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Farmers Not Satisfied

The farmers of the province are not satisfied with certain features of the seed grain purchase regulations. Up to the present, however, we believe the regulations have been well executed by Mr. Leach who has charge of the distribution work. The fact remains, however, that the farmers ought to know by this time, what the wheat is going to cost them, but they are absolutely in the dark regarding this important feature of the whole transaction. One thing the most of the farmers who are compelled to get seed wheat do know is that they could have purchased the grain in many cases not more than twenty-five miles from home and could have saved considerable money.

Grain men on the Soo and Estevan Lines have informed The West that there was enough wheat on those lines to supply the southern part of the province and farmers in the districts tributary could have made their purchases in the towns along the line. There is some force in the argument of many farmers that it is bad regulations which provide that the same grade of wheat should be brought back from Fort William as that which is available at country points in the province. Farmers who are lucky enough to hold less than a car of wheat cannot sell it to a neighbor, but must ship it to the head of the lakes and in transit it will pass on the road wheat that is being shipped back to the same district for seed purposes, at a greatly enhanced price which is charged up against the farmer. With the executive work of the distributing department up to the present there is no complaint, but the system has many bad features.

Is It Revolt?

Is the New Brunswick shock responsible for the secessionist contention shown by the local government organ in its editorial comment on Rev. Mr. MacKay's address to the Canadian Club, or is the Leader trying to imitate the Toronto Globe? To follow up logically and consistently the principles enunciated by the organ referred to, would be for it to abandon its coercion campaign, and come out straight and manfully for the rights of this province against the grafters' compact at Ottawa, which the Leader profits by indirectly by being one of the parasites on the outside of the ring.

"What," says the Leader, "are we to expect of our public men, when cities, towns and even provinces openly offer themselves for sale to the party that will give them a bridge, a public building, or a certain office."

Why did not the paper using the above language make this appeal during the local election campaign? Why did they, instead of taking this stand display from day to day, "A

vote for Bole is a vote for the C.N.R. extension into Regina," and such like bribery offers?

The Scott government and its organs have degraded public life in this country to such an extent that men like Rev. Mr. MacKay will have uphill work for years to come in raising the standard of political morality above the mire in which it has been dragged for coercion purposes. Open confessions are said to be good for the soul, but the assertion of the principle we have cited, coming from the source which it does means either revolt against the government, or hypocrisy.

Editorial Notes

Before the Agricultural Committee of the House of Commons recently, R. E. Young, superintendent of the railway and swamp land branch, Department of the Interior, said if the wheat crop of the Canadian west in 1908 totalled 100,000,000 bushels on a settled area of 8,400,000 acres, it was no stretch of "imagination" to look into the future for a wheat production of 1,300,000,000 bushels, practically three times the total foreign trade of Canada at the present time.

It is probable that J. G. Turf, who has been nominated by the Liberals to contest Assiniboia East may withdraw. He fears that since he may not use the cry "poor but honest," that he might be defeated.

Press Comments

(Hamilton Spectator)

When times are good, work plentiful and money easy to obtain it is the fashion to abuse rich men. But when financial troubles come, he is a good man to have around. At the moment when all indications pointed to a collapse during the recent financial panic in New York, J. P. Morgan was the man who brought order out of chaos and saved the situation. At a time when it looked as if the Niagara Falls Electrical Development company was inevitable Wm. Mackenzie of Toronto came to the rescue and the wreck was averted. Neither of these men will claim to have acted from purely unselfish motives. They were looking to the safeguarding of personal interests, which was entirely legitimate, and for which they cannot be blamed.

What strikes the man on the street in such cases as these, is the fact that, no matter how much the mob may be inclined to roast the big man on ordinary occasions, in times of stress it is willing to admit that it's mighty handy to have him around with his millions of available cash.

(Victoria Colonist)

Something will have to be done with the Doukhobors. Mr. Sifton is responsible for them being in the country, and he ought to be called upon to make them behave themselves.

(Moose Jaw News)

When Liberals are taunted with the statement that the public lands, and resources incident thereto, are with-

held by the federal government, frequently they reply that these will, in due time, be granted to the province. Every honest Liberal believes that that happy time will come and at no distant date. But as one reads accounts of the manner in which the public resources are being granted to friends of the government, the conviction is born in upon them that by the time the federal government is ready to give the province its own, there will be but little value to give. It would seem that no privilege worth the shaping has escaped the vigilant eyes of the "grifters." Not only have the timber limits and coal lands been alienated, but it comes out that hundreds of thousands of square miles of valuable fishery reserves have been parcelled out and leased for a period of twenty years. If the fish in the waters have not escaped, what has? Apparently nothing. As the grafters are numerous it would seem that by the time the federal government is ready to permit the province to enter into its heritage, there will be nothing to transfer, but the mere skin of what was once a rich "melon," known as the public domain.

(Lumsden News-Record)

Stringency in the money market is not only felt among the business men of the towns and villages in the west but occasionally effects operations in unlooked for quarters. A case in point came under our observation this week, when the branch of a chartered bank had forwarded all its available funds to the big city branches to invest in larger cities, ran short of funds and could not meet a demand for forty dollars. In short, the bank's manager was compelled to hustle around and applied at once to a resident reputed to be worth any amount of wealth up to \$40,000. However, the bank required the money and the wealthy man advanced the \$40. Of course the bank manager looked like a mule when he found the tables turned on him and was compelled to pay ten per cent. interest on the amount borrowed.

(By-Stander in Toronto Sun.)

Those whose memory reaches back to the early part of the last century can attest a great social improvement in almost every line. But in one line the change has been backward. The extraordinary worship of muscle going with the passion for athletics has taken off the ban from prize-fighting. We see prize fighting photos in the newspapers. On one occasion at least in the States a prize fight was attended by women. The prize fight is but a degree, if at all, less brutal than a bull fight. In the early part of the last century no true English gentleman, it is safe to assert, would have liked to own that he had been at a prize fight, nor would any decent newspaper have reported one, or given engravings of the champions. Two low papers that did report prize fights were strictly excluded from all places of education. Surely the press may afford to keep itself clear of such a stain. Should not the practice be restrained by law? Why do people not rise against it as they do against drink? Surely the prize fight is as bad as the tavern.

(Lethbridge News.)

An American periodical, one that ought to know better—Collier's Weekly, dishes up an editorial for the edification of the readers of its Canadian Edition on the method of the government in distributing seed grain to those who need it. Its criticism of the methods are not worth criticizing, but when it starts talking about the "suffering farmers of western Canada," we hardly know whether to laugh or cry. Suffering farmers, forsooth! SUFFERING FARMERS! Next week we may expect, "down-trodden peasants." But then Collier's always was noted for spoiling otherwise well written articles on Canadian affairs by having the facts and conditions all topsy turvy. Now we suppose we have got to go to all the trouble, merely to offset wrong impressions that may be created by the wide circulation of Collier's twaddle, of denying that western Canadian farmers are suffering. What a nuisance some of these American papers are.

General News

It is curious to note that the architect of the new Singer Building in New York, the highest in the world, appeared before the State Building Commission the other day and advised that the maximum height of new buildings should be 100 feet. The Singer building is 662 ft.

Montreal, March 12.—The finance committee of the city council this afternoon decided to at once call for tenders for its new loan of five million which will be spent on civic improvements. The loan has excited considerable interest in money centres in New York, Paris and London, and numerous enquiries have been received. The big city financial institutions have advised the city that the present was a good time to float the loan, and the authorities decided to act upon this advice at once, the tenders are to be publicly

opened on March 27. The loan is for 40 years at 4 per cent.

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Macleod, Alta., March 11.—The C.P.R. company was today fined \$200 and costs for working Operator Mullen on Sunday, Dec. 15, without 24 hours' rest during the succeeding six days. Mullen is the operator upon whom the blame for the train accident at Brockton some time ago now rests. The case was heard before Magistrates Stearns and George.

Manila, March 13.—Manila's financial stringency due to the scarcity of pesos, will soon be relieved, according to advice received here from Washington. It is reported that the transport Thomas, now on the way here from San Francisco will bring 5,000,000 new, "shining" coins, fresh from the mint. This will be the largest shipment of pesos ever brought to the Philippines.

London, March 13.—King Edward is beginning to feel the weight of his years. And with this feeling is a growing timidity. He has been scared from London by the influenza. That's the real reason of his Majesty taking his sudden trip to Brighton—a place he has never before visited as a health resort, although of course, his ancestor, George IV., who discovered Brighton, had a pavilion there and spent a good deal of his time in "London-by-the-Sea."

The gripe epidemic, which is raging in London thoroughly frightened the King, who has developed an abnormal dread of this malady. Three members of the cabinet—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Lord Ripon and Augustine Birrell—have been stricken with it, and the newspapers are full of bulletins on the condition of the famous gripe victims.

New York, March 14.—Out of a total of \$14,750,000 paid out in dividends by the Standard Oil company today at the rate of \$15 a share, J. D. Rockefeller, who owns 25 per cent of all the stock, received \$3,750,000 bringing up the total of his returns from Standard Oil stock for the last six months to \$4,250,000.

The total paid out in dividends by the company during the last six months is approximately twenty-five millions. Fifteen men own 90 per cent. of the stock, and in the last ten years have received in cash dividends \$389,000,000.

The profits of the company since 1888 amount to approximately \$900,000,000 of which \$670,000,000 have

been paid in dividends. The net earnings of the company for the last six years are estimated at over \$455,000,000.

Brandon, March 15.—Some forty guests at the empire hotel last night were taken suddenly ill, and it is believed it has been the result of eating poisonous canned goods. Two doctors were called in and prescribed for the sick. Most of the guests were those attending the winter fair, and they did not feel sick until after registering at the hotel when doctors who were in attendance had to attend to them. A number of those attacked are still confined to their beds.

Kenora, March 13.—The plebiscite for the exemption of the Maple Leaf flour mill from taxes was taken recently. Nothing but parliamentary elections has lived in the town up so much as the voting. Every rig was requisitioned and it was not until the result was known that the excitement abated. There were about 750 eligible voters on this question, but over 200 of these are summer residents from Winnipeg who could not be present to record their votes. Fifty-one per cent of the votes must be polled and the majority must be two-thirds of the votes polled before the council can consider the matter. The result was 444 in favor and 59 against it. This is a local majority of 345 in favor of the exemption, and there is therefore no question about the Maple Leaf company building at once.

Minneapolis, March 14.—Apparently fearing Minneapolis will become a hot bed of anarchism, Secretary Oscar S. Straus, of the United States immigration department, has ordered W. D. Morse, inspector of immigration, Minneapolis, to confer with the police in an attempt to rid the Twin Cities of all anarchists and other undesirable aliens. This action is timely because of late developments. Minneapolis is known to shelter friends of the would be assassin shot down by Chief Shippy in Chicago. On top of this comes the announcement that Emma Goldman, the notorious woman anarchist, is scheduled to lecture on March 25, if the police will permit her to do so, and these facts together with a suspicion that the Twin Cities are being made a dumping ground for undesirable of Chicago during the last forty-eight hours twenty-one penniless aliens have been landed in Minneapolis from the Windy City.

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Several By-laws Passed
 Bread Question of—Grants Made.

Ald. Ball and Ald. Wilk the only two absent from council meeting Monday. A bylaw dealing with bread was passed. "Stand are to weigh one and a half and three pounds avoirdupois other bread must be sold per pound and shall show the actual weight. It is also made for inspectors, ingredients, etc. as penalties for the non-compliance of the bylaw. A by-law to provide for the location of a separate school was passed. Nominations held on the 24th and the 31st of March.

R. J. Harwood was appointed inspector for the city law was also given a seal to appoint the same person to collect dog tax collector. Bylaws were also passed in book 171 and book 172. The finance committee for payment accounts to about \$95,000.

Among other things, Committee recommended city clerk write requesting R. to construct subways, railway at Albert and Br. The Finance Committee ded a grant of \$200 to the chewan Poultry Association additional grant of \$200 to ing club. The city so granted \$200 to buy book once for his office.

F. W. Brimacombe has increased to \$100 per m working at the waterworks. The parks committee re the purchasing of lawn trees for boulevards. The commended the annexing lands to the city.

COUNCIL NOTE

The city solicitor, the city engineer filled their the council chamber on Monday.

The page for the council yet been appointed.

The mayor's chair is mental, but the mayor has to keep from getting lost.

APPOINTMENTS

A Long List of Appointments in the Gazette.

The following are announced in the latest issue of the Saskatchewan Gazette:

Justices of the Peace:—William Roe, of Log Va; Jas. Pinke, Sr., Cresson; Martin Schuett, of Trav; Robert McLaren, Maym; Jas. Robinson, Walpole; Wm. G. Blewett, Kams; Geo. A. Carroll, of Mc; Nelson G. Cooper, Asq; Geo. W. Andrews, McL; Henry B. Devine, Stras; Owen E. Hughes, of K; Alfred Nurse, Lanigan; Alex. C. Nicol, Lashbou; Wm. Sherry Stoenon; Ernest W. Early, Mar; Duncan Jamieson, Nok; Thos. H. McGregor, C

Deputy Sheriff:—Geo. Garfield Calder.

Notaries Public:—Curtis R. Gough, Fran; Jas. R. Graham, of K; Hugo Emil Mellicke, D; J. R. H. Dixon, Belle; Duncan McKechnie, Lar

Commissioners for Oaths:—Malcolm W. McLeod, C; Chas. H. Fleming, Asq; Frank Bransted, Oliv; Robert Fenske, of Rob; Chas. L. Franks, Phe; Jas. Murchin, of Fair; Wyndham W. Ashley, of William Brown, of Pri; Handle Bentley, of Gos; R. McDonald, Prince A; Hugh Pick of Mortlach; Jas. Johnston of Sask; Rufus McNicol of Fal; Jno. A. McKeen of Fie; Wm. Muriel of Skibbe; Geo. Garfield Calder; John J. Lamb of Sas; John Underdown, of Chas. Polk, Regina.

Reginald B. Beatty, M; Gerhard Leopoldy of W; Chas. P. Schmidt, of A; Acton M. Sparrow, of

Issuers of Marriage Lic:—Victor R. Ogier, of Mo; William Schenell, of L; Robt. R. King, of Mel; Addison Fleming, of El; J. J. Gardner, of Peto

Process Issuers:—Rhys Morgan South C; Neil Murchie, of P; Samuel Mathieson of Davis, S. Walker, Nor; Registrars of Vital St; Eliza S. Burdette, L; Edgar T. Wallace, H; Coroner:—Robt. Henderson, of

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