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THE VOTERS' LISTS.

When the opposition had an opportunity of providing voters' lists in Alberta, instead of the antiquated system which prevails at present, the opposition members objected. The question came up for consideration in the session of 1911-12. The suggestion that there should be lists instead of the present system of enumeration was opposed by the members of the opposition, who preferred the present system. The apologetics now say that the opposition members had no time to sufficiently consider the question for the session was near the end. But there has been one whole long and important session since that time. Mr. Macleod did not bring up the question during the recent session. He had given the impression that he was satisfied with the election law, and made no effort to improve it. He has no right to complain about it now, and his criticism of the government is quite unfair.

CANADA UNDER CLOSURE.

Canada is now under closure. The Dominion has taken a backward step. Free speech in parliament is by courtesy of the government, which is largely under control of Hon. Bob Rogers. Whether any legislation shall be fully discussed, partially discussed or not discussed at all depends largely upon the wishes of the Sultan of Manitoaba.

Editorial Notes

The Conservatives hope to win the riding of Clearwater, which was one of the horrible examples referred to by the opposition. The total vote polled was less than 150, which certainly was not very large. The city of Toronto is making an effort to buy out the street railway at an enormous cost, which is another lesson to municipalities which may be inclined to hand over franchises to the corporations. The city of Medicine Hat, it seems, is introducing the Tammany form of government into municipal affairs, which will be very bad for a city like Medicine Hat, or any other city. Though Calgary people have strange ideas about voting, they do not have to wait for a week after the election to find out the result of the polls. Beware of the independence of the newspaper which finds it necessary repeatedly to boast of its independence. A three-year term for an alderman might result in a better city council, but the people would hesitate about such a long term without the privilege of recalling their representatives. A Conservative paper asks the government what it has to say about the election irregularities in the Hand Hills. The government without doubt would be in a better position to give an explanation if any person showed that there were any irregularities in Hand Hills or any other riding. The citizens showed their optimism Wednesday by supporting all of the bylaws. They acted wisely and passed them all.

JERSEY CITY FOR COMMISSION GOVERNMENT.

Among the results of President Wilson's regime, when governor of New Jersey, was the passing of an act of the legislature authorizing municipalities to adopt the commission form of government. On Tuesday last several cities in that state voted on the proposition, and though it was defeated in Bayonne, Hoboken and Union Hill, it carried in Jersey City by a majority of over 4,000. As about 40 per cent of the electors who voted at last fall's election cast their ballots, Jersey City will be the first municipality in the east of more than 200,000 population to pass under commission government. At the primary election on May 13, the candidates for commissionerships will be reduced to ten and the final election on June 10 will settle who are to be the first commissioners. Less than two years ago Jersey City rejected the commission plan by a majority of about 1,500. At that time it was opposed to both the Republican and Democratic organizations, but these have since undergone a marked change of heart. On the result of the experiment now to be made much will depend for the future of commission government in the eastern states. Should the commission of five men who will now administer the affairs of Jersey City have a good record, it cannot be greatly asist the movement. So far over 200 cities have adopted the plan, of which ten have populations exceeding 100,000 and four exceeding 200,000. Jersey City will be the ninth municipality in New Jersey that has decided for commission government.

TO EDIT A NEWSPAPER.

Dr. Talmage, one of the greatest pulpit orators, in one of his sermons on the "Spirit of the Press," said: "To publish a newspaper requires the skill, the precision, the boldness, the vigilance, the strategy of a commander-in-chief. To edit a newspaper requires that one be a statesman, an essayist, a geographer, a statistician, and, in addition, an encyclopedist. To man, to govern, to propel a newspaper until it shall be a fixed institution, a national fact, demands more qualities than any other business on earth. If you feel like starting a newspaper, secular or religious, understand you are threatened with softening of the brain or lunacy, and throwing your pocket-book into your wife's lap—start for some insane asylum before you do something desperate. "First of all, newspapers make knowledge democratic and for the multitude. The public library is a haymow so high up that few can reach it, while the newspaper throws down the forage to your feet. Public libraries are the reservoirs where the great floods are stored high up and away off. The newspaper is the tunnel that brings them down to the plowmen of all the people. The chief use of great libraries is to make newspapers out of Great Libraries. The chief use of great newspapers is to make libraries out of Great Newspapers. Newspapers lift whole nations into the sunlight. "I cannot find ten literary men in Christendom with strong minds and great hearts but are or have been somehow connected with the newspaper printing press. While the book will always have its place, the newspaper is more potent. Because, the latter is multitudinous do not conclude it is necessarily superficial. If a man should from childhood to old age see only his Bible, Webster's Dictionary and his newspaper, he could be prepared for all the duties of this life and all the happiness of the next."

EUROPEAN CRISIS GRAVE, IS THE OPINION OF GERMAN DIPLOMATS

Berlin, April 24.—There are many indications here today that the German government and public regard the European situation as critical. A high diplomatic official said today: "Europe has entered another crisis as grave as that which preceded the Austro-Russian demobilization. The press bureau of the German foreign office contrary to its usual custom, was not prepared today with a statement either in regard to the ultimatum to Montenegro or to the general situation. An official, however, believed it probable force would have to be employed to expel the Montenegro from Scutari. "The official view here is that the European powers will work together until the problem is solved. A feeling of consternation and helplessness was displayed at yesterday's conference of the ambassadors in London. According to the reserves received here the representatives of all the nations including Russia agreed that the decision of the powers concerning Scutari must be enforced but are nonplussed as to how Montenegro was to be coerced. "The imperial chancellor and the foreign minister visited the budget committee of the imperial parliament today to make a confidential communication to its member in regard to the international situation. The cancellation of Emperor William of his proposed trip on the steamer Imperator and his determination to return to Berlin from Hamburg on April 23 are attributed in well informed quarters to the crisis brought about by the fall of Scutari. "The stock market was demoralized today by the fears of grave political complications. Investors and speculators stopped trading at the opening. Then prices slightly recovered on the strength of Premier Asquith's speech and on the London Times editorial insisting upon an Albanian Scutari. But the market again broke later on and there was heavy selling on the report received from Vienna stating that Austria had demanded that the ultimatum to Montenegro be enforced. Austria Demands Ultimatum Berlin, April 24.—Austro-Hungary telegraphed to all the other powers yesterday demanding that they enforce an ultimatum to Montenegro to evacuate Scutari within 48 hours, according to an unconfirmed despatch from Vienna by the Zeitung Am Mittag. Otherwise Austria declares she and her allies will take steps to protect her political interests in the Balkans. King Nicholas Defiant Cettinje, April 24.—Scutari is from today Montenegro was the defiant reply of King Nicholas to the European invitation to surrender the hard won Turkish citadel. The king made this statement in the course of a speech delivered from the balcony of the royal palace. Among his audience were the ministers of the Balkan States who came to congratulate him. He added: "Should Europe still think of snatching Scutari from Montenegro which has given her life blood to take it, Europe will have to carry out the task by force of arms."

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ODD CHICAGO HOUSES Several Thousand Erected Without Front Entrance Chicago, April 24.—Chicago has thousands of houses which have no front entrance. The men who built them got the idea that a street entrance was unnecessary so long as the house had a rear entrance. The space that would have been taken by the entrance hall has been made into a room. Most of these back door houses are on the outskirts of the city. Where the porch would have been is a blank wall of cement. Some have a window or two in front of the first floor, but the usual type has no openings at all. They might have been pretty looking cottages if they had porches built to them. The post office authorities are showing their dislike to this form of house and are going to try to prevent any more being erected because of the extra miles that the carriers must travel who have many of these houses on their routes.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Men Will Take a "Tip" and Profit by This Sale of Suits \$13.50 to \$16.50 VALUES AT \$10.85

There's no need to argue with yourself, even though you have a good suit right now. Ten chances to one you are figuring on a dressy new suit for this season. Besides, will not another be welcome if it's but to relieve a monotonous sameness? Here's a straight business proposition by which we both gain. You get a stylish, well-made, up-to-the-minute suit at much less than the usual figure. We attain our desired result to make room, much-needed room. GOOD LUCK FOR 600 MEN AND YOUNG MEN These have just come to hand, and were bought to sell in the new store. They consist of dressy, well-put-together suits of all-wool imported fabrics in all the new season's best colors. Fashionably cut models that carry with them all the dignity the most conservative dresser could wish, and yet with enough "class" to suit the young fellows who want to dress after the latest fashion; sizes 35 to 46; regular \$13.50 to \$16.50 suits. Sale Price \$10.85



A Tale of a Sale of Shirts, \$1.00 Qualities at 65c We'll just tell gentlemen that these are the usual dollar shirts they get from this store as extra good value, and that on account of buying an extra large quantity we find we haven't the room to give them proper display, we must dispose of them at even less than we can ever hope to offer them again. So those who know the good value they represent at the usual price won't be slow to take advantage of this exceptional offer. 100 dozen Men's Negligee Shirts in the newest and most up-to-date designs and patterns, and in all sizes. Regular standard value at \$1.00. Sale Price 65c

Men's Hats, worth up to \$4.00, Selling at 95c Never in the history of this popular men's store have we ever announced such value as this. And this is a most extraordinary offer, even for this store. We have had such a busy season of hat selling that we find a large quantity of odd sizes in a number of different lines that must be cleared out regardless of cost. This lot includes soft felt hats in the newest shapes and styles and in all the season's best colors. Sizes range from 6 3/4 to 7 3/4, and in values up to \$4.00. Sale Price 95c

Ladies' Linen Collars 20c & 25c value, 2 for 25c We are clearing out a quantity of pretty embroidered and fancy linen collars Friday at just a fraction of their original value, and for no other reason than our desire to make more room in this section. Of course we don't expect to have enough to go all round, but morning shoppers won't be disappointed. Ladies' Embroidered and Fancy Linen Laundered Collars, medium heights and extreme low shapes. Collars very becoming to the average lady; all sizes, 12 to 15 inches; 20c and 25c values. Friday, 2 for 25c

Candy News For You There are hundreds of Calgarians with a tooth for the sweet and delicious, who turn to this store every Friday and Saturday for their week-end candy supply. "Kaiser's" Marzipan Mixture—Reg. 40c. Week-end Special, 30c. "Melba" Finest Assorted Chocolates—Reg. 40c to 70c lb. Week-end 30c. Coconut Marshmallow—Reg. 40c lb. Week-end Special, 25c. "Saturday Treat" Chocolates—Reg. 40c lb. Week-end Special, 30c. "Wrigley's" Spearmint Gum—Week-end Special, 4 for 25c. Nut Bars—Week-end Special, 4 for 25c.

Grocery News of Interest There's no getting away from the fact that buying groceries from "The Bay" does save the housewife considerably in making the house money "spin out" farther. Furthermore, it saves her worry, for there's the assurance always of knowing that everything bought from this "Eure Food Grocery" is strictly fresh and of a high quality standard. California Canned Fruits—In heavy syrup; large tins. Reg. 30c tins; 3 tins, including Peaches, Pears and Apples. Coconut—Finest shredded, per lb. 25c. Coffee—We have a reputation for Coffee. Our "Imperial" Blend, at 3 lbs. for \$1.00, cannot be beaten for family use. For lovers of high-grade Coffee we recommend "Connoisseur" blend, at per lb. 45c. Whole ground or pulverized, as required. Flour—H. B. Co's. guaranteed No. 1 Hungarian Patent, 95 lb. sack \$3.10. 49-lb. sack \$1.60. Jam—H. B. Co's. guaranteed pure, and 5-lb. net pail, Strawberry and Raspberry. Per pail \$1.85. Asparagus Tips—Finest California. 2 tins for 45c. Salmon—"Clover Leaf"; 1-lb. tins 25c. Pineapple—Hawaiian; large tins, 1-lb. heavy syrup. 2 tins for 55c. SUGAR! B. C.—20-lb. sack \$1.10. Rice—Finest Japan; 4 lbs. for 25c. Beans—Finest White; 4 lbs. for 25c. Porridge Oats—Reg. 25c. 2 cartons 45c. Use Direct Phone to Grocery—6713. A fresh supply of reasonable Vegetables always on hand.

SALE OF HATS! LADIES' \$9.00 AND \$10.00 PANAMAS \$4.95 Ladies' Milan Chip and Peanut Straws, trimmed satin ribbon velvet flowers and fancy mounts. New creations. Regular \$9.00 and \$10.00. Sale Price \$4.50. AT THE PROVISION COUNTER Ham—Special, per lb. 27c. Bacon—Special, side or half, per lb. 22c. Cheese—Finest Ontario; 2-lbs. for 35c. EGGS—Strictly Fresh, 3 dozen for 80c. A supply of Harris' delicious White-shire Bacon always on hand. Lard—Pure; 3-lb. pail 90c. 5-lb. pail 1.15. H. B. Co's. Tea. You can't help but like them.

\$1.50 to \$2.50 Ladies' Gloves To Sell Friday 95c Pair A bargain that carries with it the full meaning of the word, and one that will need little more than mere mention to bring ladies to the glove counter early Friday. Savings are of such a substantial character, the gloves of such splendid qualities, that we consider this one of the most important sales of the season. Ladies' fine Kid Gloves, in 8 and 16-button length; well made, carefully finished, and good fitters. Here in grey, sizes 5 1/2 to 7 1-2; tans, sizes 7 to 7 1-2; black, sizes 5 1-2, 5 3/4 and 7. Regular \$1.50 to \$2.50 pair. Friday 95c

Bargain Duet in Pretty Waists That Call Ladies Early Friday Most ladies will know that such splendid waists could not be bought for anything like the prices we are offering these for tomorrow. With the many remarkable values this helpful store has extended of late, none will appeal more forcibly to the economical buyer than these we tell you of today. In each instance quantity is not large, which emphasizes the fact that early morning shopping is essential if you would share in the bargain feast.

9 TO 11 O'CLOCK ONLY Stylish little Waists of fine silk in white only. Neatly tailor-made; soft collar and cuffs. A few black silk waists in odd sizes are included in this lot, which number only 75 all counted. Regular values \$2.95. Friday, 9 to 11 o'clock only \$1.50. \$1.95 to \$2.95 LAWN WAISTS FOR \$1.25 Ladies' Stylish Lawn Waists of finest quality in designs of new and effective embroidery, lace and fine tuckings. High and square collars; three-quarter and long sleeves, trimmed with smaller tucks and lace with back also trimmed. These come in all sizes from 32 to 44, and sell in their regular way at \$1.95. On sale Friday, for \$1.25.

100 Pairs of Sheets to Flutter in a Bargain Breeze Another important bargain event of special interest to economical housekeepers, hotel and boarding-house proprietors, that warrants prompt consideration, for the quantity is limited. With new goods piled high on shelf and counter, and with room badly needed, we find it imperative to clear some lines to attain the result. Hence this sale of sheets Friday. STANDARD HUDSON'S BAY QUALITY SHEETS—Fine linen and guaranteed free from all starch. Size 120x90. Regular \$2.00 pair. Friday \$1.75. Size 80x90. Regular \$2.25 pair. Friday \$2.00.

Farms For Sale

South of Calgary A choice farm of 320 acres; 160 in crop, 60 acres ready to summer fallow; good house and stable; phone in house. Household furniture, Chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and half acre potatoes included. \$3,000 should be made on this farm this year; nothing to do but harvest crop. \$2000 cash will handle this or will take Calgary income property in exchange.

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