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EMPTY ACCUSATIONS.

The opposition in Alberta has learned nothing by the recent defeat in the provincial elections, and the members are proceeding with the ancient policy of making serious charges of wrong-doing against opponents without taking the trouble to produce any evidence to back up the wild statements.

And now that eminent statesman, Robert Patterson, of Macleod, is at it. He declares that his opponents fixed the ballots, but not enough to upset his election. Going on the assumption that it is much less disgraceful to be hanged for a lamb than a sheep, they seem, according to Mr. Patterson, to have just fixed a few of the ballots and then grown tired of the task. That does not seem reasonable.

The Macleod sage declares that the Liberals had access to the ballots and they actually mutilated some of them; but even with all the oppordoctored up a few and not enough to make any change in the ultimate result.

Of course, Mr. Patterson knows that by our system of representation, a member with a majority of one has as much say in the house and as much voting power as a member with a majority of one thousand. No party thief in his right mind would tamper with ballots in order to merely reduce a majority from thirty-one to nineteen, or something like that.

tunities, when the need was so great, they only

This statement made by Mr. Patterson rather reveals the glimmerings of an election policy, or the continuation of a policy, on the part of the opposition. It is to persistently malign the government whether there is reason or not. Continue this attack, and some person is likely to believe some part of it.

But one lesson of the recent election is very plain, and that is that the electorate does not take seriously any empty charges, by whomsoever made, unless those charges are founded upon something like fact.

If Mr. Patterson has been robbed of any votes, he can readily get redress. Let him proceed in the regular way, and if he can prove what he now asserts, he will seriously embarrass the government. Until he does that his foundationless statements will not be taken very seriously by any person, even by his own party.

RECALL IS NECESSARY.

If the term of the aldermen is to be extended, the people of Calgary should insist upon the power of recall. Without it the citizens could never have control of the council.

The suggestion is that the term of the aldermen should be increased to three years, one-third to retire each year. That would leave two-thirds of the council in office. The people could never retire the entire council, or a majority of the entire council, at any one time.

A city council may adopt a certain policy, such as an unfair method of taxation, or favoring a system of bonusing. The people at present have the privilege of voting the entire council out of office at the close of the term of office and putting in its place a council composed of aggressive men with advanced ideas. Under the proposed system, with one-third of the members of the council retiring at the end of each year, the people would have difficulty in ever making their wishes felt.

Without the recall, the extension of the term of aldermen is not desirable. In fact, it is dangerous.

WHY ALBERTA WENT LIBERAL.

A writer in The Canadian Courier answers the question "why Alberta went Liberal." Reciprocity and Bennett are the two principal reasons which he gives. He places the reasons in the order of their importance as he sees them, but he would be nearer the truth if he ascribed the downfall of the hopes of the opposition to Bennett and reciprocity, in the order named.

The writer in The Courier believes that the farmers voted Liberal just to show that they were right on the tariff, that they feared that a defeat for the party of wider markets would be regarded as a blow at wider markets, and that wider markets would be further and further away. Though neither party talked federal politics very much upon the stump, and the subject of wider markets was not an issue much discussed in the press in connection with the elections, yet it doubtless had some influence in the country. Alberta farmers realize that their future success depends largely upon the market which they can secure for their produce. They must get their produce across the line to the natural market. That issue is so much more important to them than any other that many decline to take the slightest chance of injuring the cause.

But the first and most important cause in the defeat of the opposition was the presence of R. B. Bennett. He was the main issue. He assumed the leadership of the party and announced that the issue would be such and such. But the people in general had something to say about the issue. He might do much of the speaking, but they did the voting. He was the elevator merger, the representative of the trusts, the visible representative of the corporate interests in this province, and he was at the head and front of the oppositiin to the government. That government had risked its life upon a very radical elevator policy and an even more aggressive farm machinery bill. With this legislation on the one side and the trusts which were fighting it on the other side, the public saw the issue clearly enough. That was the big issue in the province.

You can follow the Bennet trail by the success of the government. The government captured Gleichen, redeemed it from the enemy. There are elevators in that riding. The government made a sweep of Bassano. There are elevators there. Turning to the South, the government swept Taber, Warner, Little Bow, Cardston, Claresholm and Nanton, and came nearer winning in High River than any person would have expected a week before R. B. Bennett came into Alberta to take part in the election. The South remained true to Sifton because it had no use for Bennett.

The issue was straight enough, and once more the province rejected the mouthpiece of the corporations and the trust. The public knew well enough what the election meant. Both Mr. Bennett and the cause he advocated were rejected decisively and, let us hope, for all time. The Conservative party will wander long in opposition in this province if it submits to the policy of the interests, led by the champion of trusts and mergers and boosted by the official endorsers of all the special interests, the Southam press. We have seen the public meet the issue when it was placed squarely before them.

USURPS RIGHT OF PEOPLE.

The serious feature of the closure is not that it enabled the government to pass the Borden naval bill without sufficient consideration. No person suggests that there was not sufficient consideration.

The serious feature is that the government is enabled to pass upon important legislation which should be submitted to the people. The government has really usurped the rights of the people.

Even more serious is the fact that the government is now permitted to close off discussion whenever it becomes embarrassing. In Ontario the majority declines to investigate charges of a serious nature against an important member of the cabinet, votes confidence in the administrator under charge, and condemns the member who made the charges.

In future the goverment of the Dominion not only can ignore the public, but it is practically independent of parliament.

The introduction of the closure in Canada was a decided step backward.

Editorial Notes

The annual budget statement made by Mr. White is very satisfactory and shows that Canada is still forging ahead and as a nation has not begun to feel the general depression, which is pinching many of the people.

The good people of Moose Jaw are minimising the cyclone by admitting nothing very much about it but that it killed one dog. A cyclone is an exception in Western Canada.

Leader Michener would do a good turn for the province if while in Ottawa he would insist that Premier Borden fulfilled the promise which he made to Western Canadians a few years ago and get busy upon the transfer of the natural resources.

Toronto doctors are complaining to the medical health officer that the Toronto roosters must either cut out their exultations, tune up their voices or stay in bed longer in the morning, or else the rooster must go. These are sad days for chanticleer.

And there are some learned people some place upon the face of the earth who say that this is a dry country.

If the new provinces should desire to see just how an investigation into a serious charge against ministers of the crown should not be conducted they would get a lot of information by watching the way things went in the recent investigation into the charges made against the Ontario ministers.

The suggestion of the publicity section of the board of trade that billboards should be located in Banff so that they would be seen by the tourists visiting the beauty spots there. Whether that means right in front of Spray Falls or near Spray Falls or even ten miles from Spray Falls is a matter of small importance. The point is that this Calgary organization is making an attempt to vulgarize the most beautiful summer resort in the world by placing brazen billboards at the strategical points. The industrial bureau should be ashamed of itself.

Aviators in Fierce Hailstorm.

Paris, May 11.—The Chalons district, for 25 miles around Vitry-le-Francais was devastated by a hailstorm last night. There was a violent hail storm, and the ground was covered a foot deep with the hail, which injured a large number of persons. Two military aviators on a flight from Rheims reached home against the storm and reached the ground just as it broke. Machines were wrecked and one pilot was injured.

The Poet Philosopher
By Walt Mason

LIFE ON THE FARM.

The golden dawn is breaking, th mules and cows are wicking, and e. the antlered steers; "I'd give a millic dollars," the drowsy hired man holler "to sleep for fifty years!" He rub his eyes and grumbles as down th stairs he stumbles to do his mornin chores; he's pretty nearly weeping, h thoughts are all of sleeping, and ecstatic snores. You do not hear hir singing, his laughter isn't ringing, a he toils around the barn; not oft th hired man whistles; his feet are full c thistles, anad all he says is "Darn! The long, long day's before him, brazen sky is o'er him, and he is seeln red; and all the time he's thinking ho sweet 'twould be a-sinking into a fe ther bed! He milks the old cow 'Boss; and makes the mules look glossy, an makes the horses shine; and then, wit weary talons, he packs five thousan gallons of hogwash to the swine. H gives the calves their toddy while the climn up his body and kick him on th shins; and thus, with chores unendin and sighs and groans ascending, th rural day begins. And ever as h totters around the barn and potter with horses, mules and steers, the hirec man sadly hollers, "I'd give a million dollars to sleep for fifty years!"

Vest Pocket Essays
By George Fitch

THE MODEST VIOLET.

At this time of the year the modest violet is being eulogized by a thousand poets and is being held up to mankind as an example by earnest teachers on every hand.

The modest violet is a short, squa plant which gets out fairly early in the spring, and grows to the dizzy height of two inches or more after severe effort. After it has finished its attempt at skyscraping it produces a number of beautiful blue blossoms which it usually hides under its leaves It is about the most modest thing in the world except the statesman who has just acquired a $1,000 bill and who would rather die than brag about it.

After the violet has blossomed, it does not advertise nor beat a drum but continues to bloom in a quiet, dignified way, offering itself to the world with all the indifference with which a country grocer sells dried apples. Most of the violets in the world are eaten by cows, but sometimes the beautiful flowers are discovered by man and he induces the plants to go into a greenhouse and bloom in a businesslike and regular manner.

The hot house violets are more beautiful than the country violets and are probably just as modest, but not as far as price goes. Along about Christmas time modesty comes about $3 per bunch, and small bunches at that.

This teaches us a great lesson. Modesty is beautiful and does not harm anyone providing he or she employs a good business manager.

Many an actress is so modest that she employs two stout men to chase admirers away from her private car and three press agents to see that the newspapers get the names of the admirers.

The most successful politician is the man who declines to become a candidate for public honors until his campaign manager has perfected the irresistible demand of the people.

All violets are modest, but the ones which get the credit are the ones which hide themselves where they can be discovered in all their shyness.

Sidewalk Sketches
By Howard L. Rann

DEAFNESS

Deafness is a melancholy affliction which is sometimes a blessing in dis- [illegible] people to miss a lot of conversation which they couldn't [illegible] any use of. A person who is hard of hearing can go to a dinner party and attend strictly to the menu without having to sidetrack the salad course in order to finish a long-winded anecdote.

Deafness is caused by a failure of the ear drum to respond to the long roll, and may be due either to a puncture or lack of a belt tightener on the sound waves. The process of hearing, as is well known, is caused by waves of sound striking on the drum of the ear and bounding back in the form of thought. When the ear drum leaks, the sound waves pass on through to the other ear and escape with a loud "Hey?"

Deafness causes its devotees to break into the conversation at unexpected intervals with post-mortem remarks upon subjects that have been thoroughly threshed out. When a deaf man attends lodge, he is liable to break out in the middle of the obligation with some wholly irrelevant remark concerning the likely qualities of a sorrel colt which can be heard by the outer guard with the door closed. Church services are frequently interrupted by deaf brethern who express their opinion of the choir with great freedom and full use of their vocal chords.

A great many people retain complete command of both ears until seized by old age, when all of a sudden one ear will quit working entirely and force them to edge around nervously to the windward side when addressed by anyone outside of the family. However, this is a great advantage when seated next to a dinner partner who can't think of anything to say except obfuscated inanities, which the deaf ear disposes of with the utmost ease.

People who are deaf also have another advantage in not being able to hear a request from the pulpit to raise their missionary contribution. A great many people become totally deaf on these occasions and also have their eyesight affected to such an extent that they can't recognize the collection plate.

Newfoundland Seal Fishery

St. Johns, Nfld., May 11—The Newfoundland seal fishery of 1913 closed yesterday with a more successful record than that of last year. Figures made public today show that 272,965 seals, valued at $494,406, were caught by the fleet of 19 ships, manned by 3,608 men. Last season's catch was 175,128 seals, divided among 22 ships and 4,176 men.

No ships were lost during the season, and no serious accident occurred, though three of the vessels were disabled temporarily in a gale. Two deaths from natural causes represented the only loss of life during the two months' cruise.

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