

CALGARY BEST CITY AND ALBERTA BEST PROVINCE INVEST, SAYS TORONTO EXPERT

W. A. McKenzie, Well Known Canadian Financier, Is Authority for Statement That Financially and Commercially Calgary and Alberta Lead All Other Sections of the West

"Calgary shows a bigger and better development than any other city in the West that I have visited on this present trip. The buildings here are more substantial, the business conditions are better, and the whole situation financially and commercially is better in Calgary at the present time than in any other city in Western Canada."

This is the compliment paid this city yesterday by W. A. McKenzie, of Toronto, one of the financial experts of Canada, who is here representing the firm of W. A. McKenzie & Co., which last January purchased \$75,000 worth of bonds of the Calgary school board, and who is in Calgary at the present time making an offer on another \$100,000 of the same securities. And not only Calgary, but the whole province of Alberta is included in Mr. McKenzie's compliment.

"Alberta is the best province of the three prairie provinces at the present time," he said, "and will be from now on. Conditions here are better than they are in the other provinces. You have better looking farms, more prosperous farmers, and conditions generally are better all around. Where you can go miles through Saskatchewan and see no stock, you find plenty of well stocked farms in Alberta, and they are all more or less looking better and more substantial looking than they are in the other provinces. It is this mixed farming that is placing Alberta in a better position today financially than any of the other provinces."

It is four years ago last January when Mr. McKenzie was in Calgary, and yesterday he stated that he was satisfied and delighted with conditions as he found them here. Over a month ago he left Toronto for the West, and has visited every city and town of importance on route, and has seen several prairie cities and provincial bonds, but he hands Calgary the palm for being the best city in the West at the present time. "However, various prairie commercial conditions when I started out," he said, "and I was skeptical regarding Calgary, but now that I am here I am surprised and satisfied with the conditions that exist in this city. Where you see corporations like the Hudson's Bay company and the Canadian Pacific Railway company erecting buildings of the kind they are erecting up in this city, you know that there is something substantial to the place, for those companies are not in the habit of making mistakes."

Mr. McKenzie also stated that while Saskatchewan had held the financial light to the detriment of Alberta during the past few years, Alberta was coming into its own and would hold the centre of the financial stage from now on. "During the next few years Alberta will force ahead as it has never gone ahead before," he said, "and will be one of the best provinces if not the best of the American continent."

Regarding the financial situation, Mr. McKenzie was very optimistic. "Money will loosen up for legitimate purposes," he said, "but not for real estate speculation. There will be a movement in bonds, but the cities and municipalities of the West will have to pay a higher rate for their money than they have in the past. They might as well get used to this now, as the bond companies will not take bonds paying a less rate of interest than they are now paying."

Stopping over in Calgary for a week and ten days where they had only figured on stopping here for two and three days, and better still, getting all the business they can handle, the commercial men who are in Calgary at the present time report that this city is far the best city for business in Western Canada at the present time. According to the men in Calgary, they have no difficulty in getting orders in Calgary, and the business of the city are optimistic concerning coming season to be one of the best they have had.

"Business in Calgary is good. It is better than it is in Vancouver or any other city in Western Canada, and there is no doubt whatever but that the merchants of Calgary are looking for a big season. They are not a bit backward about ordering, they are not asking anything, and when we are doing good business the commercial men are doing good business for they never stop off long in a town when there are no business to get."

Interest than they can get on private loans, for which the security is just as good as the bonds offered. There is no doubt about a loosening up of the money market, but there are over \$50,000,000 worth of Western bonds waiting to be sold, and this supply, exceeding the demand, will make it necessary for municipalities and cities to pay more for their money than they have had to pay in the past. It will be easier to sell bonds, but the prices will go down, and in the opinion of the adjustment of the interest must come now. As you know, cities and municipalities have been getting money at 4 1/2 and 5 per cent, while private corporations and firms have had to pay as high as 8 and 10 per cent, and their security has been just as good as that offered by the cities and municipalities. I do not believe that these latter should pay as high a rate of interest as private concerns, but I do believe that they have been getting money too cheaply and that an adjustment of interest rates, with the cities and municipalities paying higher rates than they have had to before, is inevitable.

In explanation of this condition of affairs, Mr. McKenzie stated that while the West has been going ahead very rapidly, the prosperity of this section has, to a large extent, been based on the borrowings that have been made.

"For years past Canada has imported more than she has exported," he said. "The balance of trade has been against us, and in addition to this we have been selling municipal, government and railroad bonds abroad, and we have been paying a sum to the foreign markets. When the interest on this sum is added to the balance of trade against us, it means that we have had to pay a large amount of money to foreign financiers and foreign merchants. During the past 15 years this difference has been paid out of our money. We have been able to borrow, and the strain of paying it has not been felt, but during the past year it has become impossible to float any more loans, and we still had to meet the interest on the loans of the past, and also to pay out the difference in our imports and exports. We were paying our debts and we felt it. In January and February last the bank deposits of Canada were reduced by \$22,000,000, all of which money was paid out for interest on loans of the past, and for the balance of trade against us. We were paying our debts and we felt it. Mr. McKenzie also stated that cities and municipalities in the West should learn not to spend money on all bonds but to keep a reserve. "If the money cannot be secured, the improvements should wait until the money market is easier," he said. "The practice of passing bylaws and then going ahead with the work before the bonds are sold should be discontinued as it is a disastrous practice and cannot result in any good. Money should not be spent until it is secured."

Mr. McKenzie will remain in Calgary for a few days before proceeding on to the coast to investigate financial conditions there. Arthur J. Aylesworth, the local theatrical man, arrived back from San Francisco yesterday in Calgary after making preparations for the big tour which he will make through the great Northwest starting from here at the beginning of the month of July. Mr. Aylesworth has arranged to take with him two of the best moving picture men on the continent and they will take pictures illustrative of wild life in the Northwest which will on their return be exhibited at all the great cities of the continent as well as a number of places abroad. Inspired by the Paul Rainer African pictures of big game, Mr. Aylesworth has come to the conclusion after some thinking that the same thing can be done on the north American continent and hence his trip. It is made purely for commercial reasons. He wishes to see the behavior of the great animals when alone in their haunts. This is a matter which has been a great study of by both Seton Thompson and W. J. F. Campbell and the intention is now to make like pictures for the studies which these two noted writers have made.

Mr. Aylesworth will be accompanied by a party of about ten including a number of guides who are acquainted not only with the whole country but also with the movements of the animals. They will start out north from Edmonton and will proceed in a westerly direction covering the slopes of the Athabasca and the Peace rivers and going down to the great lakes and the Mackenzie. It is well known that this part of Canada teems with huge animals—bears, goats, and mountain sheep—all of which will follow the production of the pictures showing the behavior of the animals who make their homes on this continent.

After passing the Yukon and the party will proceed to Alaska and will there continue their work. While this scheme has no connection with any publicity campaign for the north country, it will serve in a manner in that way for it will show scenes from the life of the north as well as give an idea of the scenery and life of the land in the last great west. Yet the primary object is to get the pictures of the wild animals.

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Pope Continues to Improve. Rome, May 6.—Pope Pius X. continues to progress toward recovery. He says he descends to his library and devotes several hours to his work.



GEORGE C. TAYLOR—The star witness in the charges against Premier Sir James Whitney and Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, before the privileges and elections committee at Toronto.

CALGARY MAN TO TAKE PICTURES OF BIG GAME IN NORTH

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At The Theatres

"PERSIAN GARDEN" AT THE ORPHEUM ALL THIS WEEK

Two late stars of the musical comedy field will headline Thursday's bill at the Orpheum as the principals of the miniature musical comedy, "A Persian Garden," which tops the bill. They are Louis A. Simon and Miss Kathryn Osterman, the former of whom appears in the extravaganza as a valet and the latter as an ex-chorus girl who has bettered Nat Goodwin's marrying record many times over. The musical numbers are all new, and the act is considered as even better than "Puss in Boots," "California," "The External Waltz," and a number of others that have been featured over the Orpheum circuit. In the cast there are no less than 15 persons.

Two very clever performers in the person of Frederick Bond and Present Benton, have a novel sketch which they call "Handkerchief No. 15," in which your wife's mother is made the subject of some new jokes, but in a refined and harmless manner. Joe Jackson, as the tramp cyclist, is unsurpassed as a character actor and a pantomimist. These are not his only accomplishments, but these are by far his best, and they are so good that they have enabled him to score an annual hit in the largest music halls of England and the continent.

The bill is completed by Montambo and Wells, as clever a pair of comedy acrobats as there are on the Orpheum circuit.

The Pollard Juveniles. Those very clever and entertaining young Australians, known as the Pollard's Juvenile Opera company, are once more back in America, after an extensive tour of Australia and New Zealand, with all the vitality which travel and success gives. They will renew their acquaintance with the Calgary public, with whom the juveniles became favorite some years ago. The clever young people, with all their humor and good voices, will be heard at the Sherman Grand where they will begin an engagement commencing Monday evening with the musical comedy success "The Toy Maker."

Louis London, late support of James T. Powers and Eddie Foy, has entered the vaudeville field and will be heard and seen in a number of new character songs, which he does in costume.

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Fire in the Porcupine. North Bay, Ont., May 5.—Engineers on the Temiskaming and Ontario Northern Railway, was visited by a disastrous fire this morning. It started in a bakery and wiped out several business blocks and residences. The total loss is estimated at \$125,000, with less than \$50,000 insurance. Two men were arrested for looting during the progress of the flames.

SERBIANS EVACUATE ALBANIA. Corfu, Island of Corfu, May 5.—The Serbians have completely evacuated Albania, according to advices received here. Some thousand Ottoman troops have occupied Durazzo.

Arizona's Draconic Legislation. Phoenix, Ariz., May 5.—To take the place of the effrontery measure enacted a year ago, the lower house of the state legislature passed an anti-alien law today that is far more drastic than the California legislation of the same subject. The act prohibits any alien who has not declared intention to becoming a citizen, from acquiring title to real property.

Opponents of the bill, who want to exempt foreigners who were eligible to citizenship, but did not care to face the onerous conditions of the law, were able to muster up but six opposing votes. The bill was sent to the senate, where present prospects point to an early passage.

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FOR TAILORED SUITS THAT WERE
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FOR CREAM SERGE COATS THAT
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A whole rack full of cream serge coats, plain and striped effects, many novelty styles shown in this clearing lot. Sale **\$12.50**

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Smart looking coats every one of them. Light tweed, plain serges, whipcords, etc.; also a showing of motor coats. Sale **HALF PRICE**

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New coats in the light tan shades and tweed effects. The rainy season will soon be here, better prepare for it now. Sale **\$6.50**

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FOR TWEED AND PANAMA
SKIRTS THAT WERE WORTH
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All Pattern Hats, Trimmed Hats, Shapes, Flowers, Children's Hats, etc., Half Off All Regular Prices.

Think what this means to you, who still have a summer hat to buy. Come early, so as to get good choice.

Half Price

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Look them over, for every one is a worth while saving, and it will pay you to be here prompt on time this morning.

HAND BAGS—Real seal leather bags, in black only, with a real leather lining, strong frame and clasp. Sale **\$2.50**

WHITE HAND BAGS—Fancy white mercerized hand bags; regular \$2.00 value. Sale **\$1.10**

TAFFETA RIBBONS—A full range of colors, from 4 to 6 in. width; regular values 25c to 35c. Go on Sale **15c**

LITTLE DAISY HOSE—For the one day only we are offering the famous children's stocking—the "Little Daisy," in tan, black and cardinal; sizes to 6 1/2. Sale, 5 pairs for **\$1.00**

KNITTED SCARFS—Fancy knit scarfs, in all shades. A scarf for the opera; regular values to \$2.25. Sale **95c**

KNITTED TIES—Fancy silk knit ties in assorted colors. Sale, 3 for **\$1.00**

LADIES' COLLARS—Fancy embroidered linen collars, soft styles. Sale, 5 for **\$1.00**

MUSLIN BLOUSES—Embroidered muslin blouses, new spring styles, low and high neck. Sale **\$1.25**

NIGHT GOWNS—Women's white cambric gowns, lace and embroidery trimmed. Sale **75c**

LADIES' DRAWERS—Plain cambric drawers, tucked style. Sale **35c**

LADIES' SKIRTS—White undrunk skirts, values up to \$5.00, trimmed with lace and embroidery, lots of frills, etc. Sale **95c**

May Bargains in Basement Today

You cannot form an idea of the unusual values in this particular section until you personally visit it. Unusual price cuttings have taken place in this department, which are, by the way, worth looking into.

CREPE CLOTHS—New wash crepe, in plain colors and fancy, the ideal fabric for kimono. Sale **30c**

CURTAIN NETS—White and ecru, curtain nets and scrim, many novelty patterns and bordered effects. Sale, **22 1/2c**

FLOOR OILCLOTHS—In floral and oriental patterns, for the one day only. Sale, square yard **25c**

BED SHEETS—Large double bed size sheets, well made from good even thread cottons. Sale, pair **\$1.25**

PILLOW CASES—Finest cotton cases, sizes 40, 42 and 44, made with wide hem. Sale, pair **45c**

BED PILLOWS—Stuffed with real feathers, covered with art ticking, weight 2 1/2 pounds. Sale, each **75c**

SHEETING—Two yard wide sheeting, good standard quality. Sale, yard **25c**

BED SPREADS—Honeycomb quality, large double bed size, hemmed and fringed ends. Sale **\$1.95**

WASH GINGHAMS—32 inch Wash Gingham, stripe, checks and plaids, excellent quality. Sale **12 1/2c**

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The famous D. and A. Models, the Thompson Glove Fitting, American Make and the Bias Filled Models, all new spring and summer styles. Made of the finest materials, showing the four supports; regular values \$1.75. Today **\$1.25**

At \$2.75

The Thompson's Glove Fitting and the Bias Filled Models, the latest styles, long hip, low and medium bust, made of extra heavy coutil, four supports; regular value \$3.50 a pair. Today **\$2.75**

At \$4.00

The Lt. Victorie and Thompson's Glove Fitting, newest models, the German brocade, a beautiful corset; regular value \$5.00 a pair. Today **\$4.00**

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HAIR BRUSHES—Good, stiff brushes **25c**

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LINEN SPOOLS—The Fly brand, 3 for **10c**

SHOE LACES—Long, strong laces, dozen **10c**

HAT PINS—Fancy hat pins; worth to \$1.00. Each **25c**

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PAPER NAPKINS—Crep paper table napkins, plain white, dozen **25c**

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