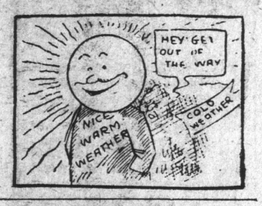
"The issue of the campaign is that Mr. Bennett, the head of the elevator monopoly in Alberta, has come into the field to denounce a government which has granted the farmers a co-operative system of elevators which was in the interests of the farmers alone. Mr. Bennett is afraid the profits of his merger will vanish and that is his interest in the campaign. It is a fight of the farmer against the interest. The government stands for no elevator monopoly."---Premier Sifton in his address to the electors of Innisfail.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE MORNING ALBERTAN ON SATURDAY WAS 14,400

THE MORNING ALBERTAN



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MONTENEGRO THROWS GAUNTLET DOWN TO THE GREAT POWERS

Declines to Yield to the Demand That She Abandon Her Attempts to Gain Possession of Scutari and Announces There Will Be no Change of Front

NINE BATTLESHIPS OFF MONTENEGRIN COAST

Brigade of Austrian Troops Is Manouvering Near Montenegrin Boundary and Action Is Considered Unfriendly; Customary Notice Not Given

CETTINJE, April 6—The little kingdom of Montenegro has thrown down the gauntlet to the six great powers. She declines to yield to the demand of the powers to abandon her attempts to gain possession of Scutari and has announced that "there will be no departure from an attitude which conforms to the necessities of the state of war existing between the allies and Turks."

An international fleet, comprising warships of Austria-Hungary, Italy, France, Germany and Great Britain, is now blockading the Montenegrin port of Antivari. These include four Austrian warships, the British cruisers Yarmouth, Inflexible and Gloucester, the Italian cruiser Bestava, the French cruiser Edgar Quinet. Russia is not represented by a warship, but has acquiesced in the naval demonstration.

On Saturday the British admiral sent the following message to the Montenegrin premier, Dr. L. Tomenavics:

"I have the honor to inform you that the international fleet is assembled in Montenegrin waters as a protest against the non-fulfillment of the wishes of the great powers. I desire to call your excellency's attention to the presence of the fleet as a proof that the great powers are acting in concert and urge that their request be fulfilled without delay. Please inform me immediately that your government is ready to carry out the wishes of the great powers."

To this the Montenegrin minister replied in a note expressing regret at the presence of the fleet which he considered in violation of the neutrality proclaimed by the powers at the beginning of the war and to the detriment of Montenegro. The premier continued:

"Despite the pressure which the presence of the fleet implies, there will be no departure from an attitude which conforms to the necessities of the state of war existing between the allies and Turkey."

A brigade of Austrian troops from Cattaro has been manoeuvring near the Montenegrin boundary. The customary notice has not been given the Montenegrin government and Austria's action is considered unfriendly and menacing.

REV. JOHN COBURN—Who went in disguise to the Star theatre in Toronto to witness the show. He does not believe in the efficiency of the censors, and says that censorship should be followed by prosecution.

PREMIER ADDRESSES GREAT MEETING AT INNISFAIL

Says Mr. Bennett Has Entered Fray Because Attitude of the Government in Furthering Co-operative Elevators Is Menace to Bennett Trust

SAYS GOVERNMENT POLICY OF BENEFIT TO SETTLERS

Premier Insists That This Is the Fight of the Farmer as Against the Great Elevator Trust, of Which R. B. Bennett Is the Moving Spirit

INNISFAIL, Alta., April 6.—The premier of the province, Hon. A. L. Sifton, concluded the first week of his campaign at a large meeting held here last evening. This was his first meeting north of Calgary, and the enthusiasm showed that the Liberal party was quite as strong in Central Alberta as in the south. Unfortunately, the candidate for the riding, J. A. Simpson, was unable, from a slight indisposition, to attend the meeting, but confidence was expressed that he would be returned at the election with a big majority. Mr. Simpson is the father of Alberta legislature, and has represented the district of Innisfail in the house at Regina and Edmonton for the last eighteen years, and it is felt that on this occasion he will have the largest majority ever.

H. A. Malcolm, one of the leaders of the Farmers' association, who presided, said that the government, in appealing on its record, need have no doubt as to the result. The government had given the farmers more legislation asked by the farmers than any other government in the whole of Canada. The interests had opposed nearly every piece of that legislation, but the government had stoutly opposed the interests, and had the moral courage to go in the face of these great powers.

Mr. Malcolm also approved the education policy of the government, saying that all that the school trustees had asked had been granted and consolidated schools had been introduced.

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Toronto Building Permits

Toronto, April 6.—Building permits for structures to cost $2,666,285 were issued in Toronto during March, an increase of $508,533 over March, 1912. For the first quarter of the year Toronto's building permits reached the figure of $4,891,597, an increase of $1,225,749, or 33 per cent. over the first quarter last year.

Body of John A. Stewart Found.

Edmonto, Alta., April 6.—The body of John A. Stewart, aged 60, Edmonton, who disappeared from his home early last winter, was found today in a field about a mile from Ellerslie station in a badly decomposed condition. The man, who was in a feeble state of mind, had strayed away one afternoon and it is believed was overcome by the cold.

Commissioners to Formulate a Definite Policy as to Distribution of the Costs in the Matter of Grading on Trunk Roads

BEFORE any further grading is undertaken on trunk roads in the city, the commissioners will formulate a definite policy of distribution of cost between local improvement tax and general tax.

At present the cost of cutting and grading is charged to frontage only, and countless complaints have been made of the unfairness of this system of taxation. Frequently a cut actually damages the property on either side, but benefits other ratepayers for several blocks along the street. The land adjoining, however, is taxed for the full amount of the cost of the improvement, and the landholder has not the privilege of collecting damages for the actual harm done to his property.

The grading of trunk roads is obviously of benefit to the whole city, and the commissioners think should be charged to general improvements.

At a meeting of the commissioners with City Engineer Craig and City Solicitor Ford on Friday, to thresh out the matter of grades on Nose Hill, the north hill, and other districts where main arteries of access are planned, Acting-Mayor William Ross advised a policy of financing whereby the burden of the cost would be divided equally between local and general improvements.

For other streets, where the improvement is of benefit only to the locality, as on Mission Hill, Commissioner Samis suggests that the district benefited be outlined and the cost distributed over the district.

F. C. Lowes has made application for about $5,000, being the cost of street grading completed in the Mission Hill district. This will be a frontage tax on the lots, and the commissioners will look into the matter of distribution. As much of the work is of only local benefit, it is likely that the greater portion will be charged to frontage.

FIVE YEAR OLD FRANK COLES DROWNED IN ELBOW

Little Fellow Tried to Walk on Narrow Plank from Shore to Solid Ice, but Lost Balance and Dropped from Sight in Rushing Water.

OLDER BROTHER HELPLESS WITNESS TO FATALITY

Roy Coles, Eight Years Old, Is Terror-Stricken and Flies from Scene With News of Tragedy; River Is Dragged but Without Success.

A pathetic Sabbath tragedy occurred about three o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Frank Coles, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Coles, 304 Seventeenth avenue W., was drowned while playing on a plank spanning a portion of the Elbow river in the rear of St. Mary's church. The little tot was attempting to cross the plank from the shore. He was accompanied by an older brother, Roy Coles, eight years of age, who ran terror-stricken from the scene after watching his baby brother lose his balance and topple into the stream. Help arrived quickly, being attracted by the cries of Roy Coles, and when the stricken father rushed from his home near by, he found a crowd gathered in a futile effort to rescue the body.

The water at the point where the little one fell from the plank is quite shallow, but the current is strong and the boy was almost instantly swept from view. It is believed that the body was swept under the ice to a greater depth beneath the ice surface, and then carried downstream. Grappling hooks were secured within a few moments, and the portions of the river free from ice in the vicinity of the fatality were immediately dragged, but without success.

Acting-Mayor Ross, Commissioner Samis, and W. Gardiner, of the public works department, held a conference and decided to place a net across the river in the immediate vicinity of the exhibition buildings. Watchmen were placed on guard, and it was hoped that the current would not be so swift as to carry the body beyond this point before the net was in place. Members of the police department were also assigned to duty, but these watchers, with the willing assistance of a number of citizens, had not discovered the body at a late hour last night.

The father, Charles H. Coles, is associated with the Calgary Furniture Store. Three children survive, two boys and a baby girl. The family home is not far distant from the Elbow river, and nothing was thought of allowing the children to wander from home. The children were not even missed, and no intimation of the terrible affair reached the grief-stricken parents until Roy Coles ran crying into the house that his brother had been drowned.

The little chap's daring in attempting to pass from solid soil to ice upon an ordinary ten-inch plank was his undoing. The distance between ice and land is short, and very little risk is attached to walking the plank as far as men are concerned, but the swirling waters must have affected the five-year-old youngster, causing him to lose his head and drop into the icy water.

GEORGE ROSS IN FAVOR OF ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Liberal Candidate Recognizes Importance of Development of Labor as Source of Wealth

George H. Ross, Liberal candidate for North Calgary, is advocating the establishment of technical schools for the better development of labor.

"I recognize the fact that a great source of wealth and power for Alberta lies in the best development of labor of every kind. I believe that boys and girls preparing for the skilled trades and crafts should be just as carefully and thoroughly trained as those preparing for the branches of labor popularly known as the professions.

"To that end I am advocating the establishment and maintenance of technical schools and institutes embracing all the skilled trades and crafts whether of present or future importance.

"In the event of my election, I shall make it one of my chief aims to procure adequate schooling facilities of this sort for the young people of Alberta."

Ross Meetings Arranged.

Meetings in the interest of George H. Ross, Liberal candidate for North Calgary, have been arranged as follows:

Tonight at Wright's hall, Crescent Heights; speakers, Mr. Ross and R. J. Deachman.

Tomorrow, The Buttes school house; speakers, Mr. Ross and J. W. Dingle.

Wednesday, Bow River school; speakers, Mr. Ross and M. D. Geddes.

Thursday, Beddington school; speakers, Mr. Ross and James Short.

Friday, Hillhurst, old Presbyterian church; speakers, Mr. Ross and R. J. Deachman.

Saturday, Simon's Valley, meeting place to be announced later; speakers, Mr. Ross and James Short.

Monday, April 14, Crescent Heights, Wright's hall, same evening at Grand Trunk school; speakers, Mr. Ross and others.

Tuesday April 15, Nose Creek school; speakers, Mr. Ross and J. W. Dingle.

Wednesday, April 16, Riverside, Poffenroth building; speakers, the Rev. Herzer, James Short and the candidate.

The Elevator Monopoly Is Real Issue in Alberta Election

The elevator question is the big issue in this campaign. R. B. Bennett, the elevator trust of Alberta, direct from Robert Rogers, is passing through the province doing his utmost to defeat the government that is risking its politicial existence upon passing legislation freeing the farmer from the grip of that elevator trust.

Mr. Bennett, the paid solicitor of the Royal bank, which has taken the place of the A. & G. W., is attempting to disguise the main issue.

But the issue is plain enough. The elevator act, which breaks the power of the elevator trust, was the best legislation passed in the very important session of 1913.

Official approval of that legislation had not been secured before R. B. Bennett, the elevator monopoly, was on his way from Ottawa to join the campaign to defeat the government which had put that legislation through for the benefit of the farmers.

If the present government is defeated, which is not likely, R. B. Bennett, if not premier, will continue to be the power behind the throne. Does any person expect that he has come out here to help Mr. Michener into the job of premier of Alberta to have Mr. Michener turn round and hand Mr. Bennett a punch in the elevator monopoly? Well, hardly!

And there is a reason. On Saturday The Albertan referred to the price of grain in Alberta and compared it with the price of grain that prevails at the coast. Though the rates have not increased in Alberta since then, The Albertan takes the liberty of referring to them again.

Here they are:

	Washington		Alberta	
Oats	47	53	15	20
Wheat	84	96½	47	66
Barley	70		23	30
Rye	66		40	

The price of flax in Alberta is 50-80 cents. The price of flax in Minneapolis is $1.23¾.

And those figures pretty well tell what the real issue is in Alberta. And it gives the reason why R. B. Bennett hastened away from Ottawa to come west to protect "my elevators" from the danger which is threatening this monopoly.

Pankhurst Sentence Starts Campaign of Revenge; Many Outrages Committed in a Day

LONDON, April 6—The campaign of revenge for the long sentence imposed upon Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, which the suffragettes threatened, is proceeding actively and seems likely to spread. Many outrages have been committed during the past 24 hours.

These included the complete destruction of the grand stand at the Aerial racing course in Scotland, where the principal Scottish meetings are held, the demonstration being witnessed by 15,000 persons and an attempt to destroy a new race course now in course of construction. Two women were caught lighting oil-soaked rags. Many shop windows were smashed in Glasgow, including those of the labor exchange; telephone wires were cut at Llantarnam in the county of Monmouthshire; letter boxes were damaged at Liverpool; the flower beds in the public park at Newcastle were torn up and letter boxes were burned or damaged in London.

How The Sifton Government Has Helped Alberta Farmers

(By Mark Drumm)

THE AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS OF ALBERTA received a large measure of attention at the hands of the government during the last session of the provincial legislature. Previous sessions, since autonomy came to us, gave much attention to legislation calculated to build up the basic industiry of the state and promote the well-being of those engaged in it but all that had previously been done was scarcely a beginning as compared with the legislation enacted at the recent session, having for its purpose, the advancement of the interests of the farmer.

THERE IS AN OLD SAYING that there are but two classes of people in any province, those who live off the farms and those who live off the farmer. There is undoubtedly a greater measure of truth in that saying than most people realize. William Jennings Bryan in one of his most memorable speeches declared:

"YOU MAY BURN DOWN YOUR CITIES but leave our farms and your cities will spring up again as if by magic, but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in this country." I imagine there are not many people but will agree that is perfectly true and that anything that conduces to the prosperity of the initial producer, the farmer, must of necessity add to the prosperity of every individual in whatever other calling.

T would seem to me that the Alberta government has manifested a clearer vision with respect to this important fact than any other governing body of recent years, at least, has shown, and that acting upon that principle, it has laid the foundation for building up a prosperity in this province by erecting upon the soil a basic industry so great and so prosperous that the general prosperity of the province could not be seriously affected, whatever might befall.

This is what I read in the legislation enacted by the Alberta government in the interest of agriculture, especially that of the last session of the legislature. If we take into account the farmers' elevator bill and the farm implement bill, and stop there, it will have to be agreed, it seems to me, that much was done to promote the interests of agriculture, and we shall have to agree that it was disinterested legislation since in the one instance the government ran counter to the interests of one of the wealthiest and strongest influences in the country, while in the other, a monopoly having been created by a merger of all the line elevators in the province, putting the farmers at the mercy of one man in the marketing of their grain, and him, a man who is ever striving to limit and restrict their market, the government, recognizing the pressing need of the farmers, stepped aside and permitted them to frame the measure which they felt would best work their salvation.

But the government did not stop with the bills. It enacted a measure providing a means whereby the people might initiate legislation or pass upon any measure enacted by the legislature which had not been initiated by the people, and this measure was near to

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4,000 RUSSIANS TO WORK ON C.P.R. IN THE WEST

Saskatoon, April 6.—J. G. Taylor, superintendent of the Saskatchewan division of the C.P.R., says that the C.P.R. will have over 4,000 Russian laborers at work contructing branch lines in the West within the next two weeks. "All our labor for construction work," he continued, "we are bringing from Russia and they are already arriving in large numbers."

GADSBY HAS SOME FUN WITH R. B. BENNETT OF BONFIRE FAME

Makes Caustic Review of the Edmonton Speech of the Member from Calgary; Says the People Distrust the Partner of Sir Maxcement Aitkin

CARSTAIRS COMES EARLY OCCUPIES THREE SEATS

One for the Lieut., One for the Col, and One for Carstairs, Which Gives an Impression of a Great Crowd; Bennett Says He Is Not the Trust

(H. F. Gadsby)

Edmonton, Alta., April 6.—It is a big meeting in the Thistle rink, this Bennett meeting, with Griesbach and Ewing as the side show. Lieut. Col. Carstairs comes early and by occupying three seats, one for the Lieutenant, one for the Colonel, and one for Carstairs, gives the impression of a great crowd. The Colonel and about fifteen hundred other people are present, perhaps one-third of them Grits, drawn there by mild curiosity to see if Bennett has anything new to hand out, another third Tories clustering around their white hope, and the remaining third newcomers to Edmonton anxious to compare the much touted big twaddle from the east with his reputation. Usually the effect of R. B. Bennett on an Edmonton audience is to inspire his friends and enrage his foes.

Tonight he does neither. He leaves his friends listless, his foes indifferent, and the newcomers frankly disappointed that they had put off their Saturday night to hear him splash. In other words, R. B. Bennett is a huge, disappointing frost. Somehow or other he has lost his gimp. The strength has gone out of him. It may be what his audience knows not its Joseph. It may be that R. B. has broken the eleventh commandment and been found out. It may that the people distrust the side partner of Sir Maxcement Aikin, the friend of the elevator monopoly, the enemy of single tax, the beneficiary of C.P.R. subdivisions and so forth and so on. It may be that they have got wise to what the little premier calls a hypocritical humbug, or it may be that they were just tired of hearing R. B. Bennett talk. Whatever is the matter R. B. Bennett doesn't take any more than a bad vaccination.

Speaks Like Rag Doll

He crabs his own meeting. Crab is a good word because that is the kind of speech R. B. has prepared. He can break it off anywhere like a crab's claw and go on as if nothing had happened. He breaks it off several times to let tired people leave the hall, which they do in droves each time they get a chance. Even the hearty handclapping with whom the meeting has been well supplied, get sore on their job and streak out one by one. This isn't the old R. B. Bennett. He is speaking like a rag doll, with no conviction. He does not touch the spot the way he used to.

Either R. B. has grown out of Alberta's recollection or Alberta has grown out of R. B. Bennett. At all

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LABOR BUREAU MUST SHOW ACCOUNTS TO COMMISSIONERS

City Demands Investigation of Administration of Affairs During Miss Wileman's Absence

AN investigation of the affairs of the municipal labor bureau will probably be made by Acting Mayor Ross and the commissioners today. A man named Masters, who was put in charge of the Bureau during the temporary absence of Miss Wileman in the east, has been dismissed by the commissioners and evicted by the police on the charge that the accounts of the bureau are not quite straight.

Information to this effect was given recently to the commissioners and after some investigation it was decided to ask Mr. Masters to leave and put Mr. Muirson, of the assessor's department, in charge until the return of Miss Wileman. Mr. Masters, however, flatly refused to give up the books, until the commissioners ordered the police to secure them.

Mr. Masters has protested against the action of the commissioners and has, it is said, demanded an investigation. Up to the present Mr. Masters has turned over only one book, the receipt book, to the police.

Miss Wileman, head of the labor bureau, is at present in Ottawa on business of her own. Before leaving she authorized Mr. Masters to transact the business of the bureau. It is understood that the alleged irregularities have occurred in her absence.

The labor bureau is financed by the city and the appointment of the head of the bureau has been a bone of contention for some time. Commissioner Samis does not approve of a woman for the job, and up to the present, the institution has shown a monthly deficit.

NO INDEMNITY BUT TURKS MUST PAY PRISONERS KEEP

London, April 6.—A Constantinople despatch to the Times says that the ministers has decided, while refusing to pay indemnity to the allies, to agree to pay for the maintenance of the prisoners of war on a general scale.

DR. CHARLES W. ELIOT—President Emeritus of Harvard University, who has declined the offer to become United States ambassador to St. James.

WILLIAM REDDICK OF EAST CALGARY ARRESTED

Druggist Accused of Attempting Criminal Operation, Is Lodged in City Bastile and Held Without Bail; Maximum Penalty Is Life Imprisonment

HORRIBLE STORY OF DEPRAVITY RELATED

Prisoner Charged With Having Made Common Practice of Crime and of Employing a Chauffeur to Bring Victims to Store.

A tale of bestial depravity is related to the police following the arrest of William Reddick, an East Calgary druggist, upon a charge of having attempted a criminal operation. The penalty, if Reddick is convicted, can be that of life imprisonment, and in the meantime so grave is the charge preferred, that Reddick is held without bail. The accused was arraigned before Magistrate Sanders Saturday when a portion of the testimony offered by Reddick's victim was heard.

Reddick is one of the proprietors of Pure Drugs, Limited, a concern operating at 1401 Ninth avenue east. The police have sworn information which will allege that Reddick has been making a regular business of such work as is now charged against him. A local chauffeur is accused of being an accomplice, but no charge has as yet been preferred against this man. Though he is one of the firm, Reddick is not a qualified pharmacist.

Allegations made to the police brand Reddick's establishment as a vile rendezvous for unfortunate women, the victims of Reddick's malpractice. Four persons are implicated in the present charge, but Reddick is the only one under arrest, and it is probable that no further arrests will be made, as the remaining three are required as witnesses. Reddick is accused of having solicited such criminal work through a chauffeur who business it was to bring young women to the drug store, where they were virtually prisoners for hours.

The case will be resumed in police court today. Reddick is a former resident of Ottawa.

Seattle Fishermen's Strike Ends.

Seattle, April 6.—The 44 Gloucester fishermen who were brought by train from Massachusetts to man halibut vessels plying out of Seattle and refused to work when they found they were to be used as strikebreakers were taken immediately into the Halibut Fishermen's union. The strike was won and all the newcomers got work as well as the strikers.

Forty of the Glouceter men sailed for the north last Sunday. The others preferred to enter the salmon fishery.

Cheaper Rates for Immigrants.

Berlin, April 5.—The Austrian-American Steamship Company, plying between Trieste and Canada, has reduced its passenger rate to $30 in order to meet the latest cuts in the rates of the Canadian Pacific line. It is expected that the companies making up the Atlantic pool will participate in the rate reductions by cutting their rates for steerage passengers to $25 or $20.

VICTORIA PARK SCENE OF FINEST HORSE SHOW IN WEST

Thirteen Hundred Animals Will Be Judged During Present Week, Beginning Tomorrow Morning and Continuing Until Saturday.

EQUINE ARISTOCRACY IS OF HIGHLY SUPERIOR TYPE

Many Notable Horses to Appear In Arena; All of Several Classes Are Well Represented and Show Is Assured of Success in All Departments

(By H. A. Macdonald)

CALGARY this week is host to the aristocracy of the dumb animal kingdom. Equine royalty will be feted, lauded and applauded with the ardor of the true horsemen by whom the occasion is joyously accepted as one upon which it is quite proper and socially correct to speak with absolute frankness of one's choice. The horse is human; like man, he has his off days and his good ones, and like man, he is destined eventually to outrun his day of usefulness, but even in decline the horse is possessed of a never yielding pride. The horse seldom back fires; if he steps upon a nail he will try to keep on moving, painful though it may be, when a ten thousand dollar car blows up. Treat him decently, feed him well, keep him clean, and Friend Horse will hold up his head after many years of service, wherein he differs from the automobile which generally assumes a distressed and hang-dog attitude after the second or third season. An affliction of the carburetor causes the touring car to become sullen, to despairingly give up the ghost in the midst of jostling traffic, but horses suffering from cholic, corns, tooth ache, and other infirmities of man, will struggle valiantly onward in faithful servitude.

Any horseman will verify the foregoing, but usually in a whisper, for be it known the horse is considered more or less as a second rater in these days of back-firing, skidding, blowouts, and other evidences of the gas buggy's presence. It is good form to speak nonchalantly of one's car, and to add a knowing word or two of clutches, transmission, magnetos, lights, batteries and heaven knows what, not, so the horseman may be excused, perhaps, if he keeps his real opinions to himself.

Now, however, the time has rolled around once more to the big event of

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Japan Makes Protest.

Washington, April 5. — The Japanese government had lodged formal protest with the state department against the proposed enactment by the state of California of what it considers anti-Japanese legislation, the measure prohibiting alien ownership of land in California.

It was learned today that this protest was made nearly a fortnight ago. Secretary Bryan and Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, were closeted for half an hour today at the state department in a private conference, the subject of which neither would discuss.

Burns Eulogizes Marlborough

London, April 5.—In the house of commons last night, John Burns, secretary of the local government board, eulogized the Duke of Marlborough for writing what he called an "excellent pamphlet" on the land question.

Mr. Burns said the duke deserved great credit for this pamphlet, and also for putting part of Blenheim park under the plough, which was better use than it had ever been put to before.

Premier Conceded Only One Seat to Opposition South of Red Deer; Michener Hopeful

Edmonton, April 6.—The leaders of both political parties arrived in Edmonton in the course of their tour through the provinces during the election campaign. Both Premier Sifton and Mr. E. Michener have been during the past week touring the southern part of the province, and have spoken mostly at the same points, the Conservative leader following close on the heels of the premier. Mr. Sifton on his arrival here expressed satisfaction with his tour so far as it has gone. He said that never had such unanimity been shown among the people as to the record of the government. There was such general satisfaction with the work of those now in power that there was no doubt as to its return. The only question was how many members the opposition was to get in the next legislature.

The premier expressed his opinion that there was only one seat that could be conceded to the opposition south of Red Deer. There would be strong fights in many of the seats, but the return of the government with an overwhelming majority was the most certain thing of the election.

MICHENER IS HOPEFUL

Edmonton, April 6.—Mr. Michener, who arrived in Edmonton on his way to speak at Innisfail tomorrow evening, said that wherever he had gone he had been enthusiastically received, and things appeared to look well. He could not, however, express any sanguine expectation that the landslide would come that would overthrow the Sifton administration.

Mr. Michener, however, expects the Conservatives will be slightly stronger in the next house than in the last. He is confident that Hon. C. R. Mitchell will be defeated in Medicine Hat, but says that his own seat at Red Deer is not safe. In many other places Mr. Michener expects close fights, but concedes that the strength of the government with the farmers is such that it will take nothing short of a miracle for their defeat.