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CALGARY, SATURDAY JAN. 26, 1907

MANY CHANGES FOR POWER PROPOSITION

The Street Railway Proposition Will Probably be Eliminated From It.

COMPANY AGREE TO TAKE OVER CITY LIGHT PLANT

Will Keep It In Running Order and Use It As a Duplicate Plant.

The street railway proposition which is tagged on to this power scheme is practically out of commission. The company is not anxious for this part of the proposition and the city is not keen about it. That is practically one thing that was accomplished at the conference held last night.

The Alexander and Budd people made another concession which is an important one, agreeing to purchase the city's power plant, or to lease it, as the city desired, and in either case to keep it in running order to serve as a duplicate plant.

There were several other matters, however, which were not so favorable. Before the end of the evening the company was rather more confident, even going almost to the length of the dictatorial, though everything passed off peacefully.

The question of prices was not very favorably adjusted. In fact the prices were not as satisfactory as the company led the public to suppose that they might be.

The length of the proposed franchise was also changed. The company proposed a 35 year term, giving the city power to purchase at the end of ten years, either the street railway power plant or both. Last night they agreed to a 25 year franchise without the purchase clause, and they would not come down a day on it.

Ald. McMillan presided at the meeting and there were present Messrs. Cameron, Mitchell, Manary, Watson, Groat, and the city solicitor, the city engineer, for the city, and Messrs. Budd, Alexander, Jones, Paradis and Thorold for the company.

The object of the meeting, it will be understood, was to get some additional details from this company, which will be submitted to the council on Monday next, referred to a public meeting and then brought back to the council.

Ald. McMillan read out the different subjects upon which some consideration would be given. Before this, however, a telegram was read from Montreal signed by Manly & Co. that the money was behind the proposition all right as soon as the by-law was passed. Mr. Budd announced also that the board of trade had investigated and Mr. Rowley, the president, had received a very favorable report. The telegram did not intimate who were actually behind the scheme.

Mayor Cameron asked Mr. Budd plainly who were behind the scheme. Mr. Budd declined to answer at present. Mr. Jones said that between the first and second reading of the by-law the corporation would be prepared to make a statement.

"It is neither the C.P.R. nor the Eau Claire and Bow River Lumber company," added Mr. Jones. "Then to get things moving Mr. Jones opined that the company had made the offer, that it was now up to the city to accept or reject."

"If the city is to develop by itself it is up to the city to let the financial public know it. If it is to develop by its own money it will continue to be a one horse town."

The mayor pointed out to Mr. Jones that the object of the meeting was to get additional guarantees from the company regarding certain aspects of the case. They wanted to know something about guarantee service, bonds, and clauses and other things of that nature.

"We shall give such satisfactory terms that no one can object."

The first few items had reference almost entirely to the street railway part of the agreement. The city asked for an 80 pound, 7 inch girder rail. The company objected and refused to do so.

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THAW CASE DRAGS ALONG

Three Days and Only Seven Jurymen Have Been Selected

New York, Jan. 25.—Fifty-one talesmen were examined in fast time today in the effort to complete the jury which is to try Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White, and at the end of today's session two names had been added to the jury roll, making seven in all. One hundred and ten talesmen have been thus far examined and five jurors remain to be chosen.

The work of going through the jury list was extremely tedious. Much damage was done by floods, but the provisions received are more than ample for the relief of the destitute and that no further funds are needed except for the re-building of the houses of the lower and middle classes.

MCCURDY CASE IS UP AGAIN

Suits for Recovery of Money Wrongfully Expended

New York, Jan. 25.—Arguments were heard and decisions were rendered by the supreme court today in five cases brought by the Mutual Life Insurance Company against ex-President Richard A. McCurdy and others to recover funds alleged to have been wrongfully expended by officials of the company.

Joseph H. Choate appeared for the company and Delancy Nichol for the defendants. They were substantially the same and were jointly argued. In three of the cases Richard A. McCurdy is alone named defendant, being charged with having illegally expended an aggregate of \$370,000.

The specific object of one of those suits is to recover amounts contributed it is alleged at McCurdy's direction to political campaign committees. The fourth suit directed against Robert A. Grannis, a vice president of the company to recover \$200,000 alleged to have been improperly expended, and the fifth is against Chas. H. Raymond, Louis A. Thebaud and Richard A. McCurdy. Raymond and Thebaud were general agents endeavoring to secure the name of Chas. A. Raymond & Co. From 1893 to 1904 they received \$1,399,905 from the company as commissions, and the fifth suit is for less than \$500,000 of this without consideration.

WINE, WOMEN AND A MURDER

A Seaman Killed by a Jealous Rival in Alaska

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—A night with wine, women and song ended fatally for a seaman named Jack Leavers at Ketchikan, according to news brought down from the north by the steamer Amur. The murderer, Andrew Maringo, is in custody.

It was Ketchikan's first murder and the cause of it was jealousy of Esther Mitchell, a woman of the underworld. Jack Leavers and Maringo were so ardent in their desire for the woman's smiles that deep hatred took the place of the friendship that used to exist between them. The three persons concerned had been drinking nearly all night. The men got into a dispute over the woman, but she succeeded in patching up the quarrel. Then Maringo started to leave the saloon. He called to Leavers to go with him and as the latter turned to do so Maringo fired five shots into his body.

SMALLPOX JOINS HANDS WITH FAMINE

No Relief in Sight in the Famined Stricken Districts in China

Washington, Jan. 25.—The Red Cross regards the famine in China as the gravest problem with which it has to deal at present. Cable reports say that the company being forcibly driven back into the famine district, where smallpox is spreading its terrors.

No relief is in sight until the harvest of next year's crop in June, and there is no seed wheat available for planting. The Red Cross is endeavoring to supply through volunteers contributions and response to the appeal for help has not been encouraging.

Gas Killed Two Boys

New York, Jan. 25.—Two boys were killed by illuminating gas in their home in Jersey City today and a man who occupied a room in the same house was overcome and may not recover. The boys who lost their lives are Thomas Meincke, aged 17, and his brother William, aged 12. John Kusel, the boarder, turned the gas on when he retired last night and it is believed that the flame was extinguished when the pressure was stopped during the night and when it was reopened the room was flooded with deadly vapor.

TRADE ACTIVE THROUGHOUT CANADA

The Weekly Report of Trade in Dominion is Very Satisfactory

New York, Jan. 25.—R. G. Dun's weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: Lower temperature and snow at its peak stimulated retail demand for seasonable merchandise but retarded the movement of freight. The distribution of heavy weight clothing, footwear and other winter goods was large this week reducing stocks that it was feared would be carried out on account of the mid season. Wholesale and jobbing trade in dry goods for spring delivery was also liberal. Much damage has been done by floods, but the provisions received are more than ample for the relief of the destitute and that no further funds are needed except for the re-building of the houses of the lower and middle classes.

FOOD IS PLENTIFUL IN KINGSTON NOW

No Further Funds are Needed Now with the Exception of Money for Building

Kingston, Jan. 25.—Governor Sweetnam has cabled to the secretary of state for the colonies that the provisions received are more than ample for the relief of the destitute and that no further funds are needed except for the re-building of the houses of the lower and middle classes.

CALGARY WAS LOW IN CLEARING LIST

But Still a Long Distance in Advance of Victoria and Edmonton

New York, Jan. 25.—The following are the weekly bank clearings as compiled by Bradstreet for the week ending Jan. 25, showing percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year.

Montreal, \$26,650,000; dec. 11.2	Toronto, \$24,780,145; dec. 1.2
Winnipeg, \$6,778,734; inc. 27.0	Ottawa, \$1,624,152; inc. 25.2
Halifax, \$1,604,082; inc. 4.33	Vancouver, \$2,773,444; inc. 57.5
Quebec, \$1,072,492; inc. 11.3	Calgary, \$1,109,841; inc. 26.7
St. John, \$1,178,768; inc. 10.9	London, \$1,160,862; inc. 21.3
Victoria, \$881,696	Edmonton, \$1,109,841

PERJURY THE CHARGE AGAINST INSURANCE MEN

Former President of the Washington Company is Now in the Court

Washington, Jan. 25.—Former U. S. Senator Faulkner of West Virginia, testifying today before the house committee on ways and means regarding charges by Professor H. E. Elliott of Cleveland against the North American Commercial company, which holds sealing privileges in Alaska.

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HARD BLOW FOR THE OLD MASTERS

Decide that Van Dyke, Rubens and Others are Indecent

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 25.—The Omaha board of directors has decided that old masters such as Van Dyke, Rubens and Vanderwerf are indecent and their reproductions of them cannot be sold in Omaha stores.

C. P. R. ASKS FOR THE DETAILS

Declines to Accept Statement of the North West Farmers

Winnipeg, Jan. 25.—Before the Royal Grain Commission charges were made that C.P.R. trainmen had received bribes for placing cars. Upon publication of reports, Mr. G. J. Bury, general superintendent of the commission, said: "I have read several reports in the newspapers of evidence alleged to have been given before your honorable body by witnesses who are good citizens of this country. I submit that witnesses should not be permitted to give evidence without furnishing the names, dates and all particulars. Respectfully request that you insist on witnesses giving such information as they may have in their possession in substantiation of any charges they may make with respect to the alleged extortion."

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Application will be made at the present session for an act to incorporate a company to build a line railway from a point on the northern boundary in British Columbia to Dawson city by way of Yukon river valley or other feasible route.

MR. GRAHAM IS LEADER

Elected by Liberal Party to Succeed Hon. Mr. Ross

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 25.—Geo. P. Graham was this morning elected leader of the Liberal party in Ontario. Mr. Harcourt, T. H. Preston, and A. G. McKay were also nominated but withdrew, making the choice unanimous.

A ROAST FOR GOVERNOR

Sweetnam it is Charged is Attending too Much to Details

Kingston, Jan. 25.—The lack of co-operation on the part of the central control here is greatly hampering the work of extending relief providing shelter for the earthquake sufferers, pulling down the unsafe walls and repairing the damaged buildings for which Governor Sweetnam is severely condemned. The Daily Telegraph in addition today says:

"His excellency is still careening around the city poking his nose into every corner and attending to petty details which his subordinates ought to attend to. The result is that when prominent officials and other gentlemen in charge of important work call at headquarters house to consult him they cannot find the governor. There is a total absence of deliberate organized movement."

CANAL CONTRACT WAS AWARDED

Proposed to Construct Canal for 67.5 of the Estimated Cost

Washington, Jan. 25.—A White House conference over the bids for the construction of the Panama canal resulted this evening in the elimination of Anson A. Bangs of New York city as a bidder, and a conditional decision to award the contract to Wm. J. Oliver of Knoxville, Tenn. Oliver and Bangs had bid together and their bid was the lowest. Messrs. Oliver and Bangs proposed to complete the construction of the Panama canal for 47.5 per cent. of the total estimate cost.

McBride Admits the Green Bribery

But Maintains that the Transaction Was a Personal Affair

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—Mr. T. Carter Cotton when approached by an Albertan representative with regard to the admission of McBride that Green had accepted the Caron shares but that it was a purely personal transaction, retired behind his massive bulk of his oath of office, and again refused to discuss the affair in detail.

"I have not yet read the despatch in which McBride is said to have admitted that Green received those shares. You must remember, however that Green is no longer a member of government and this matter should not be taken as reflecting on the present government. Rather should reflect credit on us that he is no longer with us."

"Don't you think that claim that such a transaction could be on purely personal grounds is rather thin?" "Possibly," said Mr. Cotton, "possibly it is, but then I fall to see how this can be regarded as anything else than a personal matter between McBride and Green. With their explanations I have nothing further to do. My oath of office prevents further discussion."

CRUSHING DEFEAT FOR SOCIALISTS

Use Many Seats in the Elections Held Yesterday in Germany.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The government has won a definite victory in the general elections held today for a new Reichstag. The Liberal, Radical and Conservative parties supporting Prince Von Buelow's colonial policy, have won at least twenty seats.

THE GOVERNMENT SECURES A PRONOUNCED VICTORY

Large and Enthusiastic Crowds Celebrate with Much Noise the Results.

The assembled multitude burst into an enthusiastic cheering and soon after set off for the imperial palace. On reaching the Castle bridge over the Spree, a strong body of police opposed it and forced it back with some violence. The people then formed in line again and marched down Unter Den Linden to the palace of the crown prince, Frederick Wilhelm, when they sang and cheered. The crown prince appeared upon a balcony of the palace and bowed repeatedly. The crowd then quietly dispersed.

WHOLESALE ROBBERS TO BE REFORMED

And on Account of Their Reformation the Authorities Decided to Pardon Them

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—Dawson advises per steamer Amur state that For Wollan and Nick Hanson, who were convicted two years ago of wholesale robbery of cabins on the hillsides back of Dawson, have been pardoned by the secretary of state after serving two years out of three they were sentenced to. Their conduct had been most exemplary and as the men had no previous criminal record it was decided to give them their liberty.

Very Pleasant Function Held Last Night

Annual Banquet of the Calgary Medical Association Took Place

The annual banquet of the Calgary Medical Association took place last night at the Palmist Cafe. Every practitioner in the city was present but four. These latter gentlemen were unavoidably absent. It was a most successful function and indicated the friendly relations that exist between the medical men in the city, and the mutual confidence that prevails among them. It also was a great tribute to the successful work being done by the association in advancing and preserving the best interests and ideals of the profession.

ENGINEERS OBJECT TO TAIT'S AUTHORITY

Washington, Jan. 25.—The army engineers have advised Secretary Taft that he has no authority to grant the application of the sanitary board of Chicago for permission to reverse the flow of the Calumet river in that city and at a current through that drainage canal and so into the Mississippi river.

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E. Cochrane M. P. is Sick
Toronto, Jan. 24.—E. Cochrane, M.P. for Northumberland, has not been well for some time. He was taken to the hospital today to undergo an operation for stomach troubles.

Winnipeg, Jan. 25.—It is announced that Mr. R. Marpole at present superintendent of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has been given an executive position with headquarters at Vancouver.