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### THE PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

ings of the kind in this province, and couraging. ment of their common Province. It rity of our credit.

to arrange a basis of organization for prices might be secured for them before us; why not embrace it? the coming Federal general elections, when offered. and the dominant note was enthusias der which Canada has prospered during the past eleven years, and the crowned with such splendid success.

THE MONEY MARKET. more favorable in the reasonably near capture of either would very materitied-up votes.

Winnipeg's mayor appears to have reached the same conclusion as a sailway situation; it is understood to an abuse, and is not infrequently dis-London press correspondent, who a be such by those interested in trying torted to this end. Any voter's ballot few days ago warned Canadian muni- o secure the franchises, and it ought cipalities that too liberal offer of to be understood by the citizens of bonds was certain to depress the both cities whom they will try to market for them, and might even af- persuade to hand over the franchises. In Prince Albert, where two-thirds of fect adversely the credit of Canada In street railway matters each city he disputed votes were challenged herself. More than this, the intima- holds the power to very materially by the Opposition, it is alleged this tion was conveyed that our present niure the interests of the other; but was done simply to permit the Opmethod of offering our goods was not just because each holds this power, likely to secure the best prices, and the two cities are mutually dependent that we should appear less anxious to or the protection each of the other's get rid of our bonds if we hope to interests. It will be remarkably out get value for them. The warning ap- of the ordinary, therefore, if the franpears reasonable. There are several chise hunters do not seek to foster in methods of offering goods for sale, and each city a spirit of hostility toward the man who displays his wares on the other, hoping that what would not months ago in the byc-election is the street corner is likely to create be surrendered otherwise may be Gleichen, but were frustrated by the the impression that they are not of turned over in a spirit of spite toward fact that Mr. Riley obtained a much value. So Mr. Ashdown ap- the neighbor. pears to have concluded, and he re- Surely there is here a splendid opfrained from "cheapening" Winnipeg portunity for the display of civic city bonds by proffering them in a statesmanship, and inter-communal market which did not appear to prop- fairness. If the two cities are intererly estimate the worth of such securi- dependent, why not join hands in re-

assuumed that a promise of better ligations? Why, for example, should cates, threw off their masks, ran weather also counselled the wisdom not a conference of the municipal autheir candidate as a Conservative and of holding the bonds for the present, thorities be held, and an understand- secured the assistance of Mr. R. L. this may be due to the decreased volling come to that neither city would Borden and his funny man in trying ume of Canadian municipal securities dispose of its franchise without conoffered recently on the British mar- sulting the plans of the other? The ket. While the British investor is cry will be raised, of course, that the well aware that Canadian cities need freedom of each city would thus be in Prince Albert on the eve of the money, and are prepared to sell bonds limited in the disposition of its own

In point of numbers, representative Liberal convention in Calgary this year, or to that which would have of mutual benefit? If ever an opportun. the losers to explain how they lost. constituencies.

tical convention ever held in Canada, time should not be long. To finan-street railway problem. It was an Alberta convention in ciers who have hoped to reap undue The most valuable traffic for many all. Thanks to the tied-up votes, the name and fact. Alberta was repre- rewards from the financial necessities years offering to any street railway sented, all sections and all interests, of Canadian cities, the retention of system will be the inter-urban traffic. count at the close of the poll showed hing." and well represented. Delegates were their bonds should make it clear that It is to the best interests of both cit. Mr. Bradshaw a few votes ahead. present from every provincial constil these cities do not intend to be swin- ies that this traffic be handled effil Forthwith the news of the Opposition tuency, and besides the delegates dled if they can prevent it, and that ciently and cheaply. Yet it is in the "victory" was sent abroad published were scores of prominent Liberals they are prepared to adopt some handling of this traffic that conflict from sea to sea, and made the basis from all parts of the Province, the pretty drastic means in trying to pre- between two separate systems would of forecasts picturing the doom of convention being open to all who vent it. And to the financier who arise, if at all; and if conflict arose the Scott government. The Toronto convention being open to all what the seeks security before profit the fact it could result only in an inefficient News, of course, found that public chose to attend. It was a splendid seeks security before profit the ball and unnecessarily expensive service confidence in the provincial adminisbers and thoroughly representative of bring assurance that our cities are between the two cities. With the as-Alberta's vast and varied interests. not only absolutely solvent, but that The farmer, the rancher, the profes- we are not pressed to the point of reason to believe a single street car Mail and Empire, by a process of sional man, the miner, the mechanic, sacrifice for want of funds. The tem-system traversing the business sec. reasoning peculiarly its own, saw in the artisan, the merchant, the manu- porary absence of Canadian munici- tions of each city could be made to be defeat of a Liberal in a Saskatfacturer, all were there. The leaders pal bonds from the market should pay almost as soon as it would be chewan provincial bye-election an unof political thought there met, delibteach the financial sharks that the possible to build the system. Cer- mistakable sign that the electors only erated and discussed with those of Canadian cities are not their victims, tainly, it would pay much sooner awaited an opportunity to turn the erated and discussed with those of canadian ches are the confidence of than a system limited to the confines rederal Government out of office. sures for the progress and develop, any doubting investors in the integ- fits divided in the same ratio. The

bond market is weak, and of handling ment and management would be kept

been induced and encouraged. Alike way matters, why not open those ter-urban traffic properly and cheapin the organization affected and in negotiations for the open and avowed ly, and turning the profits into the the spirit which dominated the con- purpose of safeguarding the interests treasuries of the two cities? vention is the assurance that Alberta of both cities, and of paving the way will do its duty by the Government, for a permanent solution of the whole way of working out this plan. The which has set its hand to the task of local street railway problem in the two cities could obtain a charter from settling and developing Western Can- interests of the ratepayers of the the Provincial or Federal Government

the next Parliament of Canada; the railway franchise is the extent to of the company endorsed by both cit- mon people" by denouncing the enthusiasm and unanimity of the Cal- which our own franchise would be ies. Directors of the system could be Canadian Government for giving land gary convention gives splendid prom- prejudiced by the transference of the nominated by the respective city to them for nothing. ise that seven of them will be sup- Strathcona franchise to a corpora councils in proportion to the mileage Mr. Hardie's views are not likely is legitimately interested in the Ed- in the same proportion, and the pro- the Canadian people, but it is worth monton franchise to the extent to Mayor Ashdown, of Winnipeg, who which her own franchise would be went to Europe some time ago to look prejudicially affected if our franchise into conditions, has returned without were turned over to a company. Owtrying to sell Winnipeg bonds, owing ing to the situation of the two cities, to the unsatisfactory condition of the the value of a franchise in one de- atchewan, has been elected in Prince ed. As the Star voices the political market. As Winnipeg must have pends very largely upon who holds Albert by a substantial majority. money at no very distant date, he franchise for the other. If a com- flough polling took place more than however, it is reasonable to suppose pany secured the franchise for one that Mr. Ashdown also saw signs of a city, the company would be in a betterment in the market in the near plendid position to whipsaw the othfuture. Otherwise, he would probably er city for her franchise also. If the have been induced to dispose of the Edmonton franchise passed into the of the week. Under the election laws ment and development policy tolerbonds even at an unusually high rate, hands of a company, that company of Alberta and Saskatchewan a vote ably clear in the following pararather than continue borrowing from would possess an excellent lever with of a man whose qualifications are graph in reference to Mr. Hardie's the banks at the still higher rates. which to pry loose the Strathcona doubted is "tied up," that is instead statement: While, therefore the failure to sell iranchise also; and contrary, if of being counted in the returns at Winnipeg bonds offers testimony to Strathcona gave her franchise to a the close of polling it is deposited in the presently adverse condition of the company, the company would be well market; the fact that the present equipped to make a demand for the prices were not accepted nor consid- Edmonton franchise. For this rea-

> illy embarrass the other. This is the crux of the whole street

cognition of the fact, and in agree- against him. The Opposition, hither-If, on the other nand, it may be ment to fairly fulfill their mutual ob- to parading as provincial right advo-

at reasonable prices to obtain money, property. True, but in what avenue privilege of being present to tell his and while the ill-advised haste or or sphere of human existence is not side of the case. Apparently the methods of some Canadian cities may individual freedom limited in consid- Prince Albert electors recognized both DAILY-Delivered in City, \$4 per have exaggerated the investor's opin-eration of the mutual dependence of Mr. Borden's assumption in "butting year. By mail, per year, \$3. By ion of how badly we need money, the individuals upon each other? And why mail to United States per year \$6. fact remains that Canadian cities should a city be considered less intel-SEMI-WEEKLY—Subscriptions per generally have not been hawking ligent or less just than the indiviyear \$1. Subscribers in the Un- their bonds about the streets during duals who inhabit it? Business men clined to let a Liberal speaker interited States \$2. All subscriptions the past few months. Though in some voluntarily limit their individual free- fere with his performances. If Mr. instances hard pressed, they have dom for the sake of preventing injury Borden and his friends are satisfied generally faced the situation patient- to each other. Why not two cities? | with the result, the Liberals should ly and wisely, and have preferred to Better still, why not take up the have no fault to find. pay high rates of interest on tempor- negotiations for the purpose of finalary loans than to offer their bonds in ly settling the street railway question a market which would not at best in the public interest, by the con- A minor result of the Prince Alpay a fair price for them. As a result struction, when deemed advisable, of belt bye-election will be a broadside wants introduced, and for the inau- of Belle Isle. Halifax reported a transportation route to and from the the volume of Canadian securities of one street railway system covering fering on the London market cannot and connecting the two cities, owned character and enthusiasm, the Alberta be comparable to that of, say, last by the cities, and operated for their press. It is usually the business of signments of cash into the Quebec Scotia the day before with rain and ton to Athabasca Landing is a good

was a people's convention. The peo- This purpose could be better accom- could be left to the council of that without their Prince Albert friends, ple made it what it was, controlled plished if means were devised for se- city or to their representatives on the however. These gentlemen had been proof that could be asked or given statesmanship in devising a plan and the profits go to relieving their that the Liberal party is of the peo- whereby our cities could co-operate taxation; while by joining forces the ple, exists for the people and relies both in withholding bonds when the expenses of construction, plant, equip-

The purpose of the convention was them in such manner that the best at the minimum. That opportunity is of either city. Why not, then pre- done the joke was on the Opposition pare the way for joining hands in the journals, who accepted the premature needless. The morning a pink flush son that they have very little reason and the dominant note was enthusias tic confidence in the Government un. A SOLUTION FOR THE STREET solution of the street railway prob report of their Prince Albert friends along the east where the sunbeams for doing so. The men who have lem in the interests of the two cities as correct. Mutual explanations mingle with the moonlight; the ever- cause to move, and hence the men Quebec provincial politics—as a kind If Edmonton is to open negotiations by the construction of a single mutupolicy by which that prosperity has with Strathcona regarding street railally-owned system handling this inthe informants to the journals.

There are no great obstacles in the for an inter-municipal street railway So far as Edmonton is concerned company. The money for the enter- through Canada recently, and attested Alberta will send seven members to our interests in Strathcona's street prise could be raised by issuing bonds the strength of his love for "the comtion. On the other hand, Strathcons in each city, the deficits, if any, borne to press heavily on the attention of

### THE PRINCE ALBERT BYE-ELECTION.

1 week ago, the large number of what in doubt until the latter part makes its attitude toward the settlean envelope pending investigation. The deputy returning officer and a ered may be construed as an indication the franchise hunters besiege the magistrate sit as court of revision and tion that prices are expected to be cities successively, knowing that the determine the admissability of the

This system, itself designed as a safeguard, is itself liable to be made may be challenged and "tied up," laowever undoubted his right to vote. position to claim a brief victory and to enable them to subsequently cry that the election had been stolen from them if the challenged votes should decide the contest against them. These tactics were adopted a few majority even without the contested

The election of Mr. Turgeon was confidently expected by the Liberals, despite the vigorous fight put up to defeat Mr. Turgeon. The Conservative leader addressed two meetings election, and refused Mr. Turgeon the

been surpassed by any provincial poli. to make itself felt in time—and the Strathcona and Edmonton in the have to explain their previous announcements that they had not lost at extension of the system in either city The Opposition journals reckoned upon, and the real result of the election made known. When this was

## MENT POLICY.

nights. Mr. Kier Hardie, a Socialist M.P. of Great Britain, made a hurried

while noting that the Montreal Star cordially endorses his views in an article which, if it means anything, means that the settlement policy of Attorney General Turgeon, or Sask- the Government should be abandonsentiments and the financial purposes of the chief backer of the Opposition in the two last elections, the people of the West have good reason to pay attention to its remarks. The Star

> "He says that 'it is insane the way the Canadian Government permits gambling in land.' That ought to hold the professional apologists for the land deal policy for a while. Mr. Hardie is not prejudiced against them. He has no desire to see a Liberal Government ousted by Conservative Government: He rather inclined to support Liberalism himself; though he wants it to be Liberal in more than name. Yet it is his unbiassed opinion that the policy of the Government in the West is 'insane.' That is a hard saying. We do not entrust insane people with the care of great treasures or the carrying of mighty responsibilities. Moreover, he characterises the policy as 'gambling in land? This is not the way the successive Ministers of the Interior have characterized it. They call it settling the land, or inducing men of capital to take an interest in the land, or dividing the land among our most progressive citizens, and pleasing euphemisms of that sort. But blunt Keir Hardie calls it 'gambling in land." The homesteader should be able to

see where he would get off were the Star's policy adopted from the follow-

"And he goes farther. He proves it. He says that he met men in the West 'time and again,' who had the winnings of land gamblers. It will be hard to see how the Government will be able to get away from this evidence. When men buy or get land from the Government, and then sell it within a year or two for a fortune-or hold it at figures which spell a fortune-it is impossible to believe that they have im-

"Members of the Opposition have cial records have been kept. officers, to bear the lion's share of Western Canada. risk. They got under 'the plum tree,' and gave that fruitful growth them for they are suffering for their a vigorous shake "

## THING FLSE

Alberta wears the charm of Indian summer, a charm beyond those of all other seasons, and nowhere more entrancing than in the province that nestles on the eastern slope of the

proved the land to that exent by Albertans revelling in this matchtheir unaided exertions. If there is less weather may spare a sympathe-

guration of which he shipped his con- fierce blizzard which swept Nova Peace River country. From Edmonsnow, wrecking coast shipping and waggon road of some ninety miles. week surpassed all previous gather. fered had the market been less dis- ity offered for the construction and but this will be less than half the By way, perhaps, of getting even carrying alarm in the fruit growing From this point steamers now ply to operation of a profitable municipal luty of our opposing friends in the with the gentlemen whose conduct sections of the province. The worst the mouth of the Lesser Slave river. in the West, and has probably not The effect of this course is bound enterprise, that opportunity confronts present instance. They will also has made contributions to the Oppo- storm of the season raged over New- but owing to the shallow water are sition corruption funds a hopeless foundland, and a heavy toll was ex- prevented going further. The river waste of money for some time at least, pected among the fishermen. From must at present be navigated by the Star calls Mr. Hardie's attention Binghampton, New York, came news smaller craft; or a portage made

At any rate, we may now forgive week.

sins, and in charity let us hope that the comparative weather conditions NDIAN SUMMER - AND SOME- will suggest to thousands an excellent reason why they should change their places of residence from the stormswept coasts of the Atlantic to the sun-kissed plains of Alberta.

THE DIFFERENCE it. determined its character and shap- curing concerted action by Canadian board of directors. By this means the busier than they were given credit Rockies. By day ten hours of un. The Toronto News has an "econom ed its course. The attendance at the cities in the marketing of securities control of each city's service would for. For very Bradshaw vote tied up clouded sky of deepest, richest blue, "ic objection to the immigration of Vancouver, and Vancouver wouldn't ed its course. The attendance at the convention was the best practical There is a broad field for municipal be kept in the hands of its citizens, hey had challenged two Turgeon sup- with ten hours of unbroken sunshine "the unemployed," which is pretty care if the whole Celestial family and porters. It was only a matter of warming the air to the breath of sum- nearly saying that the News has ob- all their loyal subjects followed suit, me, of course, till these should be mer and flooding the land with a jection to the only kind of immigrants examined, their admissability decided golden light; by night a full moon who are likely to come in large numsailing slowly through the cloudless bers. The "employed," it holds, are ed that he will chop off his "topdepths and showering down a light so alone worthy of admission. But the knot." The Japs will kindly relieve pure and plenteous that the street employed do not usually migrate in him of the trouble of removing his lamps of the cities are turned off as large numbers, for the excellent rea- crown for the operation. would now appear to be in order, from ning sky a noble dome, frescoed with who migrate in large numbers. are of soothing agency for the irritation rosiest hues. About twenty hours of the men who want to be employed, radiant glory every day, the orb that but who cannot get employment in rules by day vieing with the queen their present places of residence. of night whose reign shall be most These aree the men Canada needs and MAKING WAR ON THE SETTLE. splendid. No wind, no rain, no snow, needs in thousands. Those we do not offices announce that he is going to but only golden days and silvery need, and do not want, are the "unemployable." There is a difference.

gambling in stocks, then surely this tic thought for those of our fellow- ing made in the construction of wing is gambling in land. The Govern-citizens not so favorably situated, in dams along the Lesser Slave river is ment has certainly sold them the the older provinces. On Tuesday welcome news to those who underland at too low a price; for even if came despatches complaining of un-stand and appreciate something of it were worth no more at the mo- seasonable weather throughout east- the resources of North-Western Alberment than they paid for it, the Gov. ern Canada, Newfoundland and in ta. The Lesser Slave river joins the ernment should have kept the land parts of the New England States, lake of the same name with the Athaand made the fabulous gains." London Ont. reported that frost had basca, and the purpose of the pres-In other words, nobody should be killed the outdoor flowers, and dam-ent operations is to make it navig. permitted to buy or get from the Gov- aged garden stuff. From St. Cathar- able during the entire summer for ernment land that may subsequently ines, in the heart of the Niagara river boats by confining the volume be found to be worth money. West- country came news of damage to the of water to a narrower channel. The ern people should now understand fruit crop and gardens. A blinding Athabasca, the Lesser Slave river and

to an instance of real "land gamb of three inches of snow, the most that around it to the lake, From the uphas ever fallen in October since offi- per end of the lake a waggon road leads to Peace River Crossing, whence been concerned in land deals which I Albertans will find no pleasure in water navigable by steamers stretches they took as great pains as they the weather disasters of Eastern Can- up stream to Fort St. John and down might to remove from the category ada, but they may be pardoned if stream right to the Arctic. The imof gambling. They saw railway they suggest that retributive justice provement of the Lesser Slave river managers with a view to learning has a hand in sending those disasters will enable steamers to nly from Athajust where their projected lines on the people whose newspapers have basea Landing to the upper end of would run. They got trust com- deliberately and systematically mis- the lake, and when completed, the panies, in which they were trusted represented the climatic conditions of summer trip from Edmonton to Peace river will occupy little more than a

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# TEACHER

From Thursday's If Everett's saying 'Education is a voet liberty than a stanthe convention being tion to take place t Over 200 teachers tion of the Northern of the Separate sch As customary the wor stmblage as a whole bright, alert, capable Alberta can safely various branches of

The morning session at 9.30, with Presiden filled with the chairm an interesting paper Study," delivered by ro, of Lamont. A pap

The address by J. M. superintendent of city most capable and cor holding the close atte ience throughout and Chairman's Add Supt. McCaig, in

chairman, said:- - "We have pleasur you to the eleventh annu of the Northern Alberta sociation. I have no saying that this is t the province. It incl those of Mr. Ross, Mr. Loucks. It includes th three of the six cities and likewise from the teachers were able four hundred teachers. to a level worthy of t thorities in charge of meet in their new sch their counsel and he and rejoice in the new r ected in expression of edu

dress, fortunately does n to any lengthy effort on your part. If I have sage I should like you to it will contain no more t most limited sense of du circumstances will imply have an idea that the ho by this association calls assistance I can give in and if there is anything by way of assistance to the it should be disposed of during such time as I a during the rendering of programme of the meeting "It is something of a feel that one is a member portant body, homogen cter and fraught with responsibility with respec zenship of our country. before because I sincere the teachers of this distr gressive, active, energe cient body and if I show to suggest what I believe right expansion and imp our work it would not be pose of correcting defect ours but defects belonging suit of our work in all

Must Keep Chopping and "It has been said by Stevenson, I think—that t the schoolmaster is somew aging because he must kee and chopping without seein fly and I believe that ev eacher, even the expert arity that gives it all possifelt keenly the vagueness tainty of class room work. tions to measure the at tory and do not give needed day-to-day light This being the case it more and more foreibly are a necessity for the the work of the teacher. are few at the side of strong light ahead is a ne 'It is because every indefinite and because much traffic in educations me refer to cases where the past. There was a time doctrine of original sin for the teacher and all was shaped to this idea an educationist one time to of Franks who lived in H pulse to play was a device He organized a school ous discipline in which to be whipped vigorously cheerfulness distracted eternal good. We still survivals of this sort a and teachers, for exam who thrashes his child ev morning on the ground t is out if he does not desc

Direction of Play Inte istration. Some years
-Franke's time, we have a mian educationist whose