

Premier Sifton Will Address a Mass Meeting at Paget Hall Tonight

The campaign in behalf of the Liberal party will be opened at Paget hall this evening when Premier A. L. Sifton will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting to which all persons desirous of hearing the issues of the day from the government's point of view, are cordially invited. The first speaker of the evening will be the candidate for Center Calgary, who will be nominated this afternoon, followed by George H. Ross, candidate in North Calgary and Clifford T. Jones, candidate in South Calgary. The meeting will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.



THE CIRCULATION OF THE MORNING ALBERTA NON WEDNESDAY WAS 14,183

THE MORNING ALBERTA

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TWELFTH YEAR—No. 30

FIVE HUNDRED MILES OF RAILWAY EVERY YEAR AND 'PHONE FOR EVERY MAN

Meeting of the Sifton Government is Announced at Rousing Meeting at Medicine Hat in Behalf of Liberal Candidates of That District

CONSERVATIVE LEADER ASKED FOR PLATFORM
And Is Asked to Show Any Attempt to Place Good Legislation on the Statute Books; Hon. C. R. Mitchell Refers to Progressive Legislation

MEDICINE HAT, April 2—Continued progress and prosperity for Alberta, were the watchwords at a great meeting held in the Monarch theater here this evening in the interests of Hon. C. R. Mitchell, candidate for Medicine Hat and C. S. Pringle, candidate for Red Deer, the new and adjoining constituency.

The speakers of the evening, Premier Sifton and Mr. Mitchell, dealt on the progressive legislation which had been passed by the legislature during the last three years. They had been years of an ever growing and advancing Alberta, due largely to the policies of the Sifton administration. There was the railway and telephone policy developed in the province and the legislation tending to the more easy living and working of the employe on the farm in the factory and in the mine. The government would make no idle promises on the eve of an election simply for the purpose of catching votes and made but one single appeal to the country and that was on its record.

"If the people wished legislation in their interests, let them return the government for another term," said Premier Sifton, "and if they wished to be governed by the party which was tied down to the trusts and corporations, let them return the party now in opposition. It was simply for the people to say what they wanted."

Mr. Mitchell spoke in a similar strain and pointed out the poverty in criticism of the government and in every other line.

A Great Meeting
Nelson Spencer acted as chairman and the hall, accommodating over 1,000, the largest in the city, was filled to the full while three times as many more were turned away from the door. The streets were lined with eager and excited crowds who cheered the speaker as he made his way to the platform and with the escort of a band of brass bands. It was a holiday even for the restless and busy city of Medicine Hat.

Hon. C. R. Mitchell, minister of public works, who is candidate for Medicine Hat, said the wants of the government had been carried out in the best interest of the province as a whole.

"I feel that the workableness of the compensation act could be very much better," said Mr. Jones to the Alberta yesterday, "and it is my intention to propose achieving that betterment of the present act by the best features of the workmen's compensation act of the state of Washington."

"This would mean that the government would take over the operation of the compensation act and collect from the employers of those classes of labor affected by the act a fund from which the compensation would be paid. Under such a plan the various classes of employment would be classified on a ratio in which they are regarded as hazardous, extra hazardous, etc., and the employer under each class would pay into the government a stated sum for the class of workmen. Then when the accident occurred which injured or killed a workman, the government would simply pay over promptly whatever compensation the law provided for the class of workmen."

"By the adoption of this principle the persons entitled to compensation would be promptly, without expense or trouble, and at the time when it would do the most good, while the employer would be benefited in that such a law would save them considerable money. This is not a question for discussion, as the law of Washington is in force in the state of Washington some time, and the result of the investigation I have made concerning it has been that I am in possession of data demonstrating that the employers have paid less under the law than they did before the insurance was carried in the liability companies."

INTERNATIONAL WILL NOT ABANDON THE ALBERTA FIELD

Big Implement Company Intends to Continue Business Operations in Province, Notwithstanding Reports to the Contrary

WILL EXERCISE MORE CARE IN GIVING CREDIT
Advises Agents to Proceed as Usual, and Not Allow Agitation to Disorganize Selling Arrangements; Has Faith in Canadian Courts

The report was current in Calgary yesterday that the farm implement companies doing business in Alberta, concerned with the question of the field and putting in collectors, were the farmers and endeavor to coerce them into voting against the government, a letter was sent against the government for passing the farm implement bill.

TO AMEND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; CLIFFORD JONES
Liberal Candidate for South Calgary Would Add Best Features of Washington Law to Alberta Act; Would Benefit Workers and Employers

STATES POSITION ON THE SPRINGBANK DIFFICULTY
Thinks As People Bought Property Without Knowledge of Obligation of Irrigation District, Government, Should Pay All the Indebtedness

CLIFFORD T. JONES, candidate of the Liberal party in South Calgary, has a couple of bills brought in to the legislature which would appeal strongly to the electorate, inasmuch as they are based on a matter of common justice.

One of the matters in question has to do with the workmen's compensation act, the other deals with the position in which the people of the Springbank irrigation district find themselves in relation to the old irrigation scheme, in connection with which the bondholders are trying to collect through the medium of the sheriff, the interest on the bonds.

In relation to the one subject, Mr. Jones has for a long time been studying the question of the workmen's compensation act with the design of improving it by the extension of the benefits of the act to the beneficiaries under the act, and benefitting the employers as well.

As to the matter of the Springbank irrigation district matter, Mr. Jones says the position that inasmuch as fully ninety per cent of the people affected have come into the district since the project was so completely abandoned, the government should, without the slightest idea that any money was expended in the project, acquire the property that has already been largely signed. At a meeting in the West Calgary school house last night, D. A. Wright, W. Rowan and W. J. Treillis were appointed members of the committee which will wait on the premier today at 3 o'clock with regard to the matter.

A letter from Hon. W. A. Cushing on file in the district since 1908, was produced and read; the offer made at that time on behalf of the government, pledged the latter to pay the principal of the debt involved in the irrigation scheme if the district would pay the interest. The special legislation to ratify this was never put through.

Another meeting will be held in Orange Hall on Friday at 2 p.m.

Uncolored Truths About the Provincial Telephone System

THE QUESTIONS BEFORE THE ELECTORS in the present election campaign are big enough and of sufficient importance to justify the most careful and impartial consideration. Unfortunately, neither in the press nor on the platform are the questions at issue receiving the thorough and impartial consideration which they deserve.

THE ALBERTA TODAY begins a series of carefully and impartially written letters dealing with the big questions before the electors. The paper is prepared to stake its reputation upon the accuracy of every statement contained in these letters. **THEY WILL NOT BE COLORED.** They will deal in a straightforward manner with the issues before the electors. The Alberta invites comment or criticism from contemporaries, candidates for election or any other readers, and will gladly publish the same if brief and reasonable. This first article deals with

THE ALBERTA TELEPHONE SYSTEM. It will be followed probably in the order mentioned, by the provincial finances, the university question, the railway record, farmers' legislation, the A. & G. W. labor legislation, record of the opposition, the administration by the government, and other matters of like importance.

The Alberta government took over the Bell telephone system shortly after the inauguration of the present administration. Through the beginning of the question of public ownership from some members of the opposition, fortunately the principle of public ownership is now accepted by practically every person in the province. The Alberta telephone system will be an everlasting monument to Hon. W. H. Cushing, who conceived the idea and carried the transfer from private to public ownership to a successful conclusion. The province of Alberta was the first to establish a provincial system, and has been most successful in carrying it out.

FIRST ACT OF PROVINCE WAS TO REDUCE RATES
The first act of the government was to reduce the rates quite considerably. It has made other reductions in the last five years. The government has shown great solicitude in extending its service into all parts of the province. The aggressive campaign of the present administration has demonstrated the worth of public ownership enterprises. In another part of this paper two maps appear, showing the telephone system at the present time and at the time when the province took over the system. The new system has been able to reduce the price to customers, to pay all charges and to show a profit of \$407,000 in five years.

But as far as I can learn there has been no criticism of the activity of the telephone system.

WATERWORKS EXPERT EFFECTS SAVING IN SUPPLY
New Department Head Causes Repairs Which Prevent Great Waste of Two Million Gallons Per Day Resulting From Leakages Lately Repaired

Waterworks and Engineers' department has been reorganized and the new department head, Mr. J. W. Fawkes, has made repairs to city water mains affecting millions of gallons of water per day, which has been leaking away.

The greater portion of the water has been done in the vicinity of Eleventh street and Seventeenth avenue. When the ice goes out and the reservoir will be cleaned out and the bottom cemented, the waterworks expert will be able to take care of the water leaking away from the reservoir, the water seeping away through the bottom.

The whole distribution system is being examined and the conditions are very bad in some places. In some localities in the vicinity of Eleventh street, the waterworks department has been compelled to dig wells and install pumps to prevent water flooding streets. It has been thought that this may be caused by defective mains and an investigation is being made.

The waterworks engineer was rather reticent yesterday when interviewed by the Alberta, and would merely state that several big leaks had been discovered and were being repaired. A very considerable loss of water is evident, but the whole system is inclined to attribute this leaking faucets open all night in cold weather.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN PRELIMINARY MINCHIN CASE

Testimony of Treasury Clerk and Monthly Auditor Indicates Lack of System in Tracing Entries to Original Source

AUDITOR'S CLERK FINDS GLARING ERROR IN COURT
Charles Boyd Forced to Admit Overlooking Alteration Involving \$5,000, Which Was Made While Monthly Audit Was in Progress

The preliminary hearing of Harry Minchin, former assistant city treasurer, was concluded in the court before Justice Saunders yesterday, judgment being reserved until this afternoon. Two witnesses were heard, the first being Kenneth J. Morrison, a clerk in the treasury department, and Charles Boyd, an auditor in the employ of J. B. Watson Co., who conducted monthly audits during the period in which the alleged embezzlement took place.

The most important points brought to light indicated a very lax method of conducting affairs in the treasury department, and further, that the monthly audits were largely of a superficial character. Morrison testified that in making up the cash receipts for the day the several weekly keepers made up a memo of their receipts, which he then carried over to the cash book and handed this with the money to Minchin at the close of each day's business. The cash book was made up each night from data contained in these sheets of paper, but the slips had not been saved. Thus it was impossible to trace entries of the days' business to their original source.

Minchin testified that he had retained the memo of the receipts in his pocket with the exception of the figures \$510.23. He followed Morrison in carrying the sum to the general cash book and thought the figures were in the receipt book of Minchin each night. Bank deposits the following morning had been checked with the receipt slips of the previous night, the custom being that the receipts were in the receipt book of Minchin each night. Bank deposits the following morning had been checked with the receipt slips of the previous night, the custom being that the receipts were in the receipt book of Minchin each night.

POOR ENTRY SYSTEM
Entries were made from the receipt book to the general cash book as much as from 10 to 15 days apart. There appeared to be no systematic method.

FATHER OF PROBABLY DEAD YESTERDAY
Rev. Joseph White, Formerly of Ottawa, Passed Away at Advanced Age of 82

Rev. Joseph White, aged 82 years, and formerly a resident of Ottawa, died yesterday at the home of his son, R. C. White, 251 Third avenue N. West, about 11 o'clock. He was a native of Ontario and had resided in Calgary only two weeks ago. Mrs. White predeceased him in October of 1912, and four sons are left, R. C. White, J. P. White, W. J. White, and J. W. White, of Winnipeg; W. G. White, of Vancouver; and J. L. White, of Greenwood, B. C.

The remains were removed to the undertaking parlors of A. M. Shaver, 1206 First street east. Funeral arrangements have not been completed as yet, and announcement concerning the funeral will be made later.

NO WARRANTS HELD FOR MEN ARRESTED AT HAT
Vancouver, B. C., April 3.—Because the warrants on which their arrests were ordered have not arrived, two Medicine Hat men named J. W. McLaughlin and G. L. Dunham, who were unable to get bail, though they have been in custody for six days. An application was made by their solicitor, George Dayton, this morning for their release on habeas corpus proceedings, on the ground that they have been detained in custody without being brought to trial for an unreasonable time. "Both the men are well known and good citizens, and can get any amount of bail either in Vancouver or Medicine Hat," said Mr. Dayton. They are charged with obtaining money by false pretense. Mr. Justice Murphy adjourned the application until tomorrow.

Water Storage Tank on Nob Hill
Plans were completed yesterday for the water storage tank on Knob Hill, and the work of excavation will be started next week by the waterworks department. When the excavations are completed a 1,000-gallon steel tank and pump will be installed. The work will be completed early in the summer, and an adequate water supply for the district will then be assured.

BRAVE MONTENEGRINS GO TO THEIR DEATH IN FINAL EFFORT TO TAKE SCUTARI

Two Hundred Bomb Throwers, All Picked Men, Make Deliberate Sacrifice of Their Lives in Successful Assault on Tarabosh Fortress

IT WAS A DEED THAT WILL LIVE IN SONG AND STORY
Under Murderous Fire Cut Wire Entanglements, Scattered Bombs Among the Turks and Opened Way for the Storming Party and Victory

BORDEN WILL MAKE NO PROMISES ABOUT OUR RESOURCES
Says That There May Be a Conference With the Provinces on the Subject Some Day, But Will Give Nothing Definite

QUESTION DISCUSSED AT SESSION IN COMMONS
Question of Changing the Constitution to Give the Maritime Provinces Better Representation is Also Mentioned in the House

Ottawa, April 2.—E. N. Macdonald, premier of the Dominion, was asked today if there would be any action taken this session for the purpose of fixing the minimum representation of the four original provinces of confederation. He argued that it had been the intention of the fathers of confederation that the representation of the four original provinces should not decrease, but events had not worked out as they expected. There was no redoubt in his mind that there would likely be at the next, and it was important that if the government was going to move at all they should do so this session.

Mr. Borden said the subject was an important one, and regarded by many people as the most desirable, though it was plain it was not to be attained without difficulty. It would be difficult to make satisfactory progress until there was a conference of the provinces. It was expected that there would have been such a conference last summer, but it was not held. The premier said he had been informed that such a conference was likely to be held during the present summer, and he would heartily encourage suggestions that had been made by the member for Pictou.

WHAT THE GREAT WEST DID YESTERDAY
In Victoria: The bank clearing for March was \$15,335,494; last year, \$15,243,577; increase of \$91,917. The building permits in March amounted to \$648,075.

In Winnipeg: The Custom receipts were \$340,042; last year, they were \$360,000. Building permits represented \$1,001,000. The building permits include dwellings at a cost of \$33,500.

In Assiniboine: The C. P. R. divisional point, placed on the market on October 11, now contains 500 sheep and 200 buildings. Over 100,000 bushels of grain were shipped during the first month of the year.

In Moose Jaw: The building permits in March figured \$168,135, the total for the first three months being \$257,171. For the same period last year they were \$26,000, being an increase of 308 per cent. The clearing house figures for the month were \$4,870,184; last year, \$4,216,320, an increase of 15 per cent.

In Regina: The stamp sales for March were \$174,000; last year, they were \$124,900. Forty picked British farm hands arrived yesterday for Regina district. Special attractions have been secured for the late exhibit, \$200,000 have been added to the price list.

In Edmonton: There were 316 permits issued in March, valued at \$715,000. The Canadian exhibit has commenced erecting the steel work carrying the tracks over the Jasper Avenue subway to the new depot being erected.

In Calgary: Building permits to a total value of \$700,000 were issued yesterday. The exhibit has commenced erecting the steel work carrying the tracks over the Jasper Avenue subway to the new depot being erected.

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