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A MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY

The university situation in Alberta has not changed in any way since Chancellor Stuart of the University of Alberta, referred with regret to the indifference of the people of Calgary to the provincial institution and suggested that the provincial university might permit or direct one of its professors to give a course of lectures in Calgary.

The suggested remedy to the indifference of which Chancellor Stuart complains, fell so far short of meeting the trouble that his suggestion has caused but little discussion and very little interest. The people of Calgary believe that the real problem is not so much the indifference of the people to the provincial university as the indifference, and in some instances, the hostility, of the provincial authorities to a university of some kind in Calgary.

Conditions cannot continue as they are now. We have in Calgary a university organization with a small but competent staff, with meagre equipment but without degree conferring powers and technically without the right to call itself a university. The attendance at the Calgary institution is very good. It has demonstrated in its first year that not only is it needed here but that Calgary cannot proceed without such an institution.

There is no solution of the problem which does not include in the plan an institution of higher learning in Calgary, where students may get a university education and secure university degrees. That is essential. Where and how or by whom those degrees may be conferred is a matter of detail. University education for young men and women of this district is positively necessary. The sooner the department of education recognizes that fact the better.

Chancellor Stuart scouted the idea of a university which did nothing more than confer degrees, with colleges of instruction in Edmonton and in Calgary. Such an organization, he pointed out, somewhat resembled that of Manitoba which seemed sufficient to condemn it. But that suggestion, which is the only alternative that has been offered to that of giving Calgary university degree conferring powers, deserves much more consideration than he seemed inclined to give it.

Calgary university has been made possible by the generosity of a few public-spirited Calgary citizens. It cannot continue as such. It is not wise that it should so continue even if it were practicable. This is the democratic age and the people should control. If Calgary university is not to be

part of the provincial university then it should become a municipal institution and part of the educational system of the city. That might be the most desirable solution of the present problem. It would ensure a more definite policy for the university. Thus organized it would have a better standing and the legislature could not continue to refuse it the status of a university. It would still be a worthy object for the generosity of public spirited citizens.

The university is a Calgary institution at present and will continue as such for many years to come. It will be of great advantage to Calgary. It will form an essential part, not only of our educational system, but of our city life and of the lift of the entire district

A FALSE ALARM

The opposition cried before it was hurt. They declared with no uncertain sound that the government party had tampered with the ballots in Medicine Hat and Macleod. But the recount proved that the ballots were tampered with in neither, for in both places opposition candidates were declared elected. Now any election trickster, who is evil enough to tamper with the ballots, is evil enough to make a complete job of it.

But the ballots were not tampered with in either constituency. The opposition candidates got just the number of votes that they polled and not one less.

Here is another instance of a nervous party getting wrought up over a ghostly visage without any substance to it. It would be much fairer to the government and much better for the province, if the opposition would withhold these cruel and unfair criticisms until they had some foundation to build them upon.

THE REAL SEPARATISTS

The Nationalists are always Nationalists. R. B. Bennett may wave the flag by the hour to the amusement of many in Western Canada, and other professional flag flappers may do the same in other parts of the country. But the Nationalist is the Nationalist. He is the separatist and is a supporter of the Borden government.

When Mr. Southam's Calgary paper complains of the separatist policy of the opposition because it insists upon furnishing Britain with men as well as ships, the French Conservative newspapers insist that the Borden naval policy should be supported because it means nothing and that the money to be granted by parliament need not be spent.

L'Evenement is one of the most influential French Conservative papers in Canada. It is published in Quebec and is under the influence of the French Canadian leader, M. Pelletier, postmaster general.

Here is an extract from that paper published on May 2. It says:—

"It is sufficient to read this naval bill to grasp the fact that there is no real question of sending a single cent to England, but only a mere appropriation of a fixed sum which the government may spend in any way it pleases, and which it need never spend at all if circumstances change some of these days; for the bill specifies no date, place, or conditions, or even any obligation to spend the money. Liberals themselves admit that the British shipyards are now overwhelmed with orders, and that the Canadian vessels could not be commenced for a couple of years. Moreover, it is well known that when the Laurier Naval Act was adopted in 1909-10 a year and a half elapsed before the tenders from the naval contractors were taken into consideration; it would have been two years more, had these tenders been accepted, before the actual construction of the ships could have begun. Probably it would be the same with the ships which the present government will be authorized to have constructed, should the act ever become really operative."

"The public can now form its own conclusion about the comparative loyalty of the two parties in Canada.

The Poet Philosopher

BRINY TEARS
Once I met a gloomy mortal and I said to him, said I: "You should car-

Salt is also a great preservative. Meat can be kept for years by drying it with salt or packing it in brine, and fish are kept contented and unspoil for long periods by the same method. If all the other salt in the world were to be removed enough could be soaked out of the common or grocery codfish to supply mankind for several years.

Salt is also useful when reading the modern newspaper. If a pine hot salt is taken after every war story or political prophecy or estimated flood losses, the reader will preserve his original intelligence to a remarkable degree.

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Sidewalk Sketches

BEETHOVEN.
Ludwig Von Beethoven was a well-known musician who specialized on piano forte and could play just as well with one hand as the other. He was of foreign descent, but most of his music has been translated into the English language and is intelligible to anybody who knows a diminished eighth from a sideboard.

Vest Pocket Essays

SALT.
Salt is a season. It is not as pleasant a season as summer but it is a good deal more useful than winter. Salt is the most universal habit in the world. Even the animals are slaves to it. An animal which would scorn whiskey would travel a hundred miles to lick a chunk of rock salt.

BEETHOVEN.

Mr. Beethoven kept a piano in his home which he used to pit his voice against several times a day, between drinks, and at the age of four years young Ludwig began to toy with the diabolical scale and coax melody out of the tone chest. At nine years he could play a tune with his right hand and time time with his left foot, and by the time he was able to reach both pedals at the same time he began to compose

THE NEW TRAIN FROM WINNIPEG TO THE COAST.

The new train from Winnipeg to the coast, which will be in operation on June 1, will leave Calgary at 7:20 a.m., and will give an excellent opportunity for visiting Banff and other points in the mountains. It arrives at Banff at 10:40, and there is a return train from the same point in the evening leaving there at 8:15 and reaching Calgary at 11:15.

