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### RED DEER CONVENTION CONDEMNS BONUSING

#### Representations Probably Will be Made to Government to Kill It

Bulletin Special. The second annual convention of the Union of Alberta Municipalities, which opened at Red Deer on Tuesday evening, spent all day yesterday discussing the exemption and bonusing of the best methods of taxation and the responsibilities of municipalities in the establishment and maintenance of hospitals. It is evident that some recommendations are going to be made to the government calling for some very drastic legislation on the bonusing question.

The hospital question was the first one taken up by the convention. Red Deer, Jan. 9.—At Wednesday morning's meeting, the motion of Mayor Mills, Strathcona, and Mayor McMillan, of Stettin, the convention resolved that the building and maintenance of hospitals by the municipality as a municipal enterprise, was the proper basis upon which to found and maintain such institutions. That such institutions should be administered by a board elected by the ratepayers somewhat along the lines on which school boards are elected and that the provincial legislature be memorialized to pass legislation governing the election of each board and defining their powers.

Mayor Giesbach, of Edmonton, wanted to know if a town or city owning its own utilities would be allowed to give special rates to industries using large quantities of water or light or whether a municipality would be allowed to give sites at a cheap rate in an industrial area. Mayor Mills, Strathcona, and ex-Mayor Fandry, Innisfail, introduced the instance of where a railway might have to be paid to go beyond their own needs to give public convenience. Other delegates thought these were business propositions and not exactly the bonusing the towns were striking at. Commissioner Kinnaird condemned exemption of taxation as a provincial system of bonusing. Five years assessment on the initial outlay was all the assistance which should be given a new local industry. Mayor Cousins, Medicine Hat, and ex-Mayor Oliver, Lethbridge, discussed their experiences with woollen mills and railways. Medicine Hat's experience with woollen mills now removed to Lethbridge, had been unfortunate. Mayor Cousins quoted Sir William Van Horne, who said to them probably years ago, when the question of C. P. R. rates was up between Medicine Hat and Calgary, that if the C. P. R. wanted the shops at Calgary, Medicine Hat had not enough money to induce them to change their mind, and vice versa. Yet the C. P. R. got \$25,000 from Calgary to locate the shops there. The convention finally agreed that the payment of cash, the granting of land and exemption from taxes as

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### REBUILD ERIE CANAL

United States Government Proposes to Spend One Hundred Million Dollars

Bulletin Special.

Pittsburg, Jan. 6.—It is now estimated that as much as \$100,000,000 will be required for the reconstruction of the Erie canal. The plan includes the deepening of the Ohio river to the mouth of the Beaver, the deepening of the Beaver river to the Mahoning river and finally a canal across the divide in Jefferson county, Ohio, and a series of dams and locks down to the level of Lake Erie. It is planned to make the canal deep enough to admit of the passage of the largest vessels of the St. Lawrence and Allegheny rivers, and the Ohio, any craft that sails the great lakes, for the purpose of discharging here shipments of iron ore and other commodities from the lake country. The ships will receive coal, iron and steel here, for delivery at lake ports, or even for foreign shipments by way of the Welland canal. Some time it is expected, navigation will proceed from the case down the Ohio river to the Mississippi and Gulf of Mexico. Offers for a large amount of the stock and bond issues have been made but as the promoters thought control was sought for by prominent railroad corporations they were refused as it is for the public interest that the canal should be free from railroad domination, against which it was proposed to operate.

### THE ROSTERN MURDER

Police Make Very Little Progress in Search for Culprit

Rosthern, Sask., Jan. 8.—The police have made little progress towards the apprehension of the murderer of the Galician here. The girl Marie Wauzyk, now admitted she was with Kaminsky when he was murdered and says she was with him when he was struck from behind; only one blow was struck and then she ran away.

#### BRIEFS

London, Jan. 9.—Louis Harcourt, Liberal member of parliament from Lancashire, and son of the late Sir William Harcourt, is understood to have been appointed to the Irish secretaryship to succeed James Bryce. Mr. Harcourt today said that he never considered such an appointment. This is in conformity with precedent as the official announcement in such cases comes from the premier. The appointment would surprise the political world, as Mr. Harcourt has not been considered a candidate for the post. Mr. Harcourt's selection, however, is regarded as particularly appropriate because of his father's life-long advocacy of home rule for Ireland and a staunch supporter of Mr. Gladstone when the Liberals split on this question.

Portland, Jan. 9.—There was no development today in the mysterious death on Monday night of Dr. Johnston, the physician whose dead body was found under the Ford street bridge. The coroner's jury, after a brief enquiry, came to the conclusion that robbery was the motive. Dr. Johnston was found and his body thrown off this bridge.

### TRIED TO BRIBE WEIGHMASTER

Indian Head, Jan. 9.—The royal grain commission is in session here today and some rather sensational evidence was brought out. Several important witnesses were heard. O. J. Gidfrey stated under oath that in October last an offer had been made to him by an elevator operator to let effect that if he being in charge of the public scales, would make a uniform deduction of five per cent from the weights of the grain of every passing over the scales, a sum of \$100 per month would be guaranteed to the witness during the winter. The man who made the offer has since left the neighborhood. Witness believed that the offer had been made with the knowledge of the company which he represented.

Inducements to railways or industries should be prohibited and the resolution was referred back to the committee on resolutions which had reported on the subject. It was also asked that the executive of the union be permitted to go. Since that time all of the many things that he first told about the Tanana country have proved true. Developments have uncovered even greater riches than Wada first reported. Since that time the resourceful Japanese has figured in many experiences. He is regarded as one of the hardest men in the north and his latest success is not begrudged by those who know him.

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#### NEW BOAT ON THE RIVER.

Work to be Commenced Immediately on Saskatchewan Craft.

Medicine Hat, Jan. 9.—Capt. Ross returned on Saturday from a trip to Vancouver, where he was looking after the lumber for the construction of the new boat which is to run for 400 miles on the South Saskatchewan. The lumber is to be shipped on Jan. 10 from British Columbia, and the machinery from Chicago on the 15th. The lumber would have been here before had the mills, where it was being prepared, not burned down. The machinery is ready now for shipment. Work on the boats is to be commenced immediately so as to be ready for the lumber. Construction is to go on just below the bridge. Special boat builders have been secured and one from Prince Albert, who has had experience in constructing the Hudson's Bay company boats is already on the ground.

#### WADA IN LUCK AGAIN.

Bulletin Special. Dawson, Y.T., Jan. 9.—According to the latest reports from lower parts of the river, Wada, the Japanese, who is responsible for starting the original rush into the Tanana district, has struck it rich in the Chandler region, the newest Alaska camp to attract the attention of prospectors and mining men. It is said that Wada is enjoying himself thoroughly by bringing forth golden wealth from one of the richest claims in the diggings. In this connection, the tale of the stampede caused by the little brown man into the Tanana valley vividly recalled. Four winters ago, when the thermometer was 50 degrees below zero, Wada came into Dawson with wonderful stories of riches to be found in the Tanana country. In spite of the intense cold these reports started a large exodus from Dawson over the ice and snow, 500

#### FORTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE

Settler, Jan. 8.—Last night between 8 and 9 o'clock a fire started in the Alberta hotel and spread to the Royal hotel. Both hotels were burned to the ground, nothing was saved as everyone fled as at a carnival in the rink lands. The other end of the town. The estimated loss is \$40,000. Hardly any insurance.

### DISPUTES INVESTIGATION ACT IS UP TO-DAY

\*\*\*\*\* THE SHAH IS DEAD. \*\*\*\*\* Paris Jan. 9.—A despatch from Tehran says that the Crown Prince will be proclaimed Shah under the title of Mohammed Sanli. \*\*\*\*\* Tehran, Jan. 9.—The official announcement of the death of the Shah was made this morning. The news of his death was received quite quietly by the people. \*\*\*\*\*

### WOLVES IN NORTH MENACE TO LIFE

Saskatoon Men Chased by Feroocious Beasts—Jack Destroyed—James Jackson Narrowly Escapes

Bulletin Special.

Saskatoon, Jan. 9.—A week or two ago the dreaded grey wolf, starved from scarcity of deer and other game in the north, came down upon the region of Batoche in great numbers and were a terror to the people. They chased two men, one of whom climbed a tree where some of them howled under him, thirsting for his blood all night long. The rest chased the other man in close pursuit into his own back yard, where he found refuge. Last week they appeared in large numbers in Smilville, about five to seven miles distant from Saskatoon. Late in the week they attacked James Jackson, who was out driving with a team. They stopped the team, blocking up the trail, surrounding the horses, the man and the sleigh. He feared that he and his horses would be eaten. He at length suddenly turned his horses from the trail into the fields, galloped them off, got out of the circle of blood-thirsty brutes, and getting on the trail again got safely home.

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### MORE MEMBERS FOR THE WEST

Department of Interior Had Most Prosperous Year in its History

Bulletin Special.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—There was a large attendance of members today when the House assembled after the holidays. Sir Wilfrid Laurier introduced a bill giving Saskatchewan ten members and Alberta 7. Mr. Borden proposed a committee to collect evidence in regard to strikes and lockouts with a view to passing legislation dealing with the same, but this was opposed by Minister Lemieux, on the ground that the department of labour had all the information necessary to proceed with his compulsory conciliation bill and Ralph Smith moved an amendment along these lines. This was supported by Verville and Bourassa, and the debate adjourned.

The annual report of the interior department was presented to the house and shows an increase of over eleven thousand in the homestead entries over the last year. The revenue of the department showed an increase of nearly \$700,000 as compared with the previous year, the most prosperous year in the history of the department. The area of land disposed of by the land companies holding grants from the crown was nearly double the acreage sold during 1904-05. These results, the report says, should be considered the strongest possible ground for prosecuting with increased vigor the land and immigration policy of the department. The net revenue was \$2,635,358, an increase of \$877,439 for the year. The total revenue from Dominion lands for the last decade was \$13,139,941 as compared with \$2,343,835 for the preceding ten years. In 1899, homesteaded with 30,319 for 1905, an increase of 11,050. In 1896 the entries were 1,857, while the entries for the past year represent a total population of 105,420 souls. Over 65,000 of these immigrants who came to Canada last year settled on government lands. The report says that a contract was entered into with the Robbins Irrigation company, of London,

### DISPUTES WHICH TIE UP PUBLIC UTILITY REFERRED TO BOARD

Bulletin Special. Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Mr. Lemieux's bill for the prevention and settlement of strikes and lockouts, will be distributed tomorrow. It is entitled the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 1905, and applies to strikes and lockouts in all mines or public service utilities, including agencies of transportation or communication, such as railways whether operated by steam, electricity or other motive power, steamships, telegraph and telephone lines, gas and electric light, water and power works. It also contains provision whereby a dispute in any industry or trade whether belonging to the classes specified in the act or not, may be, on consent of the parties brought within the provisions of the act. The bill makes provision for the constitution of boards of conciliation and investigation, to deal with any dispute between employers and employees which cannot be settled without recourse to a strike or lockout. Two of the members of the board are to be appointed on the recommendation of the parties to the dispute, and the third member by the two so appointed, or by the minister.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

Galt, Jan. 9.—The ice broke up down here yesterday, the earliest in 40 years, due to the mild, rainy weather of the last few days. St. Petersburg, Jan. 9.—Gen. Pavloff, judge advocate general, was shot and mortally wounded at 10 o'clock this morning in front of the military court building. The assassin was captured after wounding a policeman. General Pavloff was prominent during the fighting at Plevna, being recognized in answering interrogations. He especially excoriated revolutionists. Allegations have been made that he delayed the reprieve of a number of Baltic mutineers who had been convicted by drumhead court martial, until the men were executed. England, for the irrigation of 360,573 acres lying to the west of Medicine Hat. This will greatly assist a district which requires irrigation to develop its full possibilities. The average price obtained for school lands in Alberta was \$11.55 per acre and in Saskatchewan of \$14.32 per acre.

of labor in case they fail to agree. The boards are given power to summon witnesses, take evidence under oath, compel the production of documents and to commit for contempt, in short are given all the powers of ordinary courts in dealing with civil matters. The members of the board are to do all in their power to effect a settlement of the dispute between the parties. If they fail to effect a settlement they are to report fully upon the causes and nature of such dispute and make recommendations which in their opinion would lead to its settlement on a fair and equitable basis. Until disputes have been referred to the board and the board has fully investigated and reported upon them, it is made an offence for employers to lockout their employees or for employees to go on strike, proceedings before the board being carried on without delay. After a dispute has been made the subject of reference to the board and the board has made its recommendations the parties are free to accept or reject its findings.

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Mrs. John Hart who went through surgical operation at the Misericordia hospital under Dr. Wilson, Ed. and McDonnell is progressing favorably today.

Among the donations gratefully acknowledged by the superintendent of public hospital are two boxes of eggs from Mrs. E. P. Emery and Macnamara.

Jim Dallas has taken over the management of the St. Elmo hotel for the Elmo Hotel Company. Jim is well known in Edmonton having for some time with the Grand Hotel.

The subject of Pastor McDonald's sermon on Sunday evening at the Baptist Church will be "The Waste of Life." This will be the fourth of a series of addresses delivered especially to men.

McCaig, B.A., superintendent of Edmonton City Schools has been elected secretary of the Provincial Association of Municipalities, Edmonton, Jan. 24th.

Robert returned from a month's stay at Banff and Vancouver.

Stevenson, of Red Deer, who was being Miss M. B. McKinnon, Eighth St., returns to her home today spending the Christmas in Ed.

Prince of Battleford, member of Saskatchewan legislature, is at Windsor today, having come in on the delayed C.N.R. train this morning.

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