardson & Sons, Ltd., and the Terminal Elevator Company for their grain. So it looks as if the affairs of the Brandon Grain Company are not yet all disposed of.

SUBURBS OF PARIS ARE UNDER WATER

Paris, Jan. 6.—Persistent rains have caused a general rise in all rivers. The Seine is constantly swelling and has risen to a degree considered dangerous. The quays and suburbs of Paris are under water and navigation has almost ceased.

Dispatches from the provinces report that streams there are constantly rising. The Rhine is over its banks and the plains in the region of Avignon are inundated. The rainfall is continuing.

CITIZENS ENDORSE

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Grand Trunk Pacific into the city is necessary.

"Be it further resolved, that the headquarters of the Mounted Police for the Province of Manitoba be located in Brandon as at first decided upon by the Department. The Government Rifle Range consisting of 270 acres adjoining the city limits, is admirably adapted for the purpose.

"Be it further resolved that a Military Hospital be built and maintained in Brandon during the time required for the purposes of the Militia Department and under such conditions as may be outlined by our delegation.

"Be it further resolved, that since the city of Brandon and district has responded so liberally to all patriotic purposes and fully met the demands of a government which at the last general election, they so heartily supported, that these citizens do now demand of this government the equitable treatment which our claims merit.

A. R. McDIARMID,
Chairman of Meeting and President of Board of Trade.

To Present Resolution

The above resolution passed at a meeting in the City Hall, Monday night, was telegraphed to Dr. Howard P. Whidden, M.P., at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa. Dr. Whidden is to introduce the Brandon delegation to the Dominion Cabinet members. The delegation consists of Dr. Whidden, Ald. W. Bourke, Robert Darrach, J. F. Kilgour, Ald. A. L. Hall, A. E. McKenzle and S. E. Clement, M.P.P.

The Delegation's Business

Mr. A. R. McDiarmid, President of the Board of Trade, called the meeting to order and stating that he was somewhat out of touch with the situation owing to his absence in the East, asked for a general discussion. Mr. A. Shewan gave a brief summary of some of the matters which the delegation went to Ottawa to take up with the Cabinet ministers. He told of the sending of the messages to Ministers Rowell and Mewburn and the final announcement from General Mewburn that the policy is to establish hospitals at military headquarters. Mr. Shewan asked if this is so, why is there three military hospitals in Saskatchewan, three in Alberta and eight or nine in Ontario? The policy appeared to apply only to Manitoba. Why is Brandon overlooked? This district has enlisted ten to twelve thousand men and has sent ten medical men overseas, more medical men in proportion to population than have come from Winnipeg, while the service they have rendered is unequalled. The Hospital Board has offered a free site and is ready to take over the buildings when no longer required by the Government; Brandon is being discriminated against. This sentiment was heartily applauded.

The Mounted Police

Again in reference to the Mounted Police, the original decision was to establish the Manitoba headquarters in Brandon. But later an announcement followed that Winnipeg has been selected.

Entrance of G. T. P.

The G. T. P. must come into this city. They ostensibly delayed owing to the war but other branch lines have been completed while the one into Brandon is still unfinished. Now that the Government owns the G. T. P. and the C. N. R. they can use a joint terminal and save hundreds of thousands of dollars. Railway lines should be built from this city into some surrounding district not served by any line at present.

A New Post Office

Mr. G. F. Doig said he had prepared a report on the post office which the delegates have taken East. His remarks could be summarized into there is only one thing to say and that is that we must have a new post office.

Province Exploited

A vehement protest against the centralization of everything in Winnipeg was entered by Mr. J. S. Wilcott. He declared that we are building a city rather than a province and that the resources of Manitoba are being used to build up Winnipeg. Both the Provincial and Dominion governments, present and immediately past, were said to be guilty. The agricultural needs of the province are being starved to keep up a set of Agricultural College buildings that are sufficiently grand to house the legislature. Many instances were cited where Winnipeg has profited immensely at the expense of the entire province. He suggested that the co-operation be secured to prevent further exploitation.

Board of Trade Canvass

A general discussion followed the tenor of which was that the grating by Winnipeg must be ended. President McDiarmid reminded the gathering of the Board of Trade canvass for membership which is billed for next week. He urged that effective help can be secured in righting wrongs if the Board of Trade is strongly supported by the business men and citizens generally.

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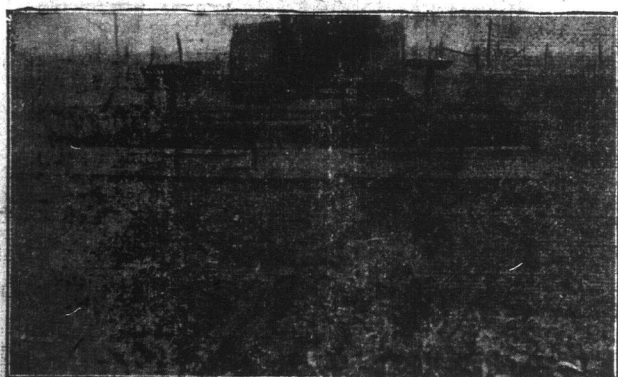
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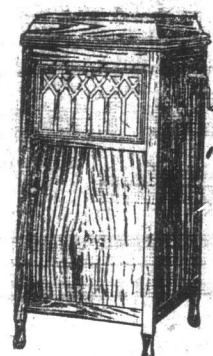
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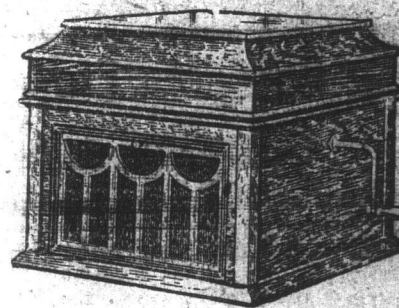
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REPORT DERELICT

SIGHTED AT SEA

New York, Jan. 6.—Passengers aboard the British steamship Lowther Castle, here Friday from Cardiff, reported that Wednesday, when the vessel was 250 miles off the Bermudas, they sighted a large derelict cigar-shaped dirigible balloon, with a black and white ring on top, lying flat on the sea. There were no signs of life aboard.

FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

OPENS IN JANUARY

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—From recent official expectations the second session of the Thirteenth Parliament of Canada will open during the second week of February after a recess lasting since May 23rd, or for nearly nine months, which is probably the longest parliamentary recess in Canadian history.