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MONEY VOTED FOR SUFFERING JAMAICANS

City Council Appropriates One Thousand Dollars to be Forwarded to the Mayor of Kingston to Alleviate the Distress Caused by the Earthquake

The city council last night passed a resolution appropriating \$1,000 for the Jamaican earthquake sufferers. The money will be sent to the mayor of Kingston, to whom it will be forwarded by wire through the Bank of Nova Scotia. When announcing the fact that the grant is made will be forwarded direct to the mayor of Kingston, at the same time expressing Edmonton's sympathy for the afflicted

people of the West-India capital. In making the motion, Ald. Manson made mention of the fact that Edmonton had just come through a prosperous and successful year without calamity or affliction and he believed that the people of the city would cheerfully sanction a grant of a thousand dollars to relieve the distress caused by a disaster to people who were of our own nationality and tongue—not strangers, but our own people.

FIRE AT THE FORT.

Fort Saskatchewan, Jan. 23.—Shortly after midnight a fire broke out in the kitchen of the mansion house. The fire was caused by an overheated stove setting fire to the partition. The fire was noticed at once and an alarm sent in. The brigade responded promptly and in a short time had the fire out, small damage being done. Business will be resumed as usual today.

MR. ROOT LEAVES OTTAWA

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Elhu Root left Ottawa this afternoon sooner than expected because of the illness of Lady Victoria Grenfell, with typhoid at Rideau Hall. Mr. Root spoke at the Canadian club luncheon, Earl Grey, Sir

Winfred Laurier and other ministers were present. He delivered an able speech. He visited Canada forty years ago and many times since has been struck with the great work carried on in empire building. Canada showed that for ninety years Canadians got along peacefully without any armament to speak of and soon would be able to celebrate the centennial. He read a cable received by himself from Sweetman in which the Governor thanked him for the very practical aid given by Admiral Davis' entire-particular squadron, U. S. navy. In conclusion he asked those present to join with him in this sentiment: "To Canadian settlers in New England, and American settlers in the Canadian West, may they ever with loyal memories, do honor to the land of their birth, and may they sever, with loyal affection, do God's service to the country of their adoption." Premier Laurier proposed a vote of thanks, saying when Mr. Root wanted health he came to Canada, and he (Laurier) went south, so that if they could not have reciprocity in trade they had it in health.

NO TRAINS SUNDAY.

The small-sized blizzard which struck Edmonton at an early hour this morning seems to have been operating earlier and on a more extensive scale in eastern parts, particularly along the route of the Canadian Northern. Since Sunday night not a C. N. E. train has reached Edmonton and yesterday's local from Vermillion has not arrived as yet. Monday's express will arrive this afternoon, but Tuesday's through train has been cancelled. The officials had a snow plough on the line yesterday afternoon, starting from Battleford and reaching Edmonton at 7 a.m. today. The plough was immediately sent out to open the Morinville branch, and it is expected to start work clearing the Stony Plain branch tomorrow.

TELEPHONES FOR NAMAO

Attorney-General Cross and John R. Boyle Address Meeting on Subject of Government Phones and Namaoites Decide That They Should Have Connection

Hon. C. W. Cross and John R. Boyle addressed a meeting at the press-room here Monday evening at which some of the most important utterances with regard to a Government's policy were made especially with regard to the telephone question. The meeting was a very large and representative one, the topic being one in which the settlement is intensely interested. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock p.m. and Mr. Harry Bell, of Sunnyside, appointed chairman.

Mr. Cross in a brief and lucid speech outlined the telephone policy of the Provincial Government; mentioned what lines had been built last year and what the Government proposed to build this year. As well as the trunk lines along the railway lines they proposed to build a line through Namayo to connect with the telegraph line to Athabasca Landing and eventually use the telegraph poles to carry a wire through to Athabasca, and pointed out that a central exchange could be installed at Namayo, from which local lines could be built to the farm houses in the vicinity, providing the people of the district through their local improvement councils were prepared to build the local lines. Mr. Cross further explained some of the important legislation of last session by the Railway Taxation Act, the Land Titles Act, and mentioned that when at Ottawa at the provincial conference the premier and himself had arranged to have the test case on C. P. R. exemption from school taxes as they appealed to the Privy Council in England, which will finally settle this controversy.

Mr. Boyle was then called upon. He went into the history of the development in the use of the telephone, the Bell Co. franchise and the modern demand throughout Canada and the United States for house phones and rural lines; explained how the independent companies were pressing the exchange had the key to the situation and were able to hold the general districts as a reserve field that could wait until they felt like developing it. Competition had the effect of doubling the cost to people who wanted a wide connection, compelling them to use lead systems and putting the people who use one system in the position of being obliged to pay a rate for a restricted connection that should give them a full connection with all telephone users in the vicinity. He was of the opinion that the telephone business being a monopoly should be conducted by the Provincial Government as a public utility controlled and operated in the interests of the people. He had advanced this policy every since the inauguration of the Province. The Government's policy of owning the long distance lines and having the municipalities and local improvement districts own the local lines was in his opinion a step in the right direction. It made no difference to the public whether they owned the system through their local municipalities or through their Provincial Government so long as they received intelligent and business-like management and as the telephone system would eventually be a network of lines extending all over the province. It could be much better managed as one symmetrical system by the Provincial Government than in disjointed parts by the municipalities. He intended to advocate this view in the Assembly and believed the principle would eventually prevail in this Province. In the meantime he hoped the people of the district would insist on the local improvement districts being made to loan lines to connect with a central at Namayo and could assure them that the necessary machinery would be provided by legislation at this session to completely carry out the project if the Government did not in the meantime decide on provincial ownership of all lines.

Mr. Boyle then discussed the important questions that had been before the Grain Commission in Alberta, viz., the question of a new

grade for Alberta oats and an outlet for Alberta grain via the Pacific. The meeting wound up with a vote of thanks to the speakers for having come out on such a cold drive, and a resolution agreeing to urge the local improvement council to commence building the local telephone lines, were carried unanimously and committees appointed for the purpose.

TRUSTEE'S CONVENTION

Sixty Delegates in Attendance at the Opening of Convention in Sandison Block This Morning—Permanent Organization for Alberta Will be Undertaken

The first convention of delegates representing the various rural and urban school districts of the Province of Alberta opened this morning in the Sandison block with a large and enthusiastic attendance. The delegates number over sixty and comprise among them the most prominent citizens of the province. The convention started off in a most business-like and earnest manner. The various subjects were discussed with keenness and intention to make the most of the opportunity afforded by discussion of common problems. Mr. J. H. Fleetwood, of Lethbridge, chairman of the provisional committee which prepared the program for the convention, presided at the opening and called attention to the extreme importance and gravity of the questions before the delegates. Later in the session Mr. H. C. Taylor, of Edmonton, took the chair.

Before rising from the morning session it was decided to adopt a permanent organization of the trustee body, and a committee consisting of W. Garipey (Edmonton), J. H. Fleetwood (Lethbridge), and W. J. Brotherton (Medicine Hat), were nominated to bring in a report. The most of the morning session was occupied in listening to the reading of a couple of papers on School Architecture and Compulsory Attendance. The convention proceeds this afternoon.

THE DELEGATES.

The following is a list of the delegates who registered this morning: Albert Halberg, Ross Creek. W. A. Clements, Solman. J. M. Logan, Hainburg. W. R. Miller, Ponoka. A. M. Scott (superintendent of schools), Calgary. E. H. Crandell, Calgary. Geo. McDonald, Oids. W. Brockway, Oids. G. Malchow, Earlville. H. A. Malcom, Innisfail. John Duncan, Innisfail. Geo. Kirkham, Innisfail. H. Boffey, Bowden. Theo. Morton, Innisfail. Colin Thomson, Red Lodge. T. W. Hutchings, Ponoka. J. F. Ellis, Wetaskiwin. Geo. Rands, Oids. John Bellamy, Kansas. Lenman Buckton, Oids. A. Von Melchke, Sprucevele. R. W. Prowse, Bowden. M. Phillips, Oids. Lloyd E. Marr, Hillside. Wm. M. Fuller, Ponoka. Jno. Schmoor, Red Deer. C. E. Kirk, Bismarck. A. W. Murphy, Mayton. Noah Gerker, Mayton. Frank Lucas, Wetaskiwin. F. B. Fisher, Red Deer. D. Amber, Wetaskiwin. J. B. Shantz, Didsbury. C. F. Ronnie, Didsbury. Louis Flemming, Ponoka. W. C. Adam, Didsbury. W. J. Brotherton, Medicine Hat. Theo. Reish, Didsbury. Isaac Biglow, Taber. C. McLaughlin, Namao. Geo. S. Long, Namao. Jno. Maynard, Wetaskiwin. Thomas Leppard, Markerville. Jas. A. Nida, Wetaskiwin. J. F. Fowler, Wetaskiwin. J. A. Jackson, Ponoka. P. G. Pilke, Vermilion. A. E. Sparling, Okotoks. F. M. Oldham, Innisfail. G. E. Waters, Ben Accord. C. Wakfield, Leduc. E. E. Perkins, Carstairs. T. K. Rogne, Millet. Robert Easton, East Clover Bar. Thomas Geddes, Didsbury. Rev. A. R. Aldridge, Vermilion. G. H. Manser, Rose Briar. N. Michener, Clareville. Jno. Ross, Springvale.

COUNCIL ENDORSES MORAL REFORM MOVE

Adopts Resolution Requesting Provincial Government to Amend Liquor Law so as to Close Bars at 7 p. m. Every Night in the Week

The city council last night endorsed by resolution the move of the Temperance and Moral Reform Association to ask the Provincial Government to amend the liquor license law so as to compel hotels to close their bars at 7 o'clock in the evening every night in the week. A letter from the Moral Reform committee was read to the council asking them to endorse

their agitation for an amendment to the license law. In making the request the Moral Reform committee pointed out that their purpose would not be served by laying the communication on the table as they wished to send a copy of the resolution to the government. They asked the council to either endorse or turn down their agitation. The resolution to endorse was carried with very little debate.

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We also have a large stock of wool blankets and quilts. These are selling at last year's prices.

Was Mr. Lee Injured in Sewer Pipe Contract

W. F. Lee, of Winnipeg, claims that he was a wronged and injured man in the sewer pipe contract, which was let by the city council on January 21st to the Macomb company through Gorman, Clancy and Grindley, of this city.

With regard to the same the Bulletin is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. Lee:

To the Editor Edmonton Bulletin, —Gentlemen—Would you kindly afford me space through your valuable columns, to air a little affair that has just taken place in your city. On Dec. 21st I sent your city a tender for sewer pipe and placed a deposit of \$1000 with them. Later they sent the sewer pipe who were the manufacturers of this pipe. In reply I wired them, "Manufacturers, Canadian Sewer Pipe Co., with factories at St. Johns, P. Q., Hamilton and Toronto, Ont."

My price for these pipe in accordance with their specification for Edmonton was \$79,825. I received a letter from the Commissioner at Edmonton on the 17th inst., saying that my tender had been refused. I at once knew there must be something wrong, if any American firm got this contract, and you may consider my surprise and annoyance, when I picked up the Winnipeg Free Press on the 14th inst., and saw that your city had accepted the Macomb Sewer Pipe Company's tender for \$79,200, turning down Canadian goods at a loss to Edmonton of \$8,400. I must say this is not very encouraging to Canadian industry, and is no compliment to the ability or integrity of the men who are at the helm and management of affairs at this time, that they can afford to give \$8,400 more for American goods than what they will give for Canadian goods, when the Canadian goods are in every way equal to the American product. I am asking you as a stranger if this fair play to the rest and the people of Edmonton? I should be very much pleased to get some explanation from some one who has the well being of the city of Edmonton at heart, and if the honest ratepayer of your city endorses an action like this, to give an American firm preference of from 10 to 12 per cent. more for goods than they could get Canadian product for.

Canadian Sewer Pipe Co., that he had undervalued sewer pipe shipped to Brandon last year as a result of which a commission was held up by the outcasts, to the great inconvenience of the city of Brandon, and that Lee had furnished Edmonton with pipe last year which was not moulded true and had to be chipped in order to get the flanges to fit. In this connection the employees of the works department reported that the pipe was of inferior quality and that it would not stand shipping; the result being that a proportion of the pipe which had been passed as first class was afterwards broken in shipping, to the absolute loss of the city.

The Bulletin wired Mr. Lee at once that these were the representations that were made at the council board, and received the following wire in reply:

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 21st, '07. Edmonton Bulletin.—The Canadian Sewer Pipe Co. will wire you direct confirming my agency for their pipe for Western Canada, which I have held for number of years. I have had no contract to supply the city of Brandon with sewer pipe so that the tale of delay in consequence of undervalued invoices; the necessity of chipping flanges to make the pipe fit must be and is all wrong. I have just telephoned to the city engineer of Brandon: "Who supplied Brandon with sewer pipe last year?" And he replied: "Lacide Fire Brick Co. last year and Macomb Sewer Pipe Co. the year before." The question of inferior goods is all nonsense. I deposited \$1,000 to guarantee that I would put in pipe according to contract and my wires to your Commissioner Pace will establish my bona fides in this matter. Had it been necessary I would have increased my deposit to any amount in reason so as to guarantee the citizens of Edmonton satisfaction. Had the specifications read "Canadian goods not wanted." I could then have quoted on American pipe and still have saved you five thousand dollars and these American goods would be the best in the world.

W. F. LEE. Following this up the Bulletin made inquiry at the city hall and was furnished with the following explanation: When the tenders were received there was one from W. F. Lee at the price mentioned for Canadian Sewer Pipe Co.'s goods, and another one from the Canadian Sewer Pipe Co. direct at a price 10 per cent. higher. This looked queer on the face of it and the following wire was sent to the Canadian Sewer Pipe Co.:

Edmonton, Jan. 21st, 1907. To Canadian Sewer Pipe Co., Toronto.

Let. of Winnipeg, has stated that he is going to supply your pipe. His prices are 10 per cent. lower than your quotations. Can he deliver the goods? Please answer fully regarding this.

W. J. PACE. The answer from the Canadian Sewer Pipe Co. was received next day, the 6th, as follows:—

Toronto, Jan. 6th, 1907. W. J. Pace, Edmonton. Lee cannot get pipe from us or from any of our factories. Prices quoted you then are the lowest we can make as first class goods.

THE CANADIAN SEWER PIPE CO.

On the evening of January 7th, the council met and the mayor as city commissioner made the representations mentioned heretofore, asking the council if they had any advice to give on the question. The council referred it back to the Commissioners making them to make a recommendation. Mayor Gorman stated that they were ready to recommend at once that Gorman, Clancy & Grindley's tender for Macomb pipe, which was \$8,200 higher than Lee's, be accepted. The recommendation was accepted and Lee's contract let to Gorman, Clancy & Grindley.

On the following day, according to the files in the city office, a second telegram was received from the Canadian Sewer Pipe Co., this time stating that Lee did have a contract with them. The wire read as follows:—

Toronto, Jan. 21st. W. J. Pace. Find we are still under contract with Lee, so hereby withdraw our tender.

CANADIAN SEWER PIPE CO.

The Commissioner's statement of the case is that at the time that the contract was let the only information they had was from the Canadian Sewer Pipe Co. to the effect that Lee was not agent for their pipe, the other wire not being received until the following day. Regarding the Brandon episode, which Lee emphatically denies, Commissioner Pace claims that while there may be some mistake as to whether it was in Brandon or not, he is positive that Lee got into trouble with the customs. His information, which Lee emphatically denies, that he does, came from the newspapers and the Canadian Northern. Furthermore, he claims that the Dominion Government has a suit pending against Lee for \$25,000 for undervaluation.

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