

The Albertan

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TRYING TO CONFUSE

The Alexander and Budd people are making an effort to confuse the aldermen and the public in the cost of city power.

The unfairness of the method adopted by the company is shown in the fact that the figures of the light system are for the entire year, including the first few months when no business was being done at all.

The city of Calgary is manufacturing current at the present moment for the sum of 1,008 per k.w. It is not a question of argument, but a straight question of fact.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Greatest climate in the world.

Judging from the sudden change in the weather, the bonspiel could be utilized for many things.

Next year when the thermometer begins any fancy stunts we shall bring on the bonspiel at once.

The old firm of Chinnok & Bonspiel have not dissolved partnership as was predicted in yesterday's paper.

We are not sure whether we are more pleased to greet our bonspiel visitors or the chinook that they brought with them.

The day of the good old bucanier has passed away, but if this coal shortage continues we shall have his prototype on land.

The manufacturers' building, which is receiving so much adverse criticism, will serve as a monument of the city council of 1906.

In some countries a man losing his head the way Governor Sweetenham did, would wake up in the morning to find it in the basket.

"How We Robbed the Coal Car, or Confessions by a Grenfell Pirate," a story of adventure and of coal, will be started in this paper in a few days.

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That there are certain objections to be urged against government and municipal ownership. One argument that is strongly urged by self interested parties is that government or municipal operation of public utilities tends to injure private enterprises. That there is a certain degree of truth in this contention cannot be successfully denied and every student of past and current events will

have to admit the correctness of such a statement. There is, however, another side to all such questions, and equally forcible are the contentions of this other side. The past history of all such corporations and monopolies in the old world and the new, is backed up by recent events, and the many shameful exposures of late date plainly show that corporations and private monopolies are growing more and more grasping, relentless and unscrupulous each day of their existence, and the stronger the charter the poorer is the public service rendered, and the more exacting become the demands for the last pound of flesh and not until the public mind is thoroughly aroused, and the condition of things become unbearable and alarming, and the possibility of a serious uprising of a defrauded and long suffering populace takes place, not until then will the octopus let go his hold, and eventually unloads a worn out and obsolete system of wreckage on the shoulders of some long suffering municipality, which expects until the aforesaid octopus.

There is no denying the fact that the average wage earner in Calgary today is paying too much for rent, coal, wood, light, lumber, telephone and power and taxes generally, and the bare necessities of keeping body and soul together are excessive, 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 company (the people) who expect and will demand that the business 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 being acquired by any competing company.

R. B. Bennett struck the nail square on the head at the last council meeting, when he designated the Budd and Alexander power and street railway proposition as but a "stock jobbing proposition." Mr. Alexander I know not, but these days men are frequently measured by the company they keep like begets like; "birds of a feather flock together." Mr. Budd has played the part of the "self sacrificing and philanthropic promoter" of more than one eastern "scheme," and up his sleeve at this very date can be found a varied and highly colored assortment to be disposed of (now that the Christmas rush is over) at "cut prices, with the usual discount for spot cash." Since the westward march of the "mild winter" lies hidden beneath the lamb-like and "innocent abroad" sort of covering which

envelops this Budd and Alexander power and street railway proposition, and ready as it always is for the sake of personal aggrandisement to strike down every effort made toward municipal ownership for and by the people. The public are but awakening to the possibilities of power, commencing to take an intelligent interest in all that so vitally concerns their welfare, organizing and educating themselves so as to intelligently decide what is best for themselves; and the time is not far distant when our city business will be conducted by a few practical and educated men, at a saving of not less than 80 per cent. to the ratepayers, and until this day arrives let our aldermen knock all such stock jobbing propositions dead as our old friend Julius Caesar was knocked.

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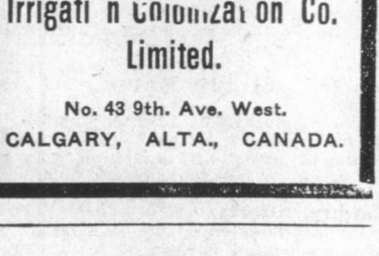
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