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TRYING TO CONFUSE

The Alexander and Budd people are spiel have not dissolved partnership as was predicted in yesterday's pamaking an effort to confuse the ald- per. ermen and the public in the cost of city power. They have prepared a power at the power house and show brought with them. that the power plant is losing money

The unfairness of the method light system are for the entire year, the city council of 1906. including the first few months when

The city of Calgary is manufacturstraight question of fact.

The salaries of the men who are making the power amount to \$455 a month. There can be no argument \$1,176 a month. For that expenditure 116,700 k.w. are developed.

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A BETTER SERVICE

Last year, it will be remembered. the municipal lighting plant. The weak case. Albertan discovered a number of persons, including city officials and Calgary aldermen and persons who were

The excuse that some of them gave at that time was that the city had nerely a single system and if anyhing went wrong-with it they would against it. They promised, or ome of them, that when the duplicate plant was installed they would

cronize the city plant.

ing the business. The proposition of the power com- after us with road graders. is to supply light and power offered has always been very; unrtain. The result is that the city must be considered, and when consid- in in the field. ered the application must be re-

DON'T INCREASE COUNCIL

Taxation without representation is contrary to our principles of government. It would be unfair then Billie Greisbach. for Greater Calgary to tax the suburbs which are now to be included a precedent, and the membership of able distance from the blaze and he city council should not be in- leave their buckets at home.

an assessment much smaller than ward 1. or Ward II., and a popula-

It might be arranged that each one of the suburbs should have representation in the present council, pending a general redistribution. ing a general redistribution of divisions in the city. And whatever distribution is made, it should not be Government and Municipal Ownership on the basis of additional members Editor Albertan: for the council. If we are to have sentatives for them.

GOOD CANDIDATE FOR WARD I

The Albertan would suggest R. A. ocklebank as a good candidate or ward I. The suggestion is not entirely original, for it is under-stood that Mr. Brocklebank has already been approached by some in-

. Brocklebank is a person with son who has a practical knowaffairs advanced in his iden that Calgary ever had. ly be elected in ward I.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Next year when the thermometer

at the present time, even though it | The day of the good old bucaneer

The manufacturers' building, which ing municipality, and at the price adopted by the company is shown is receiving so much adverse critinamed by the aforesaid octopus.

In some countries a man losno business was being done at all, in some countries a man los-no business was being done at all, ing his head the way Governor and no computation is being made of Swettenham did, would wake up in conditions as they are at the present the morning to find it in the bas- and soul together are excessive and

"How We Robbed the Coal Car, or seeker. ing current at the present moment Confessions by a Grenfell Pirate," a As for myself, I cannot see any for the sum of 1.008 per k.w. It is story of adventure and of coal, will redress except under the system of not a question of argument, but a be started in this paper in a few co-operation and municipal owners

The one serious objection to this a month. The coal bill is \$615 or climate is that the weather in the thereabouts a month. The repairs and such like bring the figures up to

misrepresent conditions in the pow- company. the Albertan started a campaign and er house, then it s a pretty sure very successful campaign in favor sign that the company has a pretty square on the head at the last coun-

were not patronizing the municipal energy at these curling games into Alexander I know not, but these electric power. That would keep us days men are frequently measured by going from year to year.

been made of the action of the part of the "self sacrificing and Grenfell people who pirated the coal philanthropic promoter" of more car was that they left enough coal than one eastern "scheme," and up to get to the next station.

Judging by the mild insinuations em, and for that reason it is get-somewhat alarming when Bankiview

"He is awa' curlin'. Ye micht call He is awa curin. Ye micht call the the city will have again in an hour." If you hear anyone system, and will not acting like that when you are trying thing like that when you are trying to get a man don't call back until the system of the company. vate company. And then the supthe end of three days. It would be ready for a street railway, our sew-

would be unable to hold the custom R. A. Brocklebank would make that it has now, and that the bus- good candidate for alderman in Ward well paid commission of practical please state age, ess of the city would be severely I. Do not pledge your support until These are matters which you hear definitely whether or not he

If it is true that Governor Swettenham lost his head it is satisfac tory to know that he will find it again when he receives the letter of consolation from Edmonton's Mayor

Now that Edmonton has real fire in this city this year without giving apparatus, the mayor has issued inthem some kind of representation, structions to the citizens that in At the same time this should not be future they are to keep at a respect-

The people of Bankview were ask- If you will examine the calendar ng too much when they suggested for the last 25 years you will find that the northwestern part of the that the coldest day is Janucity, from Eighth street west and further west across the track should be created into an additional ward. ary 22, yet the thermometer was up to 60 yesterday and never be created into an additional ward. At the present time Ward IV. has this should be good for the grange

tion smaller than the two other The men of Grenfel who went afwards. By taking the west end from it, Ward IV. would be a very small ward indeed, and Ward V. would be smaller than either Ward I., II, or be attached to their action, but it it is some that men

more wards let us have fewer reprethe stand you have taken on all mate BRITISH COLUMBIA time tago to the use of your columns to discuss the many important ques-The revelations of corruption in tions now pressing upon the citizens British Columbia politics which have of Calgary has not, I am very sorry just been made public are in line to see, been responded to as such with all the political outrages of an invitation deserves. I am of that corrupt government. British opinion we are all so absorbed in Columbia has been damned by crooked politicians. It has been checked are entirely losing sight of our inits manely. in its march forward by dishonest and dividual and personal responsibility administration. And the McBride to the general welfare of the city in administration. administration has been no better which we have cast out lot. than the governments which preced- elect our aldermen, appoint our offi-It cannot be that British Columbia high and our aldermen are not comwill stand for all this corruption. mitting us to any particular line of Very much is frequently done in the policy, we permit the ship of state

name of party, but as Ontario rose to drift on the rocks and shoals of in its might and drove out a chronic carelessnest and masterly inrty which had been shown to be activity, and leave the large bulk of ty of election outrages, so Brit- the city's business to be transacted olumbia will rise up in its by an army of officials, who in many ight and drive from office the des- cases are voted into office simply begradoes and adventurers with have cause of being personal friends of some alderman or wirepuller at the head of some department.

'scheme," I will with your permission, have a word to say, and can assure our aldermen (some of whom seem to be suffering from nervous prostration), that I am but repeating the opinion of quite a number who have within the last few years located in Calgary. I am well aware, ide experience in municipal affairs, that there are certain objections to he urged against government and municipal ownership. One argument strictly up-to-date. He has that is strongly urged by self intered and never found wantingf ested parties is that government or een among the very best municipal operation of public utili ties tends to injure private enter-Brocklebank should come prise. That there is a certain degree and untrammeled, unasso- of truth in this contention cannot with any party he would pro- be successfully denied and every student of past and current events will

Greatest climate in the world.

Judging from the sudden change in utilized for many things.

bring on the bonspiel at once. The old firm of Chinook & Bonspiel have not dissolved partnership

statement of the cost of electric statement of the cost of electric visitors or the chinook that they

in the fact that the figures of the cism, will serve as a monument of

days.

When the power company begin to being acquired by any competing

The only adverse criticism that has gether."

beneath the lamb-like and "innocents

ters connected with the general pro gress and advancement of the city Your open invitation made some cials, and as long as the goose hangs

Now, sir, in regard to the questions particularly agitating the public mind, the Budd and Alexander

begins any fancy stunts we shall posures of late date plainly show ligent interest in all that so vitally rising of a defrauded and long suffer- knocked. is paying so well that the aldermen has passed away, but if this coal shortage continues we shall have his prototype on land.

In populace takes place; not until then will the optopus let go his hold, and eventually unloads a worn out, and obsolete system of wreckage. out and obsolete system of wreckage

> There is no denying the fact that the average wage earner in Calgary today is paying too much for rent, are operating against the locating permanently of the average home

on the shoulders of some long suffer

ship of all public utilities and oper ating same for mutual benefit. Governments and municipal councils should exist for the benefit of the people who create these institutions, and they should always keep a memorandum in front of them reminding them that they are but the chosen directors of managers of a trading These figures are correct and c.annot be disproved. No amount of
good list of candidates for office, the
next thing is for the members to
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of the company be conducted in an
of the company be conducted in an honest and economical and paying basis, for and on their account, and to prevent any of their vested rights

cil meeting, when he designated the Budd and Alexander power and There is a fortune in it for the street railway proposition as but a man who could develop the broom "stock jobbing proposition." Mr. the company they keep; like begets like: "birds of a feather flock to his sleeve at this very date can be found a varied and highly colored assortment to be disposed of (now Now the city has a duplicate sys- of Mr. Benson, conditions will be that the Christmas rush is over) at "cut prices, with the usual discount Since coming west for spot cash."

> promoter of the first water. Let the committee appointed take er and water system must be comfind that a "mailed fist" lies hidden

> > Windsor

Mr. Budd has budded out into

have to admit the correctness of envelopes this Budd and Alexander such a statement. There is, now-power and street railway propos ever, another side to all such ques- tion, and ready as it always is for tions, and equally forcible are the the sake of personal aggrandisement the weather, the bonspiel could be past history of all such corporations ward municipal ownership for and contentions of this other side. The to strike down every effort made toand monopolies in the old world and by the people. The public are but the new, is backed up by recent awakening to the possibilities of events, and the many shameful expower, commencing to take an intelthat corporations and private mono- concerns their welfare, organizing polies are growing more and more and educating themselves so as to grasping, relentless and unscrupulous intelligently decide what is best for each day of their existence, and the themselves; and the time is not far stronger the charter the poorer is distant when our city business will the public service rendered, and the be conducted by a few practical and more exacting become the demands educated men, at a saving of not for the last pound of flesh; and not less than 30 per cent. to the rate until the public mind is thoroughly payers, and until this day arrives aroused, and the condition of things let our aldermen knock all such become unbearable and alarming, stock jobbing propositions dead as and the possibility of a serious up- our old friend Julius Caesar was

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