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A SUSPICIOUS OFFER.

On the surface it looks suspicious that an offer to purchase the street railway system should be made when money is so scarce. A street railway system was suggested and projected in Edmonton years before the money stringency began.

There is a very general suspicion that the money stringency is not entirely due to natural causes, but that it has been artificially engineered by capitalists and by the banking institutions their control for the explicit purpose of enabling them to gobble up public franchises and secure control of publicly owned enterprises.

On the other hand the fact that an offer should now be made, or that a capitalist should now be willing to make an offer, suggests how valuable the street railway franchise is considered by men who ought to know and who doubtless do know.

CONDEMNED FOR ENFORCING THE LAW.

The Macleod Gazette, a newspaper that has never been friendly to the Liberal party, tries to make out that C. S. Hotchkiss, license inspector for that district and an official of the Alberta government, is persecuting certain people in that town.

"Some time ago License Inspector Hotchkiss came into town and calling in the aid of the R. N. W. M. P. proceeded to make a raid on Chow Sam and the houses of ill fame across the track, but with little result.

"Now comes the raid of the houses of ill fame again, and in our opinion the methods used were contemptible. While few towns in Alberta can boast of a more law-abiding community than we have here in Macleod, the general opinion of our leading citizens at the present time is strongly against the sneaking, extortionate methods used to

fish the fallen sisterhood of as much money as possible, and with hardly a decent regard for law and justice. The prostitutes even have a reverence for our laws, and such methods as were used in this case only brings our traditional British justice into disrepute.

"Do the license inspectors feel that they cannot trust these cases in the hands of such men as Chief Rhodes and our highly respected town magistrate, MacDonnell? These men have lived here for years, and have, and do now, hold responsible positions. Why then should the cases be taken out of their hands in so arbitrary a way?

The trouble of the Gazette is not that the law is not being enforced, but that it is being enforced and that where the local authorities do not enforce it the license inspectors do so, even at the risk of being considered "discourteous" toward local officials whose laxity permits the law to be systematically and repeatedly violated by keepers of dens of iniquity.

AN EDMONTON PROJECT.

Naturally enough the Calgary Herald is displeased at the proposal to erect a cold storage warehouse in Edmonton, assures us that the enterprise could never be made to pay, that if it was needed we would have had it long ago without any assistance from the city or the Government and argues generally that we are trying to do heaven in trying to disturb the foredoomed condition that Calgary should be the be all and end all of Alberta.

It may be assumed that the Herald speaks for the cold storage business and the cold storage proprietors of Calgary. What better proof than could the people of Edmonton want that there is profitable business for such a warehouse here?

On one point the Herald appears to be badly in need of information. It assumes that the Government bonus is a special favor extended to the Edmonton project and not given to the Calgary enterprises. This of course is erroneous. All the bonus the Edmonton project can get, and all its promoters have said they wanted is the bonus provided for such enterprises by the statute passed at last session of Parliament and which is quite available for cold storage warehouses in Calgary as in Edmonton.

Mr. Foster has been making speeches in Nova Scotia, dealing as usual with the tariff and dealing with it in about his usual way. According to the Mail and Empire he told his hearers in effect that the wicked Government had raised the tax rate and thus increased the burdens laid upon the people by their predecessors. Either the chief Conservative organ has been misinformed or Mr. Foster has been guilty of a wilful perversion of the facts.

The revenue derived from the tariff is greater now than when Mr. Foster signed the fiscal policy of the country, but that increase has not been produced by an increase in the rate of taxation as Mr. Foster knows quite as well as any man in the Dominion. And no man in the Dominion knows or ought to know quite as well as Mr. Foster that increases of tariff in bygone days did not produce an increase of revenue.

cause we had a policy of low tariff. Generally speaking the tariff stands now at about two-thirds the rate Mr. Foster and his associates tried to collect and couldn't. This is a matter of fact, not of argument, and if Mr. Foster deceived his audience it was not by specious or mistaken logic but by deliberate suppression or misrepresentation of fact.

It is just because the rate of the tariff was lowered that the proceeds from the tariff were increased. Under the system of raising revenue by tariff the Government does not fix the amount of taxes the people shall pay. The Government fixes the rate of the tariff but the people determine the amount of taxes they will pay through that tariff.

The very purpose of a high tariff is to prevent importation and its tendency cannot be other than to decrease the amount of revenue derived by tariff on imports.

The methods of dealing with its Toronto employees will contribute nothing to the popularity of the company in Alberta. On the contrary they will rally the people of this province more loyally than ever to the "live and let live" systems of the municipalities and the provincial government.

MR. MCCARTHY'S SLANDER.

The Calgary Albertan goes after Mr. M. S. McCarthy, M.P., for saying at a recent party gathering in that city that: "The Conservative party has never been beaten in Calgary when the ballots were honestly counted."

NO WOMAN-KILLER WANTED.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the troubles between the Bell Telephone company and its Toronto employees reveals conditions of service imposed on those employees which must be revolting to public sentiment. Briefly the Commissioners conclude that when it became a choice between increasing dividends and sacrificing the health of its operators the Bell company did not hesitate to demand the sacrifice that the dividends might be increased.

From the testimony given it would appear that from the manner in which the Bell Telephone company carried on operations during the past three years at the main exchange in Toronto, where this conflict between so-called business and health became apparent, in many cases, not only was the question of health a matter of small consideration, but the management knowingly permitted the work to be continued under condi-

tions and in a manner absolutely detrimental to the health of its operators. We believe that where it is a question between the money-making devices of a large corporation and the health of young girls and women, business cupidly should be compelled to make way.

Thanks to the enterprising spirit of several Alberta municipalities in erecting systems of their own, and to the Provincial Government in undertaking the construction and operation of a provincial system, the methods of the Bell company are not of such pressing consequence to the people of Alberta as they otherwise would be.

Not having found the Government guilty of murder and rapine the Quebec coroner's jury are exceedingly unpopular with the Opposition press.

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It is natural of course that the Calgary Herald should get hot when it thinks of a cold storage warehouse erected elsewhere than in Calgary.

Now is the winter of our discontent made perfectly ridiculous by comparison with meteorological conditions.

Curiously enough the Montreal Star is firmly convinced of the moral integrity of Mr. Hugh Graham.

Chinese servants in Vancouver have taken to the sheltered retreats of Chinatown until the storm blows over. And now the social troubles of the community will be aggravated by the pangs of acute indigestion superinduced by experimental cookery.

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Well, we should have an early spring anyway.

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CONSTRAINED TO PRAISE.

(Calgary Herald.) "Rumors have been circulated that the investigations of the alleged lumber combine by the Alberta government is not serious, and will not be prosecuted to a definite conclusion.

"While the case is subjudice it would be improper to comment on the evidence or on the method in which the case is being conducted. At the same time it may be said that had the Alberta government not desired to undertake a prosecution in this case it would have been comparatively easy for it to evade the issue by insisting upon the necessity of co-operation by the government of British Columbia before an adequate investigation could be instituted. The lumber case is evidently mixed up between the supply houses and the retail dealers, and from a political standpoint, there would have been a color of excuse in the attitude above defined.

The integrity of the Government is pledged to the bona fides of the investigation and the Herald believes that the investigation will be thorough and sincere. Should it result in a vindication of those who stand charged with conspiracy in restraint of trade it might be because such a verdict is in accordance with the evidence produced and not from any lack of desire on the part of the Attorney General to reach the bottom of the subject."

TRIBUTE TO HON. G. P. GRAHAM.

(Christian Guardian, Toronto.) Unless we very inaccurately size up the situation, the announcement of the appointment of the Hon. Geo. E. Graham to the portfolio of railways and canals in the Dominion cabinet will be received with very genuine satisfaction throughout the country.

Many other names had been mentioned, and among them those of men of character and ability, but we question if any other appointment would have caught the popular fancy so well as this one. We do not know that there were not a few who were somewhat uncomfortable until the matter was definitely settled, fearing lest this important and responsible position might fall into unworthy hands, for the name of at least one discredited politician was prominently mentioned as a possibility. Mr. Graham will give strength to Sir Wilfrid's government without doubt, as he has many of the elements that go to make up the popular politician in the better sense of that term.

He will prove himself also a useful and honored public servant in the broader field of operation to which he is now called, for his past record has shown him to possess the enduring qualities of straightforwardness and integrity.

THE NEMESIS OF MR. BORDEN.

(Toronto Globe.) The present political tour of Mr. R. L. Borden is as like a piece of Greek tragedy as anything Canadian life and condition could well furnish. Its chief characteristic is the nemesis that dogs his course from province to province; and, as in the Greek play, it is B's job—B's job—B's job.

the innocent that is made to suffer. Mr. Borden was not personally involved in the scandals of the Union Trust and of the western lands deals, although Mr. George W. Fowler's letter to "Dear Lefurgey," instructing him to "keep it mum, except to Borden, Bennett, and yourself," suggests how the Conservative leader escaped only by the skin of his teeth. He did, however, escape personal discredit, but the nemesis of the disgraceful proceedings which involved his political

MR. WATT'S ADVICE.

(Regina Leader.) The attitude of H. L. Watt, of the Canada Life Assurance Co., towards municipal ownership is typical of the attitude assumed by the great majority of eastern capitalists. He would have the municipalities devote their energies to paving and street-cleaning and other unproductive undertakings, leaving severely alone electric lighting, telephones and other productive enterprises.

Mr. Watt doubtless speaks sincerely, but he will have some difficulty in convincing the west of the wisdom of his utterance from any other standpoint than his own.

Had Mr. Watt taken the trouble to investigate the working of Regina's municipally-owned electric light plant, he would have learned how the question of municipal ownership works out under proper administration from the ratepayer's viewpoint. He would have learned that the people of Regina pay today 50 per cent. more for their electric light under municipal ownership than they did four years ago under private ownership; that they get their city lighted practically free of expense and are able to show a balance on the right side at the end of the year.

Mr. Watt's kindly suggestion that the people of the west should take the shell and leave the kernel for the eastern money magnates will, we think, fall on deaf ears.

THE HAMMER'S SONG.

Two carpenters across the street Proclaim by every hammer throb As plainly as in spoken word Just on what terms they took the job.

11—hammer sounding on my left The truth tells out in leasured way That he who grasps the hammer's haft This time is working by the day.

By the day, By the day, The hammer ringing to the right Tells forth with rapid steady throb That there the man behind the tool Is busy working by the job— Is busy working by the job— Is busy working by the job—

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Lacombe

The town of Lacombe, recently suffering from either or the money stringency building operations, its growth is both steady and rapid. It was one of a few houses, today it has 1,500 inhabitants, and a that will put it in the many years. It is a centre for one of Alberta's districts. Men who the soil around Lacombe

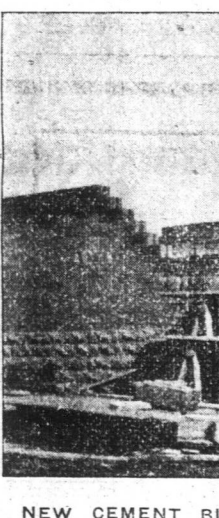


VICTORIA HOTEL

teen years boast that the what could be termed a and they claim that their labor will by no means be spite the somewhat uninvest weather.

The New School. A new \$50,000 school public undertaking in 1 year. It is to be a huge building to contain ten assembly rooms. The already up, and the remainder will be done as quickly as possible. It is only a few large frame school buildings in the town, but the of the last three years has accommodation, entirely. The corner stone of the was laid by Premier Rut

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NEW CEMENT BLOCK

erected, among which is the new residence of Mayor G. Gourley has the distinctive mayor of a town that has conserved its finances, and bring about the money sale of debentures. Apart school debentures, the decombe amounts to only \$ it occupies an enviable this particular.

A New Hotel. Among the new building construction is the Adey which is being built of concrete and presents a fine appearance completed, and it is fast on stage, the hotel will cost 000, which is a very good of the faith Mr. A. T. I proprietor of the new Ad in the future of Lacombe.

New Stores. Beside the new hotel but fine large store building Regina sandstone brick, and ring about the money market, is being erected by Urobb and will be a splendid addition mercantile establishments

ANNOUNCEMENT

I beg to announce that having failed to come to a satisfactory arrangement regarding my lease, I have decided to discontinue my business. I will commence a GREAT CLEARING SALE of High Grade Clothing, Furnishings, Boots, Shoes, and all of the merchandise carried in my stock, which consists of the best makes of serviceable merchandise that money and experience would procure. In order to give the prospective buyer an idea of this sale we will quote a few prices

Good Fleece-lined Underwear, good value at \$1.25, now 85c. a suit.

Men's Good Working Shirts, in the following well-known brands: H. B. K. Diamond Brand, Faultless Brand, King of the Road Brand, good values at \$1.00 and \$1.25, now 65c.

Good Sweaters, value \$1.50 to \$1.75, now \$1.00.

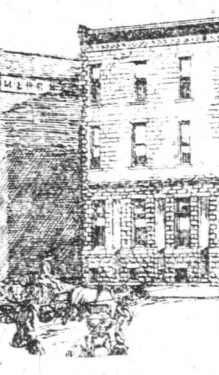
Men's \$10.00 Suits, \$6.50. Men's \$13.00 Suits, \$7.50.

Men's \$15.00 Suits, \$9.50.

Men's \$12.00 Top Coats, \$7.50. We passed 40 of these Coats into stock last week. They are a bargain at \$12.00. They will be yours at \$7.50 while they last.

Space will not permit to enumerate all the values, but I request every fair-minded person to call and see for themselves, and my staff are instructed to treat everybody courteously and gentlemanly whether they purchase or not. This is not a fake bankrupt or smoke sale. It is a clearing-out-of-business sale, pure and simple, and I take this means to sell my stock to the public as every honest man can do. Yours truly, S. F. MAYER.

S. F. MAYER EDMONTON, ALTA.



THE NEW