

The Albertan

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WHAT PRIVATE OWNERSHIP MEANS

The Toronto street railway which is operated by a private company is practically tying the city of Toronto up. The street car accommodation is scandalous. The street car service is not only inefficient but the street car company dictates to the council and does what it pleases.

According to the despatches just received the street cars are blocking the traffic, because the city of Toronto is attempting to get what is coming to them.

At the first meeting of the city council held this year, 75 per cent. of the notices of motion were in the line of forcing the street railway to live up to its agreement. The municipality is investigating the cost of an underground service not because it is needed and even though its cost would be enormous, but because the city is exasperated and has no redress.

Now the city of Toronto owns that street railway. In order to get control of it the city expropriated the old property and then in an evil moment gave the present company a thirty year lease of the property.

The city discussed that lease for months. The city employed the very best legal talent that could be secured, to make everything safe and secure in the agreement.

From the day that the lease was signed until the present moment the citizens have been dissatisfied and the municipality has been harassed. The work has been delayed. It has been a continual nonstop for legal expenditure. Every little point has been contested by the company and carried from point to point, from court to court, to the very last. This has been the policy of the department because they understand that in dealing with a municipality that they can't get out their opponents.

And the experience of Toronto has been a fair sample of all municipalities dealing with private companies. In fact the city of Toronto is in a little better position than other cities for the reason that it owned the road, and that it had the upper hand in the negotiations. More is heard of the struggle in Toronto for the reason that Toronto is making some resistance, and making a fight for the rights of the citizens. In other municipalities tied up to corporations, the city submits meekly to the corporation and accepts whatever is offered.

And that will be the condition of affairs in Calgary if the city sanctions this outrageous proposal brought by the Alexander & Budd Company.

THE ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

The Alberta legislature, the second session of which begins this afternoon, occupies a unique position in the Dominion of Canada.

Through the party idea has been introduced into the legislature, yet the evil features, which no person denies to exist in party politics, are not apparent and do not prevail.

The Alberta government is conducting the affairs of this province more after the manner of a successful business institution than any other legislative body or government body in America.

The Alberta administration has the confidence of all the people of Alberta. The government treats all comers alike. The leader of the opposition and the other member of the opposition openly praise the administration for fairness in distribution of public works and the distribution of whatever patronage is coming.

The government has a great work before it. It will take the transportation, however able and energetic, to keep up with the progress of this country. It is the greatest advantage that we have in control of a body of men whose ideas are up to date, who are vigorous and who are scrupulously honest.

Under the circumstances, it is probably much better for all concerned that the people of Alberta declined to elect a man whose sole platform was that he would be in opposition and might be able to create opposition.

Because the city of Calgary deluded so positively against corporation ownership, and has so frequently declared itself in such language, and so strenuously, some gentlemen taking the city at its word decided to install a system of motor buses.

They are asking for no franchise, and for no assistance. They are going to give us a good street transportation service. In the old country the motor buses are beating out the trolleys. The prices proposed by the company are very reasonable. It may be found that the buses will do the work that is so necessary in this city.

In a few weeks these buses will be upon our streets. Why not wait and see how they do before we do anything definite about street railways? Would not that be the wiser method? Why not let Mr. Lott, a Calgary gentleman, have a chance to show us before we take action at all. It seems that it would be better.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Calgary chinook does not seem to be very firm on its feet just yet.

Yesterday was 23 for the chinook all right. If you doubt it look at the date.

The talk of the chinook relief of the coal trouble is regarded by some as hot air.

According to the comments of British papers upon the Swettenham affair, it is not so much what Swettenham said as the nasty way he said it.

The best thing "made in Calgary" on exhibition in Calgary yesterday was not seen to advantage in the store windows. It was the Calgary weather.

Rev. Mr. Hunter, having been in this city for four weeks and noting the expansion of the city in that time, is in an excellent position to make predictions about its growth.

As long as the Dominion government continues to elevate Glenelg members to the bench, Glenelg can furnish men to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the Alberta legislature.

The governor of Jamaica refers to a portion of his letter to Admiral Davis as a bit of pleasantry, which shows that even in the presence of the most appalling disasters these humorists will have their joke.

It is safe to say that the unfortunate Calgary man who was killed in Montreal must have arrived in this city subsequent to the coming of C. W. Rowley, because the address upon his person was Calgary, Canada.

The annual church meetings show a very satisfactory state of affairs. Collections have been good, and a number of mortgages may be forwarded to the northwest to be burned there, thus relieving the coal famine.—Toronto Star.

In other provinces a little note about the opening of the jaw factory when the provincial legislature convenes, always goes very well. But it has no meaning in Alberta, because the legislature spends most of its time saving wood.

Now that the Calgary hotels have increased the rates of lodging and have not decreased the price of refreshment, it is not entirely out of the question that the Alberta government may regard this as an invitation to raise the license fee.

The speech from the throne at the opening of the Alberta legislature notes with satisfaction the expansion of everything in Alberta except the Alberta opposition, and not a word about the opposition can find any fault with this unfortunate circumstance.

The new city council has not given the public or any portion of the public an opportunity of sizing it up yet. It is impossible as yet to make some comparisons with previous councils or to gaze upon the august body as a complete and solemn concourse. A city council as any other institution of such a nature is not a collection of individuals, but rather a working force, and there is an individuality about the combination that cannot be noticed in the individuals.

In little ways, however, there have been some indications that the present council differs from the previous ones in its attitude towards the municipal representatives. It is not entirely lacking in dignity, but the present combination will never permit ceremony to keep it from doing business. The recent mayor, was a loyal part of the ceremonial. Had it been the custom to sit in council beside the high hat and dressed in the style of fashion, John Emerson would never have overlooked the custom. That had John Emerson been able to introduce a ritual, with kowtowing and genuflecting he would not have hesitated to do so. One would not be surprised if A. L. Cameron should insist upon removing that bit of an omniscience which looks absurdly like a toy throne. I am not saying which is right or which is wrong.

The present council will be a little shy in its oratory. The last council was a little shy upon reflection and action. In municipal matters, a volume of oratory is very much less valuable than a small amount of action. There is where the present council seems to have it on the last council. Of course three of the council have not shown up at all yet, and it is just possible that they may change the entire face of the council.

Ald. Watson has been monopolizing the oratory this year, but with him a speech always is the explanation of action already taken or of a policy that is to be pursued. Speeches of that kind are quite in order.

Ald. Moodie has already established himself as a prime favorite with the reporters, for he has said nothing at all. He seems likely to hold the record for the present council. He has passed through three council meetings without being called upon to express himself upon any of the questions. This is by no means a very serious fault at all, but on the other hand is frequently a virtue.

His side partner for Ward 1, seems also to be somewhat of a silent partner in the municipal business, being loath to speak often and contenting himself with short addresses. That is what you have in Ward 1.

Ald. Manarey, another newly elected alderman, is giving a judgment. He shows signs of being a very good speaker as aldermanic speakers are, and his pronouncements, delivered with the seriousness of a jurist, bear the stamp of grave and serious reflection even though the words are unimportant matters.

Two other new members have not appeared at the council board just yet, and what they will say and what they will do, how they will say it or how they will do it, is a matter of surmise.

A column by
DodsThe Wind That Failed
(Jan. 22)

See where the sun doth shine upon the city.
Lightening and gladdening all our cheerless way,
See how the snow doth vanish in a jiffy.
Sing, oh ye creatures; there is joy today!

Coal, who said coal? begone ye mouthy knockers,
We need no coal. The sun doth warm our heart.
What need we care if coal is at a premium,
Warmed by the sun we share the better part.

Wood? Who said wood? Our stove is black and shining,
Garnished now with black plum-baggy lead,
Fling wide the doors, and open the willing windows.
Air, give us air or leave us with the dead.

(Jan. 23.)
In vain we call upon the silent mountains,
In vain we pray to see the setting sun,
Oh, give us coal; our tears run down like fountains,
The sun hath gone. The day of joy is done.

Starving
It is not true that tents are being provided on the prairie for the people who have been driven out of the hotels by the increased tariff.

The following report has reached me.
A meeting of the hotel keepers was held last night in Camera and in a cellar. The chairman in opening the proceedings stated that the returns for the last six months showed that the profit which had been derived by the hotel keepers during the last six months was \$8 p.c. from the sale of liquor, and 67 p.c. from the sale of food and the letting of rooms.

Shame! Shame!
At this point Alf. Moodie was assisted out of the room. Medical attendance having been procured, the doctor said that the sufferer was in an acute state of starvation and that if something was not done he would be responsible for his life.

The following resolutions were passed: On February 1, all guests will be provided with the existing food at double the prices.
Owing to the bad state of trade, hotelkeepers of Calgary appeal to the public for their continued support as the problem of their existence is a crucial one. Pity the poor inn keepers.

In the Beautiful City of Bhong
All this happened in the city of Bhong. Please bear that in mind.

There was a certain tavern keeper in the city of Bhong, and some of his guests being of careless habits and of a forgetful disposition, could not see their way clear to oblige the tavern keeper with certain goods, denarii, shekels, pieces of eight, ten dollar bills and other monies which the tavern keeper had in his business. So, without adieu, he fired them out and let their habits into others. For Bhong was full of people and also of full people.

This was all very well in its way and it went on for some time until the tavern keeper suddenly remembered that although his guests had left they had not left any monies behind them. Strolling into the bar of the tavern one day he met a man in high authority to whom he confided his troubles.

"Run them in," said the great man.
"But there is no charge."
"No charge. By the beard of the profit make one. Can they pay?"
"Yes."
"Then run them in."

And it was so. And the debtors were brought and kept and questioned and heckled and intimidated for the space of two hours, but the shekels were not forthcoming. And they might have been in the place of lamentation today only the Kadi came along and said:

"Allah, Allah. These men done nothing. Let them go. And they went their way rejoicing.
And the man in authority said to the keeper of the tavern.
"The drinks are on you. We have had a bad day."

From the despatch which the secretary of the Hundred Thousand Club received the other day from Reading, Eng., it seems very likely that Calgary will take the biscuit. This is an English joke.

Tune: Catch as Catch can
You may talk of Alexander, you may think of Hercules,
You may fill your mind with stocks and shares,
And such sad things as these,
But of all the saucy subjects that this city's ever seen
It is Budd and Alexander, who are "Wearing of the Green."

We are dotty, we are batty,
And we haven't any sense,
And prefer to run our street cars
Just to save our scanty pence.

From the East came Alexander
Like the wise men came of old,
But the wise men showed their wisdom
By returning, so we're told.

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NOTICE is hereby given that The Alberta Southern Railway Company will petition the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta at the first session of the year 1907 for an Act amending Section 47 of Chapter 12 of the Statutes of Alberta of the year 1906 by striking out the word "two" where it appears in the third line of said section and inserting the word "three" in the place thereof; and by striking out the word "five" where it appears in the fifth line thereof and inserting the word "six".
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