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# CIVIC NOTES

## WESTERN PROVINCES

**BAWLFI, ALTA.** The town was incorporated nearly seven years ago and has a population of almost 400.—The fire protection consists of a chemical engine of 100 gallon capacity and two concrete cisterns, each holding 800 barrels.—Natural gas has been discovered, which will provide light and heating.

**BOW ISLAND, ALTA.** A contract with the drilling company for the first municipal gas well has been signed.

**BRANDON, MAN.** The telephone exchange was gutted by fire recently, causing a loss of \$100,000.—The Carnegie corporation has offered a donation to the city for a library, on condition that a certain sum is raised annually towards the maintenance.—The municipal street railway has proved a great success; during the recent Dominion Fair an average of 14,000 passengers daily for ten days, were carried.

**BROADVIEW, SASK.** While testing for water for a well contractors struck a strong flow of gas.

**BROOKS, ALTA.** The population has jumped from 200 to nearly 800 in the last two years.

**CALGARY, ALTA.** A by-law is to be submitted for a permanent tuberculosis hospital.—The Canadian Flaked Potatoes Company is the name of a new corporation; this concern will consume the entire potato crop of all the producing centres in the Province.

**EDMONTON, ALTA.** The civic census just completed gives a population of 67,342 in the city proper.

**MELFORT, SASK.** In August 1914 a pageant will be held to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the initial attempt at agriculture made near here at Fort La Corne by the French explorer, Chevalier de la Corne.

**NELSON, B. C.** The local gas company and the local street railway are in financial difficulties; the city is thinking of municipal ownership as a possible solution of a rather serious situation.

**NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.** Tenders have been called for the construction of the new Drill Hall in Mahon Park.

**PORT COQUITLAM, B.C.** The city's new waterworks system was formally opened by the Mayor, who was presented with a silver key.

**PORT MOODY, B.C.** The C. P. R. plans for a line along the north shore from this town to North Vancouver, have been approved by the Railway Board.

**PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.** The Grand Trunk Pacific will build a grain elevator with a capacity of 10,000,000 bushels.

**QU'APPELLE, SASK.** It has been decided to dredge the Qu'Appelle River from this town to Lebrez Lake.

**REGINA, SASK.** A local company has been organized to erect a flax mill, elevators and oil storage tanks,

**ROSTHERN, SASK.** The Council has decided to submit a by-law to purchase a 50 horse-power gasoline fire engine, and equipment necessary; also for the building of two 30,000 gallon tanks, and probably two smaller ones for water reservoirs.

**SASKATOON, SASK.** Work on the Dominion Government interior storage elevator will commence this fall; the elevator will have a capacity of 3,000,000 bushels.

**SOUTH VANCOUVER, B.C.** The Board of Trade is planning the building of public market.

**VANCOUVER, B.C.** The Amalgamated Dry Dock and Engineering Company of this city, is applying for a subsidy for the construction of a floating dry dock.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.** The seventeenth annual convention of the League of American Municipalities was held here last month.

## NOTHING DOING

A certain Western City has an invaluable asset in a City Engineer who is not only very clever technically, but absolutely honourable. He is also a man of few words.

To this city came a smart contractor from south of the line, intent on getting a certain contract. He met an Alderman who has a sense of humour, and told him that there was two thousand dollars to be divided among "the boys" if the contract came his way, and asked who was the right man to see. The humorous Alderman told him that the only man who could work it was the City Engineer. So off he went to "fix it" with the Engineer.

In a very short time he was back again, evidently a mad and disgusted man, and broke out, "What sort of an Engineer have you got here anyway? He must be a blithering idiot."

"Why, how did you get on?" enquired the Alderman.

"Get on"—indignantly said the contractor, "I didn't get on; I got out."

"What did the Engineer say?"

"He didn't say anything, confound him", said the U.S. man; "that's the worst."

"Well, what did he do?" persisted the Alderman.

"Well, when I got into his private office, I told him that there was a couple of thousands for some one if the contract came my way, and explained that he could have it to divide as he liked. He just stared at me, and I did some more explaining. When I stopped, he never said a word—only just stared, and touched a button. Then a burly looking man came in, and Mr. Engineer said rather savagely, "Show this person outside, and don't let him come in again. That's all he said".

Needless to say that American tenderer did not get that contract. The humorous Alderman enjoyed the joke, but the other man failed to see it.