

CAMROSE, A GREAT RAILWAY CENTRE WITH THREE COMPETING SYSTEMS

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Camrose, Nov. 30.—Who has not heard of Camrose? It has been a much advertised town. All is not gold that glitters. What is there at Camrose to make it a town worth advertising? Why will Camrose grow? These questions have been asked and have been answered. Nature makes a landscape, but men make a town. And Camrose has the men.

Nature has endowed the Camrose district with a fertile soil. Nature has located here a stream in a narrow valley. It was the men of the C.P.R. that dammed this creek so as to make a reservoir for water for the locomotives that would stop at a station near by. Thus Camrose came into life.

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SAYS ELECTRIC LINES SHOULD BUILD ROADS

When Charter Incorporating Electric Railway Lines Come up for Consideration George Hoadley Will Recommend That Clause to This Effect Be Inserted.

That all electric railways in the province should be compelled to assist in the upkeep of the highways along which they run is the principle for which George Hoadley will contend when the Brutinel charter and the Calgary and Chestermere railway will come up for discussion in committee of the whole. The member for Okotoks has been a strenuous advocate of this for some time past and has succeeded in bringing a number of the legislators to his point of view.

Mr. Hoadley contended that as these railways are getting free right of way along the public highway the least they can do to assist in building permanent roads. He pointed out that the electric lines can transfer gravel at a minimum cost and thus could give much assistance in road-making with little cost to themselves.

When the bills come up in committee of the whole the member for Okotoks will advocate his views. The Edmonton Interurban or Brutinel charter and the Calgary and Chestermere electric railway were before the committee on railways with amendments.

There was only one important change made in the Brutinel charter on the representations of Mayor Lee and City Solicitor Brown. It was the intention of an amendment to a clause whereby future extensions of the company's lines in the bounds of Edmonton may be made on a vote of the citizens rather than by resolution of the council. The amendment read: "But the company shall not carry on and shall not construct any of its works by this act authorized upon, along or across any highway, street, lane or other public place in any city or town except with the consent thereof, and the municipal council thereof shall (subject to ratification by the burgesses or ratepayers if required by the statute or ordinance under which the same derives its corporate powers) be deemed to have full power and authority to permit the use by the company of the highways, streets, lanes, squares and other public places of the municipality for the purposes of any of its said works, and the agreements heretofore made or to be made by the company with the city of Edmonton and the town of St. Albert are hereby ratified and confirmed."

The Edmonton bill is now satisfactory to the city and will probably be passed by the House as it now stands. The total cost of maintenance for the year was \$1,134.92, and the average cost per mile of distribution \$20.79. The total cost of the system for the year was \$1,134.92, and the average cost per mile of distribution \$20.79.

The sewerage system of the city, comprising 12.4 miles of sewer and 2.2 miles of trunk sewer, had been looked after during the year and pushed and repaired when necessary. A number of sewer services were required to be opened, owing to the fact that obstructions in them would not be removed by flushing. Three sewer mains were found broken and had to be replaced, on Sixth street, Kingston avenue and Sunnyside.

The cost of sewer maintenance for the year was: Services \$185.48, mains \$4,011.07, operation of septic tanks \$1,090.27.

DECREASE IN GRAIN EXPORTS.

Port of Montreal Has Unprofitable Season. Montreal, Dec. 8.—The export grain trade from the port of Montreal for the season just closed was not as profitable as in former years, due mainly to the unsettled state of the markets the world over. The aggregate volume of business done shows a decrease of 1,100,000 bushels compared with a year ago, and the smallest since 1907.

The feature of the exports is the large falling off in wheat shipments, a decrease, as compared with a year ago, of over 5,700,000 bushels, but this was made up by the large increase in corn and oats exports, the former showing an increase of over 2,221,000 and the latter of over 2,811,000 bushels, which practically saved the port from suffering to a much larger extent than it has, for in addition to the decrease in wheat exports, peas and barley are all smaller than a year ago.

ROCKSLIDES IN KOOTENAYS. Trains to Nelson Delayed by Accidents at Various Points. Nelson, Dec. 8.—Delayed by a rockslide at a point between Bonington Falls and Slovan Junction, the train which conveys passengers from the Boundary, and from the Arrow Lakes boats was over three hours late in arriving in Nelson Saturday. The rockslide occurred just before the train was due to leave West Nelson, and a long wait ensued at that point while the track near the falls was being partially cleared. At Slovan Junction another delay occurred owing to some rocks still blocking the track.

The warm weather of the past few days following severe frosts during last week-end is believed to have loosened the rocks at the place where the slide occurred, and caused them to give way and obstruct the track. The damage done to the right of way is small.

Calgary, Dec. 9.—John Fish, implicated in the murder of Tucker Peach, by Robertson, was today remanded for a week.

TENANTS' FRANCHISE WILL BE HELD OVER

At the Request of Mayor Lee It Will Be Left To Next Wednesday Night In Order That Council May Discuss It At Tuesday's Meeting.

There was consternation in civic circles this morning when the morning papers arrived and the commissioners learned for the first time that a clause had been inserted in the city charter last night in the Legislature whereby tenant franchises on one month's residence was granted to all citizens.

A majority of the council has opposed tenant franchise for some years, and when the city charter amendments were discussed this season there was no mention of this provision. Neither was it discussed yesterday before the municipal law committee, when the bill was under consideration.

Friday night, however, in committee of the whole, the senior representative of the city, in response to requests of the Trades and Labor Council, introduced an amendment providing for votes on one month's residence, and it was passed without discussion.

Mayor Lee and City Solicitor Mow were at the Legislature early Friday morning to register a protest against the clause being inserted without being discussed by the council. They were successful in obtaining an assurance from Mr. Cross that the bill would stand over until next Wednesday, in order that it could be discussed on Tuesday evening.

Bona-fide Resident. "There is no objection," can see, to bona-fide residents given votes," said Mayor Lee. Bulletin, "but what we wish to prevent is the franchise being given on a month's residence." This might work a great injustice. Take for example the case of the high-level bridge, 500 workmen might be engaged there for a month or two in the summer and if they united could swing an entire election against the permanent residents of the city."

Different From Calgary. The Mayor further pointed out that the fact that tenant franchise was in operation in Calgary was not an argument in favor of it being in Edmonton. In Calgary the taxation system is different. There, buildings are taxed, while in Edmonton they are not. In Edmonton the land now pays 11-12 of the taxes and with the abolition of the income and business taxes the land will pay all.

Mayor Lee also pointed out that householders can now vote on paying 2.5 householders' tax. This is smaller than the minimum land tax, which is \$7.50 on \$200 valuation, the smallest necessary to secure a property owner getting on the voters' list.

Income Tax May Go. There will be little objection to the abolition of the income tax, which was also put through in committee of the whole last night. For some time the council have been discussing the advisability of abolishing this form of taxation.

THE SHEARER INVESTIGATION. City Receiving More Unfavorable Advertising than Dr. Shearer Gave It. Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—At the opening of the Shearer commission, Counsel Benetou, representing the police commission, produced a pamphlet being issued by the supporters of Dr. Shearer, who is running for mayor at the recent reform ticket. Denison emphatically protested against such campaign methods and stated that he is applying for an injunction in the King's Court Bench. The pamphlet contains the verbatim evidence of Mrs. Morfield before the commission. Inspector Newton was called to prove that the district in question was well policed, he stated that four boats converged on two short streets and that it is three times as well patrolled as any other part of the city, there being two plain clothes morality officers always on duty, besides the uniformed patrolmen. He stated that most of the complaints of indecent exposure came from the south or best residential part of the city, rather than from this district, and he attributed it to a form of insanity. Justice Robson here interfered, asking if such evidence was necessary, and pointing out that this was advertising the city as Dr. Shearer had never done.

Apparently dissatisfied with the somewhat casual manner in which Inspector Newton, of the city police, gave evidence, he asked the counsel to close his examination and dismissed the witness.

AUSTRALIA AND RECIPROCITY. Commonwealth Ministry Favors Reciprocal Treaty With Canada. Melbourne, Dec. 7.—A deputation from the Chamber of Commerce today urged upon Acting Premier Hughes the advisability of stipulating that Melbourne shall be a port of call for the Vancouver mail service. Minister Hughes replied that the government was favorable to this.

The Commonwealth ministry is heartily in favor of a reciprocal treaty with Canada, and it is believed that an understanding on which legislation can be drafted will be reached when Premier Andrew Fisher meets Sir Wilfrid Laurier in London next year.

The Ladies' Aid of Wesley Church will hold a sale of home-made cooking and candy in the Old Post Office this afternoon. There will also be a dolls' bazaar and afternoon tea.

FIVE MINERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION. Bochum, Prussia, Dec. 9.—Explosion of fire damp in the Holland mine today killed six miners. Five others were seriously injured and one is missing.

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Edmonton, Dec. 8.—The blue book on the North West Mounted Police for 1910 contains an interesting report from Inspector Jennings upon the profits of the whaling industry on the Canadian Arctic coast. He says: "In my 1910 report I mentioned that it was regrettable that American ships were the only ones coming to the Canadian Western Arctic. Since then I have learned that a Canadian company has been organized to engage in this business. Canada should be able successfully to compete in whaling and on account of having no duty on trade goods could undersell the Americans and secure for our markets the valuable fur trade of the Arctic coast."

Two small trading outfits arrived, one in a whaleboat and one in a gasoline boat this summer. They were making for a district east of Baillie Island, intending to settle later on the south end of Prince Albert land.

A Lands Patent Branch. Ottawa, Dec. 9.—An order-in-council has just been passed creating a lands patent branch of the department of interior for the administration of the lands of the organized territories.

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