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HEADS IN THE SAND

The homely maxim, illustrated by reference to the habit of the timid ostrich, that an object which is an offense does not cease to exist because we bury our heads so deep in the sand that we cannot see it, is apparently beyond the comprehension of the Tory intellect.

Obstinately blind to the unmistakable significance of the result of the recent election in the province of Saskatchewan, The Toronto Mail and Empire, once more summons its readers to a wake for the "corpse" of the reciprocity issue, whose decayed remains in the neighboring province so recently disturbed the peace of those who gathered to celebrate its obsequies.

In common with all who profess the political faith of the trade restrictionist, The Mail and Empire may be excused for desiring the death of the policy of larger markets which received in the last federal election the support of almost half the total number of voters in the Dominion. The unquestioning submission of the Western farmer to the demand that he shall sacrifice his best interests to serve the ends of the Eastern manufacturer might well give cause for rejoicing to the Toronto organ of the manufacturers. No one will quarrel with that journal for anxiously watching the trade issue in the hope that the blow which it received in September might prove fatal.

UNDESERVED ABUSE

In view of the habit, recently contracted on this side of the water, of casting abuse at the privy council when the decisions of that august body upon questions appealed to it from the courts of Canada are not in accord with the popular wish, the protest entered by Toronto Saturday Night is not unwelcome.

The complaint has been too frequently made that this final court of appeal displays a bias in favor of wealthy corporations as against municipalities. Speaking of the decision in the case of the town of North Toronto vs. the Toronto Power Company, the Toronto journal says: "It is asking too much of the privy council to expect that they should step in on behalf of a faraway municipality in the parliament of Canada has itself been in its duty and indifferent to the interests of municipalities. If the privy council, which is not an elective body, undertook to perform the duty of house cleaning for every parliament of the empire, they would soon find the task beyond human capacity."

Even Toronto Saturday Night seems in part to misapprehend the functions of the privy council. Not only is it too much to ask that this body should undertake the task to which reference is made, but it would be absurd to make the request, since compliance would be impossible. The privy council, like the inferior courts that have made the decisions which it revises or confirms, exists for the purpose of deciding matters of law. When a matter in dispute between a municipality and a private corporation is submitted to this body for settlement, it is concerned, not with ethics but with law, as the meaning of a clause in an agreement between the two parties in dispute is the only question that the court can decide: "What does this mean?"

There can be little doubt that, in pursuing such arguments, the individual members of the court, intelligent men, are frequently impressed with the folly which leads municipalities to make agreements without a proper regard for their own interests.

As a court, however, this is a matter with which the privy council is not concerned. It is not within its power to rescind municipalities from the inevitable results of past follies, and Toronto Saturday Night does well to point out that those who desire to place the blame for those results would do better to apply their whips to the Canadian legislators which have carelessly sanctioned the agreements from which trouble has arisen.

ALDERMAN IS CONSISTENT

At the meeting of the board of health yesterday, Alderman Hester resigned from the board for the reason that he could not remain on the board and act with officials for whose dismissal from service he had voted.

Alderman Hester took the ground that the investigating committee having recommended the dismissal of the medical health officer and one of his assistants, and he having voted in the council to put that recommendation into effect, he could not act with those officials without stultifying himself.

The position of Alderman Hester is a perfectly correct one. If believing the recommendation of the investigating committee was justified, as he evidently did when he voted to put it into effect, he were to remain on the board and act with the officials he had gone on record as holding unfit for their positions, he would not only be very inconsistent but by thus stultifying himself, he would be put in the position of condoning and upholding the action of the administration in refusing to comply with a mandate of the council, which in point of fact, the adoption of the report embodying the recommendation, was.

We do not think there is any doubt but Alderman Hester's constituents will warmly endorse his action.

QUESTION OF REDISTRIBUTION

The Halifax Herald, the Conservative organ in Premier Borden's home city, is protesting against the idea that a federal election should be held within a short time after the passage of the proposed redistribution bill, which always follows the taking of a census. The reason for the Herald's protest is very apparent. That paper, as well as most Canadian papers, knows that the present government, after almost a year in office, has failed to make good, or to do anything that would entitle it to a renewal of the snap verdict which it received last September. That verdict was secured through a misconception of the true meaning of the reciprocity issue. That question is by no means dead, as was very forcibly demonstrated by the result of the recent Saskatchewan elections. As a matter of fact, it is gaining ground the better it is understood, especially among the agricultural classes.

The proposed redistribution bill will add greatly to the representation from Western Canada, while the representation of nearly every one of the eastern provinces will be decreased. At next election the balance of power in parliament will be from west of Lake Superior, and the Herald fears the result of another general election. It will, however, be a disgrace if Western Canada is left without the representation to which it is entitled by increase of population for any very long time after the redistribution bill is passed, or that the bill should be long delayed.

In commenting on this phase of the question, the Regina Leader says: Admittedly, redistribution is work which cannot be accomplished in a day. Reasonable time must be allowed the government in carrying it out. But there can be nothing more than reasonable lapse of time for the completion of redistribution and for the election which must follow. If the government and its newspapers like the Herald attempt to play the game of politics in this matter, then so much the worse for the government. The doctrine of the far deal still has its many followers in the west and other parts of Canada. Unfortunately, however, the course of the government so far does not give much reason for being especially sanguine that it will keep fancied considerations of political expediency in the background in this matter any more than it has done in others.

APATHY OF RATEPAYERS

Despite the fact that the ratepayers of the city were urged to turn out and vote on the by-law to raise \$82,000 for sewer connections, and that it was well advertised both in the newspapers of the city and on the street cars, only a very light vote was polled. Only 208 voters took the trouble to go to the polls, of which 105 voted for, and 43 against the by-law. This apathy is also the more noticeable in view of the present criticism of the health department, on account of the number of typhoid fever cases in the city, due, it is charged, to unsanitary conditions.

On August 23, a by-law for \$405,000 for filtration plant and water works extension will be submitted to the ratepayers. If more interest is not taken in the by-law than in the one of yesterday the city may be saddled with an additional debt of almost half a million dollars by the votes of a few people. On the other hand, the by-law may be defeated through the apathy of property owners who are fully aware of the necessity for a filtration plant to ensure a constantly pure supply, and for water extension to the outlying portions of the city. The result of the report of the investigation committee has apparently been to only arouse a passing interest in municipal affairs, so far as the taxpayers give more attention to by-laws, that are submitted for their approval, they cannot expect a very efficient municipal government.

SEWER EXTENSION MONEY BYLAW IS PASSED

Despite Publicity Given Election Vote is Very Light, as Usual

Vote on Water Extension By-law, Providing for \$405,000, Occurs August 23

Despite the publicity given it preceding the election on money by-law 1323 yesterday, the measure which provides for \$82,000 worth of sewer extensions was passed by the comparatively small majority of 26-23 votes. The total vote cast on the by-law was only 208, of which 105 were for and 43 against.

The vote on this by-law yesterday, which affected many residents of the city directly in the way of benefits, regardless of the interest that all ratepayers naturally have in money by-laws, illustrates the fact that most citizens will not take the trouble to vote so frequently. Ratepayers are claiming that some system should be devised to avoid such frequent elections. On the other hand, it is pointed out that there is serious objection to lumping together a lot of important by-laws and asking the public to vote on them in a bundle.

A much more serious question will come before the ratepayers on August 23 next, when the \$405,000 issue of debentures for the purpose of putting in a costly extension to the water system and constructing a filtration system. This is a matter of great importance among a great many citizens on the advisability of incorporating both these measures in the same by-law. In spite of this fact, and the fact that the measures affect vitally the finances of the city, not to speak of the public health, the city officials fear that there will be a light vote on the measure.

GREAT LAKES COLLISION; SOME NARROW ESCAPES

Five Women Clad in Night Dresses Rescued; Had No Time to Dress

Heroic Work by Captains and Their Crews Prevented Loss of Life

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 8.—Five women who, clad in only their night dresses, were rescued from the steamer James Gayley when that vessel sank yesterday in the Minto bay, after a collision with the steamer Rensselaer, arrived here today. They are Mrs. E. G. Russell, Miss Edith Russell, Miss Stetson and Miss White, all of Buffalo, New York, and Mrs. E. H. Meyers, of Watertown, N. Y. They were scantily clad and had to replenish their wardrobe here.

When the collision occurred these just named and fifteen members of the crew of the Gayley were taken on the Rensselaer, but that boat, having been damaged in the way by the collision, it was feared might not be safe, so the rescued passengers and crew of the Gayley were again transferred, this time to the steamer Stedman.

Miss A. H. Norton and three other men were picked up from a yawl boat by the Corlies, consort of the Rensselaer, an d taken to the Soo. Heroic work by Captains M. Stewart of the Gayley, and Capt. C. D. Stead of the Rensselaer, and the crews of both vessels prevented loss of life. Quickly and calmly the two captains and their men went about the work of rescue, and Captain Stewart did not leave his ship till just before she sank, which she did twenty minutes after the collision, but not before every soul on board had been taken off.

The Gayley and her cargo, 7,100 tons of coal is a total loss. She was not insured and the loss will be \$500,000. The Rensselaer, which is 100 years old but her bulkheads held her up and she came into Marquette under her own steam.

PASSES WERE PLENTIFUL ON INTERCOLONIAL

At Moncton Inquiry Newspaperman Told of Getting Them and Selling to Others

Passes Were Complete Except as to Name and Destination; He Filled Them In

Moncton, N.B., Aug. 8.—The inquiry into the alleged improper use and sale of intercolonial railway passes was resumed this morning at 11 o'clock, before Commissioner W. Hazen Adair, of Sussex. Elmer W. Ferguson, of the Montreal Herald, formerly city editor of the Montreal Transcript, gave evidence of rather sensational character. He said that in June or July of 1909, while living in Moncton and working as a reporter on the Transcript, he had obtained a number of I. C. R. passes from Dr. C. A. Murray. He said it was generally known that Dr. Murray had a large number of I. C. R. passes, and he had asked for them. He got two or three on the first occasion.

The passes were complete except that the names of the party by whom they were to be used and the destination were not filled in. They were numbered, stamped and countersigned by Thomas Evans, who was chief clerk in the superintendent's office. He received no instructions from Dr. Murray about filling them. He sold the one to Mr. Messervey, a commercial traveler. He did not remember the destination filled. Messervey knew that he got passes on newspaper account, and asked him if he could not help him in his expense. He replied not that way, but he might get some outside. He got \$24 from Messervey and kept the money. He sold other passes in the same way.

SNAPS TO "SNAP UP" TODAY

Candy Specials Treat Yourself Tomorrow

These weekly specials from this popular section of the big store, are becoming extremely popular with Calgarians with a tooth for sweets. These for tomorrow: Robertson's wrapped Lady Caramels, reg. 40c. lb. Special 30c. Assorted Chocolates, regular 40c. lb. Special 30c. Fudge, regular 40c. Special 25c. Cowan's Milk Chocolate, Coffee Drops, reg. 60c. Special 50c. Mott's Nut Milk Chocolate Bar, 4 for 25c. Grocery Phone 6131



95c Should Make an End of These \$1.50 Wash Skirts

We haven't given such values in Ladies Wash Skirts this season, nor have we heard of better values offered at any time. To sell sales in this section and to make room for other goods now on the way, we have reduced them to almost half the original price.

Women's colored wash skirts in black and white duck, natural Holland linen and natural colored lawn. Not a great quantity, but in good range of sizes. Made in plain and attractive tailored styles. Regular value \$1.50. Today and Tomorrow 95c

Today's Fruit Favors

Order your fruit today from the Grocery Section for the week-end. You'll be doubly favored—qualities and prices. Fancy Valencia Oranges, usual 50c doz. for 35c. Plums, choicest brands, basket 25c. Choice Table Peaches, per dozen 25c. Apricots, basket 35c. Fancy California Lemons, usual 40c doz. for 30c. Choice Table Pears, per dozen 30c. Apples, early varieties, 4 lbs. 25c. Apples, early varieties, box 2.75. Grocery Phone 6131

A Notable Sale of Dainty Lingerie Party Dresses

Never mind the whys and wherefores. Just count it your great good fortune to run across such interesting news, and make the most of it. We'll tell you, though, that such values as these have slim chances of repetition.

The collection, our regular stock, includes dainty lingerie and voile dresses, charming creations for evening wear for fall and winter, afternoon teas and other social functions, graduation and dinner gowns. American and New York models that must be seen to be appreciated. Here's a partial description of four picked at random from the lot on sale today and tomorrow.

A fine quality voile trimmed with insertion of real linen torchon and heavy embroidery in rose pattern. Another dainty voile dress in the popular Marie Antoinette style, trimmed with fringe, heavy padded embroidery and baby Irish yoke. A pretty creation in voile in heavy Macrame and fillet lace with touches of American Beauty Red. An all-over embroidery gown in the new one-sided effect, peek-a-boo embroidery and many other charming and delightful creations. All have been reduced for today and tomorrow after the following fashion: \$10.00 dresses \$7.95; \$12.00 dresses \$11.95; \$10.00 dresses \$14.95; \$25.00 dresses \$19.95; and so on. Make an early start for the Bay Today for the prettiest styles are bound to be snapped up first.

A Coat and Suit Sale Worth Talking About—Every Serge Suit and Coat - Half Price

Today and tomorrow women can choose from our entire stock of smart Cream Serge Suits and Coats at exactly half the original price. Just imagine the saving to those who are planning a new suit or coat for this season. We have never offered such an exceptional bargain from this popular section in months.

Mostly plain tailored styles with a few novelty effects, such as cream corduroy and fine cream serges with blue stripe and cream with reseau stripes. The suits run— 1—size 36, regular \$30.00 for \$15.00 1—size 36, regular \$32.50 for \$16.25 1—size 16, regular \$35.00 for \$17.50 1—size 18, 36, 38, regular \$36.00 for \$18.00 1—size 36, regular \$39.00 for \$19.50

The coats run as follows— 2 cream, fine black stripe, sizes 38 and 40, original price \$15.00. Sale price \$7.50. 3 coats, sizes 36 and 40, regular \$13.00. Sale price \$6.75. 1 coat in size 36, regular \$21.00. Sale price \$10.50



Announcing The Arrival of Beautiful Parisian Tunics

The news of the arrival of these exquisite and fashionable Parisian Tunics will be welcomed by a host of Calgary's society. Coming just before the royal visit their arrival will be deemed most opportune. Not only will they be made up for the social functions during the "Stampede" week, but they will be worn by leaders of fashion in many events the coming season. These robes reflect the height of fashion and good taste.

These are altogether, exclusive effects that are a triumph of the designer. They come in white, sky, grey, amethyst and black; made of fine silk net and chiffon and profusely trimmed with sequins, seed beads and bugles. Some are further enriched by patterns worked in silk thread and ornamented with rhinestones and jewels and finished with seed bead fringe.



Lace and Embroidery Remnants at Half

One of the general clean-ups that this section undergoes from time to time and an occasion looked forward to by many a woman who appreciates a big saving. Flouncings, Swiss edging and beading, val and torchon laces, all-over laces, etc. A big collection of remnants, in which you will find what you need. Today half price.

Finest Groceries Specially Priced Today

Housewives in every corner of the city have learned from experience that buying their grocery supplies from "The Bay" gives greatest satisfaction; qualities are always high; prices are invariably lower than elsewhere. For today we mention: Christie's Delicious Slab Cake, lb. 35c. Soda Biscuits, regular 50c tin for 30c. French Pense "Fines" genuine, regular 20c for 15c. Finest Shelled Walnuts, lb. 40c. E. D. Smith's Raspberry Jam, 5 lb. pail 75c. Fancy Cleaned Jams, 2 lb. sack for 20c. Cowan's Cooking Chocolate, 1-2 lb. cake 20c. AT THE PROVISION COUNTER Ham, 10 to 12 lbs. Friday Special, lb. 21c. Bacon, side or half, Friday Special, lb. 23c. Cooked Ox Tongue, Friday Special, lb. 40c. Cooked Chicken Loaf, Friday Special, lb. 50c. Cooked Ham and Veal Loaf, Friday Special, lb. 40c. Queen Olives in bulk, Friday Special, pt. 30c. Dill Pickles, Friday Special, doz. 20c. GROCERY PHONE 6131

Big Saving Attached to This Line of Hose

To make a long story short, these hose should have been received two months ago, and here they are only opened up Monday. The recent strike is responsible for the delay for this splendid history comes from "Morley's", England. This makes it noted for their fine quality, style, fit and finish. Today stock up at the special price. 25 dozen ladies' fine line hose with lace ankles, some with cashmere wool feet. All sizes from 8 1/2 to 10 in black only. Regular 35c and 40c. Today 25c

You Get a Snap on These Yutaka Mats

Oriental designs, in a wide range of colors, though the price in the ordinary course of events is small. Today and tomorrow they are still smaller. Too small to pass up. Sizes 27x64. Regular \$1.00. Sale price .70c. Sizes 36x72. Regular \$1.50. Sale price \$1.10

White Wash Belts

25c Values, 2 for 25c. It is not every day Calgary women run across such bargain news, but it's a way "The Bay" have of giving surprising values. Imagine two beautiful wash belts, daintily embroidered in a variety of designs, for the price of one. That's one of the bargain treats in store for you today. Make the most of it. Regular 25c. Today 2 for 25c

One Hundred Ingrain Rugs To Be Swept Out At Generous Savings

What glad tidings this news will bring to those housekeepers who have a room they want to add a handsome rug to. Greens, browns, crimsons, blues, tans, and remember that in each and every case today's price is much lower than regular. Hudson's Bay marking, but qualities are high. Hudson's Bay prices are low always. Today and tomorrow they are lower than usual. Listen: Sizes 2-1-2x3, reg. \$10.50. Sale price \$6.95. Sizes 3x3, regular \$12.00. Sale price \$7.50. Sizes 3x3-1-2, reg. \$14.50. Sale price \$9.50. Sizes 3x4, reg. \$16.00. Sale price \$11.75. Sizes 3-1-2x4-1-2, regular \$18.75. Sale price \$13.75

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

BOY SCOUT, MANLY LAD, LOSES LIFE AT FRANK

Frank Alta, Aug. 8.—Richard Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilcox, lost his life this afternoon by drowning while swimming in a pond. With a number of other boys young

Wilcox went swimming in what is known as the "swimming hole," a pond caused by the Old Man river backing up into an old channel. In one place the water is very deep, and the lad, who had just learned to swim, tried to swim across the deep hole. Whether he was taken with cramps, or from being but a poor swimmer was unable to make the distance across the deep water, the boys with him were unable to say, but they saw him sink

and went to his assistance, but were unable to save him. Assistance came quickly, and though the lad was taken from the water in a very few minutes, and a physician was at hand who did everything possible, the boy's life could not be saved.

The incident is particularly distressing, as the lad was one of the most promising and likable boys of this district. For his age the boy had an especially good business head, and was

in charge of the local business of the "41" Market company. He was a leader of the boy scouts in the Pass district, and was deservedly popular and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was 17 years of age.

My son, the best service of the Want Ad is that it brings you at once into personal contact with you man. Through a Want Ad you meet on common ground, without apology or reminders.