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## QUIBBLING ABOUT PRIZE FIGHTS

If the tragic event on Saturday last was not a prize fight, then there is no such thing. To say that it was not a prize fight is to do the most senseless and foolish kind of quibbling. There was practically no difference between the event of Saturday last and many other champion events of a similar nature throughout the world.

Promoter Burns himself, in giving evidence before the coroner, declared that the fight was for the championship of the world. It was an encounter, pre-arranged between two professional prize fighters, for a prize; conducted under regular prize fight rules. When McCarty was beaten into insensibility, he lost the battle.

To say that a prize fight is an encounter with bare knuckles only, as is stated by the superintendent of the Mounted Police, is more ridiculous than the senseless verdict of the coroner's jury. If that is the case, there is no such thing as a prize fight. The definition of a prize fight by the Canadian criminal code is: "An encounter or fight with fists or hands, between two persons who have met for such purpose by previous arrangement, made by or for them." A number of judges have interpreted that to mean a "fight with fists, with or without gloves."

Although efforts have been made to dodge the law which undertakes to prevent events of this kind, no person denies the fact that all the events which have been held in western Canada of late, have been encounters between prize fighters, for prizes, conducted under prize fight rules and regulations. Whether the decision was given at the time by a referee or announced on the following day by sporting editors is a matter of no particular difference.

The sort of prize fights which have been held here for the last few years are not allowed in Chicago, Philadelphia, or any other city in the United States, with the exception of three or four. We can very well do without them in Calgary.

## GEO. LANE'S RESIGNATION

The public will regret the chance which deprives Alberta of the services of George Lane in the provincial legislature. He would be a valuable member. He is a man of unique ability, a strong man, a picturesque figure and would add strength to the provincial parliament. It is to be regretted that Hon. Mr. Mitchell was forced to find a seat outside of Medicine Hat. It is also to be regretted that the duty of resignation had not fallen to some man of less ability than Mr. Lane. However, Bow River will be well represented.

## MR. MAWSON'S IDEAS

It should not have required the voice of an expert to show the city of Calgary that green grass is much more attractive and far less expensive than asphalt pavement on residential streets. Nor should it have required an expert to point out to Calgary that a series of fences, composed alternately of chicken-wire and weather-beaten wooden slats, is not an ornament to a residential boulevard. Every city in America with any pretensions to good housekeeping and yard-keeping long ago abandoned the village fence, which is merely a receptacle for unsightly rubbish and a bane to the man who mows the lawn. It is a survival of cow-town days which persists in Calgary in spite of the latest fashions; and it is of a piece with the survival of the health bylaw which permits a citizen of Eighth avenue to keep chickens in his back yard, even unto the present day. When the city gets down to brass tacks on this business of town planning it would be a good thing to have a bylaw passed prohibiting fences within ten feet of the sidewalk on residential property; and while we are about it—to have the charter amended, if necessary, to make such a bylaw absolutely legal and binding. The policy of the city engineer to place the sidewalks outside the boulevards, against the curb, will probably do much toward the elimination of the ragged, unsightly lawn fences, which lost their mission when the citizens ceased pasturing cows on the main street.

The fence nuisance is a comparatively minor consideration in city planning, but it is just such little details which make the differences in things, people and places.

As to the pavement problem, if Mr. Mawson

can convince the city that green grass is a better covering for our lawns than asphalt; and can give us adequate traffic-ways at a saving of a million dollars, he has justified his office in Calgary. The million dollars, which he shows us how to save on our paving, can very well be expended in a more ambitious parks scheme.

## A NEW CITY CHARTER

The methods adopted by the legislative committee of the city council to revise the city charter, appear to be most unsatisfactory. The attempt to patch up the charter by the addition of a clause here, and the elimination of a clause there, is a waste of time. The city charter has been patched and repatched so often that further alteration of details, especially on the wholesale order planned by the legislative committee, will make it fit only for the city rag-bag.

The charter is antiquated; it was modelled to suit the conditions and contingencies of twenty years ago. It can not be brought up-to-date by additions and alterations.

Calgary requires a new city charter cut out of whole cloth. When the present city charter was first drawn up, it provided for a city of less than 10,000 people, under a form of government totally different to that of the present. It has been altered and twisted and turned to provide for an entirely new order of things.

The legislative committee appears to have a fairly clear idea of the basic principles of a successful form of municipal government; but this cannot be perfectly expressed in a series of detailed amendments to the out-of-date charter on which they are working. The resolutions drawn up so far, are incomplete; they overlap; they leave a score of loopholes; and they are not cohesive.

The legislative committee would make better headway if it began by outlining certain basic principles, on which an expert could build up an entirely new charter, incorporating only the best of the old document. A proper cohesion of details is essential. This cannot be secured by patching together the scraps of each alderman's opinions in a series of disconnected amendments, unintelligently expressed in an odds-and-ends report to the council.

If the legislative committee, with the assistance of the city solicitor, cannot draft a charter, such as is now required, the city should secure the best legal expert available for the job.

The committee is losing time by asking the council to pass, occasionally, on an isolated group of proposed amendments which have been suggested without proper consideration of their relation to other sections of the charter, and which are not intelligently correlated. The result will be a mere hodge-podge.

## TARIFF CHANGES

Despite the disastrous defeat of the reciprocity issue at the recent elections in Canada, there is no lack of evidence that the cause of free trade or tariff reform is gaining ground.

The action of the new United States administration has been a revelation to the high tariff advocates in Canada. The fact that this policy is meeting with such marked approval across the line, is causing the high tariff people some considerable alarm. The president of the Canadian Manufacturers' association warned the members of that association to be prepared for an invasion of low tariff sentiment. He advocated a plan for meeting that invasion.

But that is not the only evidence of the growing sentiment in favor of tariff reduction. The Ottawa Citizen, a strong Conservative newspaper, sees the approaching wave, and sends forth a note of warning. In concluding its note of alarm it says:

"The movement towards a freer exchange of commerce is not confined to the United States alone; though the British government consider the Washington bill so vitally important that a British blue-book has been issued to explain the Democratic proposals. There is an imminent possibility of Germany making tariff readjustments to meet the certain growth and expansion of the United States trade under the new conditions. The low protective tariff, with minimum wage provisions, in Australia has no relationship to the abnormal tariff system of Canada. And while it has been the custom to refer to Dr. Michael Clark of Red Deer, as a member ploughing a lonely furrow, there would appear to be a steadily increasing amount of attention given to his policy of unrestricted trade. There is nothing to be gained by ignoring the movement; it must be met by argument, facts against facts, to show that even without a tariff at all it would still be possible to charge the consumer up to the limit of his income."

The feature that is most interesting to the people of Alberta is that The Ottawa Citizen is owned by the same Hamilton people who own The Calgary Herald and all the other Conservative dailies, with one exception, in Alberta.

The wave is coming

## TORIES ASK HAROLD RILEY TO RUN IN BOW VALLEY

Contest may be Produced by the Retiral of George Lane and the Candidacy of Hon. C. R. Mitchell for the Seat at Bassano.

## MR. RILEY HAS MADE NO DEFINITE ANSWER

Delegation Came to Calgary on Saturday to Interview the Recently Defeated Candidate but He Did not Say Yes or No to Their Solicitations

THE retirement of George Lane from the seat of Bow Valley was not unexpected, and it was known that Mr. Lane on Saturday visited Bassano, met the Liberal executive for the constituency there, and placed himself in their hands. The Liberals, while regretting that Mr. Lane, who would have proved such a good member, should withdraw, intimated that if Mr. Lane was willing to retire and allow the seat to Hon. C. R. Mitchell, minister of public works, they would not stand in the way, and would be highly honored in having Mr. Mitchell for member.

The result was known and on Monday representatives of the Conservatives of the district waited on Harold W. Riley in Calgary and asked him to be a candidate in opposition to Mr. Mitchell when the election came round. Mr. Riley was member in the last legislature for Gleichen, from which the new constituency, Bow Valley was formed at the time of redistribution, and was candidate against Mr. Lane at the recent election. He was defeated by a considerable majority, and did not have a lead in any of the polls.

Mr. Riley intimated to the delegation that he would not make an announcement until the seat was officially declared vacant by the retirement of Mr. Lane. Yesterday he stated to The Albertan he was not prepared for the present to make a statement one way or other on the matter. He would not say whether he would stand or not, so that the possibility of a contest is not yet removed, and Mr. Riley may yet run as opponent to Mr. Mitchell.

## NORTHWEST SEEDING IS PRACTICALLY FINISHED

C. P. R. Agents Report That Ninety Per Cent. of the 1913 Crop is Under Ground; Conditions Best in the Country's History.

C. P. R. GATHERS ANNUAL STATISTICS OF CROP

Delay of Fifteen Days in Starting Work Made Up by Unusual Rains and Following Sunshine. Rapid Growth Reported all Over West.

Ninety-five per cent of the crop in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba is already in the ground, and in many sections the wonderful weather conditions of the 1913 spring has brought the crop along in such shape that the slight delay of this year is already almost neutralized.

For the past week the officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway have been gathering statistics from their agents in various centres regarding the condition of the crop. The grain was put into the ground this year fifteen days later than usual and for a time it was thought that this would delay harvesting a corresponding length of time, and make the final moving of the crop a difficult matter. However, the excellent rains and the following unusual sunshine which have prevailed all over the northwest this spring, or since the planting of the crop, have changed conditions materially, and now there are great hopes that harvesting will begin at the usual time.

Farmers Plan New Elevators. In many sections in Alberta, particularly in the vicinity of Lethbridge, indications for a bumper crop are so strong that the farmers are planning new elevators along the railroad line. In the vicinity of Saskatoon more than 80 per cent of the crop is already in the ground, and 30 per cent of the cording to Mr. Field, superintendent of grain is up already. At Lethbridge, accident of the state demonstration and experimental farms, the seeding is practically completed, with the acreage the same as last year. Mr. Fairfield, from his statistics, reports that 70 per cent of the crop is composed of wheat, 15 per cent oats, 10 per cent flax, and 5 per cent barley.

Regina Shows Flax Increase. Nine and one-half millions are under cultivation in the vicinity of Regina, with the seeding completed. The increase of the seeding is about three per cent in wheat, five per cent in oats, eight per cent in barley, and 15 per cent in flax. Regina already is becoming the centre of the flax market.

Winnipeg reports the acreage the same as last year, with the crop all down. Edmonton has seeding practically finished, with an increased acreage of about 10 per cent. The conditions in the vicinity of Edmonton are excellent, and the growth rapid. In the newer portions of the province the increase in acreage is about 20 per cent. Statistics are being taken today of the conditions in the vicinity of Calgary, and the figures are expected to be announced tonight.

## May Have Special Hearing

An attempt will be made to have the trial of Pelkey and Burns held at the Supreme court which is now in session in Calgary, but court officials state that this will be impossible owing to the large number of cases which are still to be heard at this session. There will not be another till October, though a special session may be arranged for hearing the case.

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EVEN at this late date we announce new arrivals to this popular dress goods salon in fashionable fabrics for the new season. Of course, there are new things pouring into every section of this store almost every day. These we deem of especial interest from a seasonable viewpoint. See them while they are fresh.

- WEST OF ENGLAND SUITINGS**  
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- JAP TAFFETA SILKS**  
This is a store that specializes in black and white Jap taffeta silks, especially adapted for waists, dresses and underwear, because of its wearing and washing qualities. These come **75c** and **\$1.00** per yard at a yard
- The 75c quality is a lovely silk of firm, even weave, and strong, good finish. The \$1.00 quality is a much heavier quality, guaranteed, and a perfect silk for any and every wear.
- SHANTUNG SILKS**  
Let us suggest the natural and colored shantung silks as the happy medium between cotton fabrics and the silk and wool fabrics, for either ladies' or children's dresses or separate waists. And what can equal them for wearing and washing qualities? We bought heavily and consequently are in a position to offer them at the lowest possible prices. Widths vary from 24 to 35 inches. **35c to \$2.00** Priced per yard from
- SATINS FOR CUSHION TOPS.**  
We are glad to inform those ladies who have been waiting for these of their arrival. They are the ideal satins for cushion tops; a good heavy cotton back, smooth finish satin, bought especially for fancy work. Colors of old gold, yellow, brown, olive, paddy green, royal blue, cream, cardinal, cerise, purple and other wanted shades. **75c** per yard

### Hair Goods Lightly Priced

HERE is a noteworthy clearance that will be welcome news to many ladies who have planned a new switch and who appreciate a generous saving. The lot involves switches of first quality hair and well made; 22 to 26 inches long, in medium, light and dark brown, black and blonde. This is the very best value of its kind this store has ever offered, and one that no lady who is in need of a new switch can afford to miss. Regular \$6.50, \$7.25 and \$9.00 each. Today **\$5.00**

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