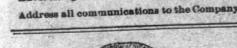


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UNIVERSITY LAND GRANT

The Opposition has been specially active in the endeavor to procure an adequate and ample provision for, not only the present, but future needs of the Provincial University...

"That in the opinion of this House, the Parliament of Canada should, out of the public domain, make a suitable land grant for the endowment of the University of Saskatchewan."

The autonomy terms contain no provision for university expenditure. The proceeds from the School Lands fund are applied to primary education. In other words, the Dominion Government, which has retained the lands of the province, has made no provision for the expense of carrying on the work of the University.

The best and practically the only way to reduce high rates is by specific legislation; by the insertion of clauses in agreements between railway companies and the government to the effect that in consideration for certain assistance, etc., the rates on certain kinds of produce or commodities shall be reduced by a stated amount within a given time.

This was the opinion of the present minister of the Interior, in 1903, when speaking on the bill to guarantee the Canadian Northern bonds, he said in Parliament:

"If I understand the general purposes of the Railway Commission, it is that it shall prevent discrimination in rates; that it tends to the equalization of rates, that it shall provide against the conditions which prevail throughout Canada when one town is discriminated against in favor of another, or where certain lines are made by one railway from another, it is not the equalization of rates that we need. As I said a few moments ago, we need that the rates shall be cut to the bone, that we shall get the lowest rate which it is possible to get in order to transact our trade."

What did Mr. Oliver ask for? Minimum rates. And he wants it placed in the contract guaranteeing the bonds.

The notable reductions in the freight rates of Western Canada, have been brought about by specific legislation; rather than by action of the Railway Commission, is the opinion of the best railway freight experts.

In his address before the Railway Commission in Regina four months ago, ex-Judge Phippen, counsel for the Canadian Northern, confirmed this opinion in the following words:

"We have the fact that owing to special circumstances created by the action of the government of the Province of Manitoba, the rates from the

follows in the house of commons on the Manitoba grant:— "Since we hold their lands it is fit that as we reserve lands for schools, so we should reserve lands for a university. But my opinion is that the scheme, the terms upon which these lands should be held, they also being treated as a sacred trust, ought to be settled by the people of Manitoba themselves and not by this administration."

Freight Rate Reduction Premier Scott has announced that his government will take steps to effect a reduction in freight rates on coal. A reduction in coal rates must assuredly be accompanied by a reduction in rates on other commodities, so that the announcement is of great importance to the people not only of this province, but also of Alberta.

The people will applaud any real effort for a reduction in freight rates. They will not be satisfied, however, with mere announcements. They know that reductions can be effected only through the setting in operation of certain machinery. If this be not employed, other pretended efforts are merely by-play.

Presumably, Premier Scott will attempt to effect reductions through the Railway Commission. No other course is open. During the last two sessions of the legislature, he threw away golden opportunities to procure such reductions through legislation by stipulating for them in the acts guaranteeing the bonds of railways. But not only did he neglect to act, he went further and said that there was no use acting; for the Railway Commission would adjust discriminations and remove all grievances.

head of the lakes to Winnipeg are lowered to a standard which we would not expect to find if these rates were governed by normal conditions, in no far as they affected that district. And we have this fact—that the rates to the City of Regina have benefited to the full extent of the reduction brought about by the action of the Province of Manitoba.

Here is another quotation: "The Assistant Chief Commissioner—Mr. Shaw says that if the agreement had not been made with the Manitoba government, that the present rate would be higher than it is."

Mr. Shaw—"That is it."

At a subsequent sitting of the Commission in Winnipeg, Mr. E. D. Martin representing the Board of Trade of that city, said:

"We claim on behalf of the city of Winnipeg that it is a fact that the rate is reasonably made lower from Port William to Winnipeg; first on account of a special arrangement made between the government of our province and the Canadian Northern railway, by which a lower rate was granted between Port William and Port Arthur and Winnipeg, and which the Canadian Pacific found it necessary to grant as well."

Incidentally, it might be said that the efforts of the Regina Board of Trade was to establish that the present rates discriminate unfairly against Saskatchewan points in favor of Winnipeg.

It is this manifest that the public must look chiefly to the legislature rather than to the Railway Commission for reductions in rates—except where unfair discrimination has been proven. It has also been shown that the notable reductions in Western Canada have been effected through direct action of the legislature.

It was through such means that Premier Scott himself formerly looked for relief.

DOMINION LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

The Dominion Life Assurance Company, whose annual report appears in another column, is a Canadian company which has forged ahead to a front rank among the insurance companies operating in this country.

Since its inception, twenty years ago, it has aimed to attain a reputation of sound and well-managed company, producing satisfactory profits for the policyholder. In following out this policy, it has had more regard for quality of business and good selection of lives than to mere volume of new business with the result that its death rate and expenses of management are exceedingly low.

In the year just closed the death rate per \$1,000 insurance was only \$2.48, and the interest receipts alone were sufficient to provide for the death claims for the year five times over, a most remarkable record.

Another feature which materially affects the profits to policyholders is the investment policy of the company. The Dominion Life, while exercising the greatest care in the choice of its investments, has aimed to secure for the policyholders good interest returns. Much of its funds is invested in the West, in city property and farm lands, particularly in the Regina district and the average rate of interest earned during 1909 was 7.21 per cent., a rate seldom attained by any Canadian company.

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PRESS COMMENT

(Mail and Empire) By the Springfield Republican the coming into the Canadian West of so many settlers from the United States is regarded as a good movement in that it will make for international good-will. While the Republican does not expect that it will lead to a movement in favor of annexation, that paper thinks it may stimulate the nationalistic ideal. It is difficult, of course, to foretell what may happen. But our experience may help them. They are so well satisfied with our democratic system that they like it, and become extremely Canadian and British.

(Saskatoon Capital) A certain much-displayed advertisement for a soap company, bearing the words, "He won't be happy till he gets it," seems to offer representation to a University. Now, according to the Regina press, they are going to have a Methodist College down there. One would think that the Methodists would have enough foresight to see that in the years to come a church institution beside the university of Saskatchewan will not only be more in the interests of the institution itself, but will be in the direct centre of the church work. If Methodism is going to grow apace with other denominations.

(Calgary Herald) A proposed amendment to the immigration bill directly prevents the admission into Canada of Europeans who do not come from the western or northern portion of the continent. This is a sign of the advancement of Canada, for there was a time when we did not appear to be very particular as to those we allowed to come over, but cheerfully set about the work of assimilation. Now Canada is so well advertised that we can afford to pick

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and choose and the result is that it is proposed to keep out all those who live to the north east of the 20th and south of the 60th degree, and also the Asiatic Turks. Included in the area which is under the ban is Turkey in Europe, Greece, Serbia, Eastern Roumelia, Bulgaria and portion of the Caucasian province of Russia.

Te memories of ancient Greece will not help any, descendants of the old heroes will not receive any more consideration than will the sons of the Turkish horde that swept westward in the old days. One of the members said when the bill was up for discussion: "We do not want immigrants to come here to hew our wood, dig our water, plow our fields and dig our coal. We want them to be one with the happy, free and independent citizen of Canada in forming a nation; and I intend to keep out all people except those of western Europe who have the same hereditary as ourselves."

(Grain Growers' Guide) The Saskatchewan Government announced at the Prince Albert convention, that a commission of five men would be appointed by the government very shortly to inquire into the elevator situation and recommend improvements in the interest of the farmer.

Of these five men, two are to be nominated by the Grain Growers executive one is to be an independent farmer, outside of the Grain Growers' Association, one a practical elevator man and the fifth an economic expert.

This looks alright on the face of it, but as the investigation is being carried out because of the demands of the grain growers, it should certainly be in their interest. There should be a majority of grain growers on the commission. It was announced at the convention, by the secretary of the association, that he had the positive assurance of Premier Scott, that there would be three representatives of the Grain Growers' association on the commission. Despite this, however, there was no announcement to this effect carried from the government.

The convention showed its feeling on the matter very plainly and passed a resolution demanding three representatives of the Grain Growers' association as members of the commission. This should be adhered to strictly. It is absolutely necessary that the majority of the commission be favorable to the demands of the Grain Growers, and this cannot be assured unless the Grain Growers nominate three members of their own commission, or approve of their nomination. The economic expert, as the other two members of the commission, will be able to supply the technical knowledge. Such a commission of five men should be able to present a most valuable report. No time can be lost. The government is already acting, and if the Grain Growers show any sign of weakness, the commission will not be appointed according to their demands. Let every Grain Grower who is interested in the matter take hold of it in earnest, and back up the executive in the terms of the resolution passed at the convention. The executive will no doubt take the matter up with the government and demand that three members of the commission be Grain Growers. Such a demand, if backed up by resolutions from all the local branches in the province, would carry immense weight and would receive the earnest consideration of the government. Victory is in sight for the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan, and their grasp. The government has received a direct mandate by the unanimous vote of the legislature, and will take action immediately. Probably the commission will be appointed in the course of a few weeks and will enter upon its duties. Let every individual Grain Grower take it up by letter to Premier Scott, and demand three Grain Growers on the commission. Then it should be discussed by every local branch and if the feeling is the same resolutions should be passed to that effect and forwarded to the premier. The convention elected strong men as directors and executive for the ensuing year. It also outlined the duties of these men on the elevator question. The duties of the Grain Growers do not stop there, however. They must still continue, and see that their executive is properly supported in this great matter which is of vital interest to every farmer in the great province of Saskatchewan.

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SHOOTS IN REVENGE

Jealous Girl Shoots Fickle Lover—Prominent Manitoba Farmer Seriously Wounded. Souris, Man., Feb. 20.—In what is alleged to be the result of a jealous frenzy, Lottie McCullough, a domestic residing at Carroll, twenty-five miles southwest of Brandon, shot at Fred Carroll, son of A. H. Carroll, a member of the provincial parliament, and inflicted serious injury.

On Monday last Fred Carroll was married to a Miss Sharpe, a daughter of a Carroll farmer. This it is alleged, so angered Lottie McCullough that on Friday at 7.30, she knocked at the door of Mr. Carroll's residence and, when Mr. Carroll responded to the knock, she fired point-blank, the bullet lodging in the man's abdomen. According to information so far received, she spoke no word but deliberately pulled the trigger.

The girl has been arrested and is lodged in the Souris Jail. A charge of attempted murder will probably be laid. Lottie McCullough shows no regret at having shot Fred Carroll, and while she apparently intended to commit suicide, she is now anxious to see Carroll die rather than to avoid a murder trial. A letter Miss McCullough laid with her cousin, Mrs. Udell, with whom she was recently staying for a couple of days says why she murdered Carroll, and ended her own life, thereby indicating her intention of suicide. She and her sister came from Lotus, Durham County, in the fall of 1908, she hiring with the Carrolls. A pretty and bright girl, she was a general favorite and she claims that Fred seduced her under promise of marriage. The result was she went to Winnipeg and gave birth to a child in the Misericordia Hospital. She, however, had kept her condition from observation, and returned to Porters, where a letter from the hospital announced the death of the infant which had been left there. The girl appar-

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