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CO-OPERATION OF CITIES.

Mayor Sinnott is right when he says that the weakness of our municipal system is largely due to the lack of continuity in the policy of the different councils. The establishment of the commission form of administration somewhat counteracts this grave shortcoming, and the extension of the term of office of aldermen, under certain safeguards, will do something towards making the municipal government of the city more intelligent.

There is another weakness, and that is the lack of co-operation among the cities and towns in the province. There is no manner of co-operation between the provinces and the different cities. That seems to be the manner of Canadian provinces. There are much closer relations between the states across the line and the cities and towns within them than there are between the provinces and the cities and towns here. In certain respects that is not to be regretted, and in other respects it is a defect in our system of government.

The state of Wisconsin is perhaps more widely administered in many respects than any other state in the Union. In it the iniquity of ultra-partisanship is not so apparent, and is not so prevalent. The state of Wisconsin acts as a ready assistant to the different cities and towns. It can supervise, give advice, and furnish assistance. It can undertake many things which one city cannot do. It has taken a general supervision over the accounting systems of the different cities and towns in the state. It has simplified the method of bookkeeping of the municipalities and made them businesslike and uniform. It gives technical advice of much importance in the installation of public utilities, sees that the corporations fulfill their contract, tests the services rendered by the corporations, and while not intruding upon the proper field of the different municipalities, assists them in hundreds of different ways.

This satisfactory condition of affairs can be reached only after some years of careful organization. A co-operation of the cities and towns of the province, under a central organization such as the province, would mean much to all. The department of municipal affairs has just been organized. Its first duty, doubtless, is to organize the different districts into rural municipalities, but it can do a service to the cities of the province as well.

MUNICIPAL NEWSPAPER FAILS.

After one year of existence, The Los Angeles Municipal News has been abolished, the farewell edition being published last week.

The Municipal News was conducted along lines somewhat similar to those outlined by Commissioner Samis here last winter for the proposed Municipal Bulletin, which the legislature refused to sanction. The reasons for its establishment in the first place, however, were different from those mentioned by Commissioner Samis; it was organized to give free advertisement and equal advantages for publicity to every aspirant for office, the local newspapers excluding many candidates from any publicity whatever, and so creating a condition such that no citizen was able to run for council except with the consent of some portion of the press. Of seventy candidates struggling for election, The Municipal News provided the only publicity which many of them were able to command. Every councilman for re-election was allowed half a column each week, and every candidate could purchase space at the regular rate, and if he received three per cent of the gross vote at the primary election his money was refunded.

The News strove to make city government interesting, and discussed editorially arguments for and against various policies. That all organized political parties in the city might have equal representation in its columns, three-quarters of a page in every edition was regularly appropriated to five of them, each party providing the matter to fill its

share of the space. This matter was usually dry platitudinous stuff, which commercial newspapers would not find it practicable to print. Other departments of the paper recorded the routine activities of the authorities, an effort being made to render the matter interesting by writing it up in the form of a story. It had features such as a comprehensive improvement record, which were valuable to everybody.

The paper was published every Wednesday, and was sold at one cent. Its management was in the hands of a board of three, assisted in its technical direction by a "managing-editor." Unlike other official municipal publications, it was edited with a view to approximation to the ordinary newspaper. In make-up and general appearance, it was similar to any well-printed newspaper. The usual typographical devices were freely resorted to, double-column heads, half-tone cuts and wide spacing giving the sheet a lively appearance. It printed a good volume of general advertising; no city, county or state advertisements were printed as such.

The News apparently died because of lack of interest. It was created in 1912 by order of the people by a vote of 58,143 in favor to 43,987 against; it was abolished this year by a vote of 15,778 in favor and 24,089 against. The discrepancy between these figures indicates that a great many citizens had lost interest.

Although The News apparently was one of the best managed and most satisfactory municipal journals of the kind yet published, and was organized in a municipality where conditions were such that it should have appealed to the electors and to candidates for office as a necessity, if ever such a journal is a necessity anywhere, it was a failure. Its defeat by the people whom it was supposed to benefit was a fair measure of its real value to the community.

Apparently this journal was conducted under very advantageous conditions and in the most business-like manner. Yet it met with no response, and its capacity for good service was limited by the refusal of the public to be interested—a fate which has overtaken many other journals of the kind, in various cities of America.

CLOSURE AND DIRECT LEGISLATION.

No person can believe now that the opposition in Alberta was serious in proposing direct legislation and in complaining that the government did not go far enough in the legislation which was adopted last session. These gentlemen applauded the Borden government for forcing through the naval bill in parliament at the point of the gun. Direct legislation and a closure bill are just as far apart as east and west.

The opposition in the Dominion insisted upon a general election to test the will of the people upon this very important legislation. The government declined to go to the country, knowing that the people would not endorse the Borden policy.

There was a third way open. That was to place the question before the electors in the form of a referendum. The answer to a series of questions would be the most direct expression of opinion that any people could give. The naval policy is one which the people could readily decide upon, because they all understand it.

But the government declined to place the question before the people at all. It refused direct legislation when it became a practical question. Yet some of the opposition in Alberta praise Mr. Borden for introducing the closure, and try to criticize the Sifton administration because its direct legislation is not more radical.

They are not consistent.

THE ENTENTE CORDIALE.

According to present arrangements, President Poincare will leave Paris on June 23 en route to London to pay an official visit to their Britannic Majesties. The chief of the French Republic will spend several days in the English capital, and will visit Windsor with the King and Queen; and we may expect a brilliant demonstration of the "entente cordiale."

Ten years have passed, it may be noted, since President Loubet paid his visit to the Court of London, in 1903, a pilgrimage which may be said to have definitely marked the inauguration of that "entente" which—beyond all doubt—is destined to leave an indelible impression on the history of the world. President Poincare's coming visit will be acclaimed by all well-wishers to France and Great Britain, two great nations which have played parts so prominent in the drama of civilization, and whose fraternization marks a long step forward in humanity's march to the inevitable, if as yet distant, federation of the world.

Editorial Notes

It is surprising that after all the warnings that Medicine Hat has had from cities which have been bitten by private owned street railways, that it is still considering a proposition with a private company.

Mr. Southam's Calgary paper, referring to the scandal in the Ontario legislature, asks why the charges which were once made against Frank Owen were never fully investigated.

The Calgary fair poster is unique, original and as a poster is artistic. The Calgary posters were always good, but that of 1913 is the best yet.

Another week has passed and E. B. Bennett has returned to Ottawa and has had time to get the ear of the premier and yet Mr. Borden has made no move to fulfill the promise he made many months ago about the natural resources. As an unfulfiller of promise, Mr. Borden is without a peer in politics in Canada.

The Conservative papers seem to

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

A Lady's Wardrobe Not Complete Without a Raincoat



YOU may have a half dozen coats for wear on special occasions; but your wardrobe is not complete without a raincoat—the handiest coat of them all, ready to shield you from rain and dust. At present our range of ladies' raincoats is most complete. That is one reason we call your attention to them today. The other reason is that we want to suggest a remedy for the next shower. And another reason is because we know you'll appreciate the splendid values they represent.

THE FAMOUS PARAMETTA RAINCOATS—Cut on straight lines; manish tailored; some with set-in sleeves, others are cut with Raglan shoulders; high close-fitting collars. Come in blue, grey, tan and green. Sizes 32 to 44. Prices.....\$5.95 to \$15.00
RUBBERIZED SILK COATS—Cut on loose lines with Raglan sleeves, high close-fitting collar. A special feature in this model is its very light weight. With each coat comes a case made of self material in which to tuck away your coat for convenience when travelling. Colors, tan, blue and green. Price.....\$21.50
A SPECIAL LINE OF UTILITY COATS—Made of Gaberdine and Tweeds. Gaberdine is a medium weight coat, while the Tweeds are heavier weights, and especially adapted for automobile and driving. Colors, grey, brown, tan and green. Sizes 32 to 44. Prices.....\$10.00 to \$30
MISSIS AND CHILDREN'S RAINCOATS—In the best styles and most durable makes. Price from.....\$3.95 to \$5.95

Beautiful New Art Scrimms Splendid Value at 25c a yd.

THE joy of beautifying and brightening the home is at once apparent in these lovely Art Drapery Scrimms just received. Some 2,000 yards in all and the prettiest draperies we've seen in a long time. They come principally in plain grounds with dainty artistic borders of blue, red, brown, green and tan, in white, cream or Arab grounds. These are best bought today, as we are extending a special introductory offer for this day.

Now to thoughts of brightening up the bedrooms, dining-room living-room and the home generally. A splendid selection to choose from, including goods worth up to 40c a yard. Special at.....25c

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Dress Shields in Complete Assortment

THIS section of "The Bay" was never so complete to attend to the wants of the Calgary ladies in the matter of dress-shields. We carry all the "worth while" makes, including Naiad, Onandoff, and Kienerts Featherweight, as well as full range of Garment Shields and Bust Supporters.
"Naiad"—Comes in sizes 2, 3 and 4. Price...25c, 30c & 35c
"Onandoff"—Comes in sizes 2, 3 and 4. Prices 25c, 30c, & 35c
Featherweight—In sizes 2, 3 and 4. Prices...25c, 30c & 35c
Garment Shields for.....45c, 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.85

A Hosiery Store Complete With the Best Values Paramount

THIS section of "The Bay" has become famous for its splendid qualities and remarkable values. And this season, more so perhaps than any other, we have gathered an assortment of women's hosiery so comprehensive that, no matter how particular you may be in your choice, we can confidently give the assurance that your requirements can be filled with every satisfaction.

Look to this store—a sure sign of exceptional qualities and splendid values in hosiery.

"Holeproof" Guaranteed Lisle Hose—Special feet and heels; double suspender tops; black and tan. Two qualities. Prices 6 pairs for \$2.00, and 6 pairs for.....\$3.00
Silk Lisle Hose—Duplex tops; hard wearing quality; in black and tan. 3 pairs.....\$1.00

SILK LISLE HOSE—In black and tan; specially well woven; Duplex tops; spliced heels and soles. Per pair.....50c
FAST BLACK COTTON HOSE—The highest standard of value; seamless feet. 5 pairs for.....\$1.00
"ONYX" SILK BOOT HOSE—In black, ivory and colors. Splendid value. Pair.....75c
"ONYX" SILK HOSE—Lisle tops and feet; reinforced heels; black and ivory. Pair \$1.50
"QUEEN QUALITY" SILK BOOT HOSE—Lisle tops, sole and heel; black, white, sky, pink and tan. Pair.....50c
An especially fine grade of fast black summer-weight COTTON HOSE—With natural feet; the comfortable style; spliced heel and toes. Pair.....25c

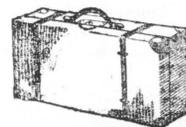
100 Suit Cases to Be Carried Away

\$6.00 CASES \$4.45 \$3.25 CASES \$2.35

A WEEK-END vacation, planned without a suitcase! Never! And it isn't always an easy matter to borrow one, you know. Here is an opportunity today to secure a dandy suitcase at a fraction of their original price. But remember the quality. Only 100 on sale at these prices.

50 Well Made Leather Suit Cases—With heavy brass lock and trimmings. Regular \$6.00. Sale Price.....\$4.45

50 Only Matting Suit Cases—Strongly made, re-inforced corners; brass lock and trimmings; two straps. Regular \$2.25. Sale Price.....\$2.35



The New Ratine Bordered Fabrics

Here's news that we are glad to give and which many ladies will welcome with delight—the new Ratine Bordered fabrics have just been opened. That they are about the smartest fabrics we've shown in the Wash Goods store in years is demonstrated by the avidity with which they have been seized upon in Paris and New York. Indeed in New York the demand almost exceeds the supply.

These new katinas come in bordered effects in plain colors of brown, Saxe and white, 40 inches wide. Per yard...\$1.50

Grocery Offer for Today

1 lb. choice Indian and Ceylon Tea, guaranteed. Regular, lb. 50c
1 lb. Finest Mocha and Java Coffee, regular.....40c
5 lb. Net Pail Pure Strawberry Jam, regular.....90c
1 bottle H. P. Sauce, regular.....25c

Regular.....\$2.05

NO PHONE ORDERS. Only one parcel to a customer. All orders taken in rotation. No C. O. D. orders.

Note: Owing to the enormous amount of orders received for sugar and other "Specials," we have been taxed to the limit. Extra salespeople, order clerks and deliveries are doing their utmost to fill orders with all dispatch. Orders for "Specials" will be delivered in rotation. Regular orders will be given special attention.

We trust that under the circumstances any slight delay will be overlooked.

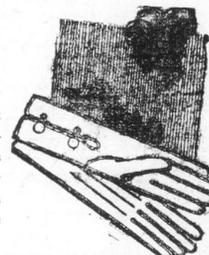
Extra Good Corset Values for Today

SAD indeed the fate of the gown without a specially planned corset beneath. That free unbroken length of line, the round, youthful waist and slenderly supple hips—all these are chiefly a matter of corset art. But as a rule these are found only in the higher priced corsets. Here are two special models, remarkable values, that will give satisfaction to the average figure.

SPECIAL D. & A. CORSET—Extra long hip; medium low bust; six hose supporters; very prettily trimmed with lace and satin. Extra good value at.....\$1.25
A NICE MEDIUM SHORT CORSET—For the average figure; trimmed with lace; four hose supporters. Special.....75c

"Kayser" Silk and Lisle Gloves

IN the buying of gloves, ladies can trust this store always, for the better makes and qualities. We cannot afford to sell any other kinds. Then, again, our buyers know every in and out of the glove market and travel with the understanding that only those qualities which have proven satisfactory are sufficient to satisfy this store. Hence, we have the famous



"Kayser" (guaranteed) Silk and Lisle Glove, for Women, Misses and Children.

They come in all the season's newest and best colors, including black and white, double tipped, perfect fitting, carefully finished and guaranteed. We make mention of a few "Kayser" makes today.

"KAYSER" SILK GLOVES—Double tipped fingers; in white, black, cream, champagne, greys, tans, browns, poncees, sky, navy, and pink. 12-Button length. Per pair.....\$1.25
14-Button length. Per pair.....\$1.50
20-Button length; white or black only.....\$1.75
"KAYSER" SHORT SILK GLOVES—In white, black, tan, grey, navy; two-dome fasteners; double tipped fingers. Per pair.....55c and.....85c
"KAYSER" SHORT LISLE GLOVES—Two-dome fasteners; per pr. 50c
"KAYSER" CHAMOISETTE GLOVES—Two-dome fasteners; per pr. 35c and.....50c
12-Button length. Per pair.....75c
14-Button length. Per pair.....\$1.00
"KAYSER" 16-BUTTON LISLE GLOVES—In black, white, tans and greys. Very special. Per pair.....55c and 85c
"KAYSER" CHILDREN'S AND MISSIS' LISLE GLOVES—White and tans. Pair.....25c
"KAYSER" CHILDREN'S AND MISSIS' SILK GLOVES—In tans, white and black. Pair.....55c