Commissioners has been given power to make an investigation into the

financial condition of any municipal-

ity and to advise on the best means of relieving financial pressure. And the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council

has the right to discharge the civic

fathers and to appoint a receiver should this be deemed necessary. The Legislature has by no means loosened its grip on municipal ad-ministration.

ministration.

Over-expansion in any form has been successfully checked. All municipal expenditures have to be approved by the Public Utility Commissioners. Calgary last year, for example, had considerable difficulty in obtaining leave to build a bridge, the necessity of which undertaking.

the necessity of which undertaking could hardly be questioned. But then, Calgary has the reputation of plan-

ning big things in advance. The de-benture indebtedness of the city is about twenty-three million dollars,

and, according to Commissioner Samis, it would have been about fifteen millions had there been sane development. The city has eighty-two miles of street car tracks, of which half are in pavement, with sewer and water mains in proportion.

Probably about half of this expan-sion would have sufficed but for fool-ish speculation in land.

The agitation for "home rule" for cities, which was sponsored by the Mayor of Lethbridge, has died a natural death. While the Legislature decided not to bolster up the credit of any municipality, yet it is striving to obtain uniformity of pre-

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cedure and evidently intends to re-tain the power to interfere, where necessary, in city government. It will do so obviously through the Public Utility Commissioners.— Angus Lyell, in Toronto Star Weekly.

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satin are much in favor. The petite

girl should choose instead the lace and

net frilled models of georgette or net and simpler models in satin or taffeta.

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fortable and hygienic and yet gives

to the figure the proper style lines.

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ing frocks for little girls are the smocklike dresses developed in Eng-

lish sateen designed on the simplest

lines and trimmed only with a little

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summer apparel, but one of the most

pleasing uses is that of black frocks in taffeta or satin, effectively trimmed or combined with white or ecru lace,

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PAYING PRICE OF BOOM

TAXES ARE AWAY UP IN ALBER-TAN TOWNS.

Cities and Other Communists Paid Big Price for Expansion That Proved Unnecessary, And Are Now Loaded With Debts-Wildcat Subdivisions Would Not Realize Any Money If Put Up In Tax Sales.

O-DAY the West is reaping the results of the overexpansion of the "boom" period. There is hardly a city, town or village in Alberta which is not suffering financially because of foolish expenditure in the days when the boosting of land values took up a good deal of most men's time. The building of sidewalks and the installation of waterworks and electric light plants are modern conveniences, but such in themselves can hardly create healthy and permanent growth. As an argument for the sale of town lots, such improvements and facilities usually helped much, the buyer generally overlooking the fact that a day would come when the town's borrowings would have to be repaid.

Had the development continued, conditions might have adjusted them-selves. With a substantially in-creased population, the debt for each inhabitant would have been less. But in most of the towns the anticipated development did not mature, and the city fathers are to-day somewhat puzzled over matters of finance. In the cities, too, there are debts to be met which can but lead to a heavy rate of taxation. Calgary now has a rate of forty-seven and a half mills; Camforty-nine; and Macleod sixtysix. Wetaskiwin has had to impose a tax on incomes; Medicine Hat, a tax of ten per cent, on rentals; and Athabasca is just about "broke." Poll taxes have been introduced in several places, in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, for example.

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The difficulty of collecting taxes on vacant lots has created a serious problem almost everywhere. Tax sales have been tried and have now been made compulsory. But these cannot be said to have been satisfactory. Last year Calcary was factory. Last year Calgary was unable to sell lands on which taxes were in arrears to the extent of nearly one and a half million dolars. So far only about five per cent. of this has been paid. The city will in due course acquire title to the land, but it will be interesting to leave the it will be interesting to learn what use it can make of vacant lots in "wild cat" subdivisions. And meanwhile it is facing a shortage of over two and a half million dollars in its sinking fund as at December 31 last. The urgency of the situation in general is reflected in the time given at the recent session of the Legislature to the discussion of municipal problems. Perhaps more time was devoted to municipal legislation than to any other thing. Apart from amendments to city charters such as those of Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat and Leibhridge, certain

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news laws were enacted which affect all municipalities. It was decided that every city, town, village or municipal district should make a valuation of its lands FARMERS should make a valuation of its lands this year, and every fifth year thereafter, so as to ensure equalization of assessments. These appraisals, which will be made by local assessors, may be changed if considered unfair, by the Assessment Equalization Board of the Department of Municipal Affairs. Authority has been taken from the Minister of Municipalities to dismiss and appoint councillers, where necessity for such stap existed. What the Minister can now do is to arrange an election for the filling of vacancies. But the Board of Public Utility Commissioners has been given power

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