

The Issue of This Campaign is R. B. Bennett, the Alberta Elevator Trust

R. B. Bennett is the issue in this campaign. His presence in this fight, leading on in the battle against the Sifton government has completely altered conditions. R. B. Bennett is the elevator monopoly in this province. He does not deny it. He admits it on the platform. Here we have the elevator monopoly in the form of R. B. Bennett coming from Ottawa to do his utmost to defeat the government which has passed legislation breaking that gigantic elevator combine. It is the fight of Bennett, the elevator monopoly against the government that in the interests of the farmer is breaking the elevator monopoly.

Is there need of breaking that elevator monopoly? The Albertan has been collecting market returns from the different towns throughout the province. Its figures are taken from its weekly exchanges. Here are some of the prices that are given at the elevators for barley and oats. Vulcan Grain Report—Wheat 47c 66c; Oats 15c 20c; Barley 28c 30c. Camrose Markets—Wheat 46c 64c; Oats 15c 20c; Barley 23c 30c; Flax 50c 80c. Ponoka Markets—Wheat 45c 65c; Oats 15c 20c; Barley 27c 30c.

Didsbury Markets—Oats 15 1/2 20 1/2; Wheat 61c 62c; Barley 28c; Rye 40c. This is a very good sample of prices throughout the province. The prices in the city of Seattle, which is not so very far away, according to the excellent reports in The Post-Intelligencer, for oats is 47 cents a bushel. It reports that oats are 53 cents a bushel in eastern Washington. The price of wheat is 84c 96 1/2c a bushel. Barley is 70 cents and Rye 66 cents. Oats are selling on the street markets in Great Falls for 50 cents a bushel. Flax is \$1.23 3/4 in Minneapolis.

When R. B. Bennett, who is getting a strange hold upon the grain business in this province, comes here to grapple with the government which has taken its life in its hands to defeat the elevator monopoly in Alberta, the electors should know pretty well what is in the best interest of the province. It is a fight to a finish between the elevator monopoly, the grain monopoly and other monopolies which are at the throat of this province and the government which, through the Elevator act, the Farm Machinery act and other acts have shown its determination to help the farmers against these corporation attacks.



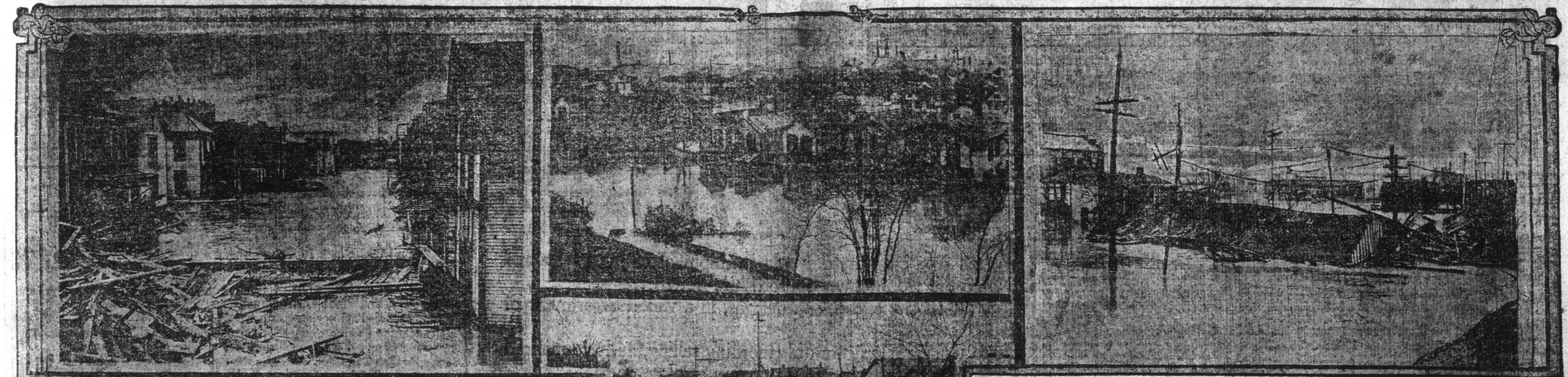
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THESE PICTURES WILL GIVE SOME IDEA OF THE DEPTH AND POWER OF FLOOD WATERS AT DAYTON



ALBERTA MAY LEAD ALL CANADA IN GIVING WOMEN VOTES

All Three Liberal Candidates in Calgary Place Themselves in Favor of Equal Rights in Politics for Women of Province; Women Are Delighted

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION GETS SPLENDID RECEPTION

Calgary Business Men Subscribe Liberally When Solicited for Funds With Which to Land Big Convention of International Body Here

RUSSIAN INJUSTICE SLAIN BARE; STORY OF PLIGHT OF ALBERTANS

Three Alberta Home-Struck After Absence of Ten Years, Are Seized Upon Return to Native Land and Exiled to Siberia Without Trial

THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT THE FINANCES OF THE PROVINCE

(By W. M. Davidson)

POLITELY DECLINES TO LOWER THE PRESENT RATE FOR GAS

Officials of the Company Are Very Polite About It, and the Power Situation Makes Them Sorry, But They Simply Cannot Make Out in Price

ENUMERATORS MEET WITH INTERFERENCE WITH THEIR WORK

Men Making Up Election Lists Report That Persons, Apparently Party Workers, Have Questioned Householders Till They Refuse Information

FIRST MOVE IS MADE FOR SOCIAL CENTRE IN CALGARY

Very Successful Meeting of Residents of Hillhurst and Sunnyside Is Held, and Plans for Organization Discussed and Approved Of

IS INITIAL STEP OF A DISTRICT MOVEMENT

To Use Schools As Educational and Social Community Centres on Evenings, Saturdays and Holidays for the Benefit of All the People

CANDIDATES BELIEVE GOOD WOULD FOLLOW

Calgary Certain to Have a Cabinet Minister Obligated to Press for Legislation to Put Franchise for Women Into Effect; Proposal Pleases

FAKE SOLICITORS WORKING WITHOUT AUTHORITY

Two Strangers Pretending to be Representatives of Local Union Call on Merchants, and at Least One Is Known to Have Been Deceived

ACCUSED OF EVADING RUSSIAN MILITARY LAW

Gershu Tarsus Relates Weird Tale of Inhumanity; Supported by Written Corroboration of British and American Consuls in Czar's Domain

IN THIS AGE WE DO BUSINESS ON CREDIT

This is a province of credit. Debt, public or private, does not frighten people. We all do business upon borrowed capital. That is necessary if we are to take advantage of the many golden opportunities presenting themselves. The man who is not in debt is either retired from business or an unprogressive man who is too dull to do business. Every person who is doing his best for himself and for his country is in debt. It is no disgrace. Of course every person is trying to clear himself, but the general view of business is changing. Debt is not the terror that it once was. Every nation is in debt, every province in Canada is in debt. The younger and more vigorous of the provinces are very much in debt.

SO THE PRINCIPLE OF A PROVINCIAL DEBT IS ONE THAT NEED NOT BE DISCUSSED

If a new province is to expand, it must spend money upon development. There is only one satisfactory method of getting money for large enterprises that need immediate attention and that is by borrowing it. The man who waits to save enough money out of his pay check to launch out in big business is not likely to get very far in building up a big business. So that the mere fact that the province is in debt some millions of dollars is in itself no proof that the government has been reckless or extravagant.

THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HAS A DEBT OF \$14,166,000

The opposition object to its dimensions. They say that it really means \$40 a head, which in four times that of the province of Ontario. But Alberta has a population of 500,000, and it requires but an elementary knowledge of arithmetic to find out that the per capita debt is \$28. Besides, the province of Alberta is quite as large as Ontario, and has less than one-fourth of the population. It takes as much money to build a bridge across a river in a province with a population of 500,000 as in a province with ten times as many people.

THE DEBT OF THE CITY OF CALGARY IS ABOUT \$12,000,000

Estimating the city with a population of 75,000, the per capita debt is \$172 and yet no person says that we, Calgary, are heavily involved in debt. Edmonton has a debt relatively larger than the city of Calgary, yet the taxpayers have authorized bylaws calling for the expenditure of five or six million dollars just as soon as they can borrow the money.

MONEY BORROWED TO EXTEND TELEPHONES

The electors should satisfy themselves upon two things. Is the expenditure leading to all this borrowing wisely and economically made, and does the province afford all the borrowing? The opposition has never complained of a single item in the expenditure. The members have not raised a voice against one single item in current account or in the public debt. That is a fairly good indication of the wisdom of it. Let us examine the leading items causing the public debt. The telephone system is responsible for \$5,800,000. I do not believe that there is a person in Alberta who regrets that the telephone system is as it is. It is a profitable investment. It pays its own way, providing for the interest on the investment. That should not be included in the debt because it is no burden upon the people. It is a profitable investment.

THE SITUATION IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Conservatives Seek to Have Election Postponed; Prominent Men Tender Support to Dr. McDougall

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C. P. R. OPPOSES SAMPLE MARKETS ON PRAIRIES

Saskatoon, April 4.—Thomas Acheson, C. P. R. general grain agent, said here today: "The C. P. R. is strongly opposed to the establishment of a sample market in this province, and I consider that it would be a great injury not only to the company themselves but to the country and farmers generally. A sample market would mean that all grain cars will have to be delayed at Winnipeg for a period of 24 hours, whereas now they only need to be held about six hours."

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