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WHAT WE HAVE WE SHOULD HOLD

During the last few weeks fires have been raging in the timbered portion of the Porcupine Hills, doing an enormous amount of damage.

The timbered area of Canada is greater than the timbered area of the United States.

Conservation is the proper thing. Preserving is better than building up. The province should spend a little more in preserving what we have.

EXAMINING THE BYLAWS

If the Taxpayers' association will make a careful study of the by-laws submitted to the ratepayers and report fairly, intelligently and fearlessly, that association will do a very excellent work.

For the last year or so the ratepayers have taken the law in their own hands and have killed several by-laws.

This unusual course on the part of the ratepayers has been due to the fact that some by-laws have been submitted to the council and passed by the people, which were not carefully thoughtfully drawn, and also because the public did not get sufficient information about some of the by-laws which were voted upon.

The by-laws are frequently advertised in a somewhat technical manner, and recently have been bunched together in such a way that one section kills the other.

This is considerable power to place in the hands of one association. But it must be remembered that the members of the association are very much alive to the advancement of the city and are very loath to condemn any by-law that is presented, and would favor any expenditure likely to be of advantage to the city.

THE QUESTION IN A NUT SHELL

It is many weeks since the Albertan first gave the public a glimpse of the unfortunate railway transaction in brief form. It has published the objections from time to time since, and every day the objections have become more, eviler and much stronger.

A band of promoters, without railway experience of any kind, upon a discounted note of \$500,000, secured a guarantee of bonds from the government, and it is even suggested that he will disobey the order of the court.

Why doesn't the government insist upon these men giving evidence? The relations between the A. & G. W. and the government were much different from the relations between the ordinary railway and the ordinary government.

These people sold the bonds guaranteed by the province for a surplus of \$100,000, or thereabouts, not a dollar of which comes to the province.

With this guarantee the company proposed to build a very poor road. Dr. Waddell said that he was refused to build it on the specifications that were offered him.

The guarantee was for \$20,000 a mile for a distance of 300 miles, though the real distance was not more than 250 miles, and the cost would be less than \$15,000 a mile, and the company was not compelled to operate the road.

Mr. Cornwall's engineer estimated the cost at less than \$12,000 a year.



UNCLE SAM—I wonder if I signed too soon.

The government papers say that Mr. Cornwall did not give the government the details. He wanted a guarantee of the province for the company's backer.

Dr. Waddell said that Clarke did not intend to operate the road when built, despite the fact that there was some such agreement in the bill.

Now, there are some of the facts, and not a line of that can be disputed or questioned. The people should be able to decide for themselves about the value of the agreement that the government has made.

WHY DO THEY FIGHT SO HARD?

Why does Clarke decline to appear before the royal commission to give some information about this A. & G. W. transaction. He can throw a lot of light upon the deal.

Why do the Winnipeg members of the railway fight so hard against giving evidence? Mr. Minty seemed prepared at one time to give evidence and it was in Edmonton that he got the notion that it was better for him to lay low.

Why do these gentlemen not come forth and give evidence? No person has answered. No person has made an effort to answer.

ELIMINATE THE COMPANY

(Edmonton Bulletin) The thing to be borne in mind in connection with the Alberta and Great Waterways project is that there are \$7,400,000 lying in the banks, for the repayments of which the province is liable and the interest on which the province must see paid.

There are some who think that the company have any money with which to pay the interest it must be assumed that the party which will have to do the action.

To eliminate the company would thus remove all interests which would have to be considered in the disposition of the money other than the interest of the people of the province.

There are two other sources from which this interest can come. The company must pay it or the province must do so.

Obviously, the first thing to do is get the company out of the way. If they are putting nothing into the concern they might better never have been in it.

Any money by-law which receives the sanction of the Taxpayers' association is almost certain to be carried.

General Lord Kitchener marched from the Atlantic to the Pacific without giving out any more information to the newspaper men than that he had Premier Rutherford himself.

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And Lethbridge should remember that the publicity literature is only 64 pages in length and no wise man would think of beginning to do justice to a rising city with less than ten times that volume.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Why? If Clarke and Minty didn't do anything, why are they so afraid to tell about it?

Do men fight for their lives to hide the publication of negotiations which are honest?

The government has not cancelled the Clarke contract up to the time of going to press.

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If Calgary keeps on with eight, ten and twelve store buildings, we shall soon be considering the sky-scraper as a factor in our building by-law.

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A Value Quartette of Summer Wash Goods



THESE sales announced for Wednesday are bound to win their way to the affections of the woman whose ambition is to have two or three dainty, cool summer dresses for the coming season.

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INDIAN HEAD SUITING---This is one of this season's newest summer dress suitings and is here in ten of the most popular new shades.

Now for a Pretty Silk Waist or Two From These Exceptional Savings

The very special character of Wednesday's value offerings from the Silk Section is given extra significance by the high character of the materials involved.

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FANCY SILKS---We are clearing out a lot of fancy silks of splendid quality and newest effects.

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as soon as the Goose Lake extension arrives in the city.

The elevation of Governor Hughes to the United States Supreme Court Bench removes one of the most interesting and promising figures from the live politics in the United States.

The correspondence which a public man receives upon a public matter is looked upon as public however it may be marked or regarded by the public man, which makes the sensational midnight flight with the files an somewhat more of interest to the public than some would have us believe.

The argument of the Manchester Guardian that the neutrality of the Canadian navy in some British wars would be satisfactory, because as long as Canada is neutral no alarm need be felt for the defence of its borders or its commerce.

Here is the kind of stuff that makes the average Alberta man write some and then reach for his gun. It is from the Hamilton Herald and reads as follows: "These Alberta promoters, in their dealings with the Rutherford government were in the same class as the man who steals candy from a baby."

The Edmonton Bulletin was the pioneer newspaper of Alberta and has been doing excellent service for the province for the last quarter of a century.

It doesn't make any difference whether Mr. Cornwall expected to get a bonus from the Dominion government of \$2,700 a mile, or \$670,000 a mile, the fact remains that he estimated the cost of the A. & G. W. line at less than \$12,000 a mile.

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