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CONTRACTORS TO TALK WITH UNION PAINTERS

But the Painters Say That Their Wage Scale Must Prevail. IF NOT THEY THREATEN TO WALK OUT ANY DAY. Both Painters and Carpenters Complain About the Low Wages.

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DAY LABOR BEATS OUT THE CONTRACT LABOR

The City Makes a Test and Finds That the Old System is the Best. THE CITY WINS OUT BY ABOUT TEN PER CENT.

Tenders Called for on Request of Taxpayers Association. Contractors have proved themselves unable to compete with the city when it comes to laying sewers and water mains, according to Commissioner Graves.

The lowest bid submitted was 30 cents a cubic yard for excavating loam, earth and loose gravel. The other three contractors bid on both the sewers and water main. Their bids for excavating loam and gravel were as follows:

Sewers—John Breckenridge, Calgary, \$1.60; Davidson & Westaway, Edmonton, 90 cents; A. C. Stewart & Co., Winnipeg, 20 cents. Water mains—John Breckenridge, \$1.55; Davidson & Westaway, 80 cents; A. C. Stewart & Co., 20 cents.

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According to Mr. Graves, he will be able to show that the city can beat the price of the contractors, and if he does the taxpayers' association will have to be good for awhile at least in casting reflections as to the cost of doing work by the public works department.

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ANOTHER MAN RUNS AWAY FROM COMMISSION

Faulkner Dodges a Summons and Lights Out for the United States. SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION GIVEN.

Some of the Cornwall Stock Was to go to Political Parties. Winnipeg, April 28.—Frederick Emery's evidence occupied the Alberta & Great Waterways investigation committee during the whole of the afternoon sitting today. He did not charge very much light on the matter immediately in hand, but he furnished some ammunition by describing how W. R. Faulkner avoided being served with a subpoena. He also told something about the movements of Mr. Parkin, the alleged organizer for Alberta, who got mixed up in the deal in a way that has not yet been made clear.

When you were negotiating with Mr. Cornwall for the purchase of the charter did you understand he was sole owner? Mr. Emeryson was asked by Mr. Walsh.

"I thought he was sole owner." "During your negotiations did you learn anything different?" "No."

The witness further explained that his understanding was that if Mr. Cornwall was not sole owner he had any rate had full control and any other who might be in with him were willing that he should handle the matter. The \$2025 which is still in the Home Bank is being held, said Mr. Emeryson, because no agreement had yet been reached regarding its distribution among those who held shares.

He had been informed by Mr. Miny that Mr. Cornwall regarded himself as being entitled to part of this money. The witness had never received any notice that Cornwall had parted with his interest in the syndicate, but yet been reached regarding its distribution among those who held shares.

When did you last hear from Mr. Faulkner? "The last I knew of him I heard from him last Friday night over the telephone from Minneapolis. He was trying to evade a summons from the commission."

TWO PROPOSITIONS FOR THE RATEPAYERS

Mayor Rather Prefers the Franchise For Power Company. BELIEVES CALGARY WILL MAKE MORE MONEY.

But the Other Members of the Council Feel Differently About it. Mayor Jamieson said yesterday afternoon that he is inclined to think personally that it would be better for the city to grant a property guarded franchise to the Calgary Power company to furnish the city electric light and power for \$24 a horse power per year.

Both propositions are to be submitted to the ratepayers and their relative merits will probably be carefully discussed before the matter is decided. Under its former agreement the company agreed to sell not less than 30 horse-power to any one customer, and it was to be confined in distributing to the district west of Fourteenth street west and east of the Elbow.

The mayor is inclined to think that this is more advantageous than the contract plan. Other officials take the opposite view, being strongly averse to giving any concession of the use of the city streets to carry wires. They fear that the company could not be forced to give any concession of the use of the city streets to carry wires.

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CAPE BRETON STRIKE AT AN END AT LAST

It Has Been Under Way Since July of Last Year. THE MEN DECIDE TO CALL STRIKE OFF.

It is Believed That Miners Will Center on Frank Strike. Halifax, N. S., April 28.—The longest strike in the history of the coal miners' strike in Cape Breton, that began early in July last, has been settled. The men met this afternoon after discussing the situation from every phase, and realizing that they had nothing to gain by longer remaining out, took a vote on the question of whether they should go to work or continue on strike.

Asked about the settlement of the trouble, a prominent miner stated tonight that a reason which he thought the United Mine Workers were anxious to get out of the fight now was that they were now entering upon a strike in Frank, B. C., where they were combatting a five per cent reduction, and he felt that they needed their capital to assist in fighting the operators in British Columbia. Believing that the fight in Cape Breton a hopeless one, the miners decided to advise the men to call off the fight here.

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THE SYNOD CENSURES MINISTER OF JUSTICE

And Regrets the Defeat of the Miller Bill in the House of Commons. DISCUSSION ON THE CHURCH AND PUBLIC.

Much Debate Follows Paper by Mr. Clark of Calgary. Edmonton, Alta., April 28.—At the synod this morning the report of the committee on temperance and moral reform was presented and adopted by the synod. Referring to the defeat of the Miller bill, the report said as follows:

"The synod deeply regret the defeat of the Miller bill for the suppression of the profession of race track betting, and officially protest against the inexcusable conduct of the minister of justice in bitterly attacking the measure and misrepresenting its supporters, and records its grateful appreciation of Mr. H. N. Miller and all members who did their utmost to secure the passage of the bill."

A copy of the resolution was ordered to be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the minister of justice and member of parliament for Alberta. Another copy of the report rightly commended the postmaster general for closing postoffices in Western Canada on Sundays.

Church and the Public. A paper prepared by Rev. J. A. Clark of Calgary on "The Church and Public Institutions" was presented to the synod. In a thoughtful and carefully prepared presentation of the subject, Mr. Clark deprecated the interference of the church in an organized and direct way in politics and commercial and industrial life.

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THE INIQUITIES OF THE YELLOW PRESS

Mayor of New York Makes Very Bitter Attack on Mr. W. R. Hearst. A SENSATION AND AN UPROAR AT PRESS ASSOCIATION BANQUET.

New York April 27.—A great sensation was caused tonight when Mayor Gray made a bitter attack on W. R. Hearst at a banquet of the Associated Press. In the midst, Mr. J. S. Williams, a representative of the Hearst papers, attempted to reply. Pandemonium reigned supreme for twenty minutes. Williams was not allowed to speak.

A Scathing Address. Mayor Gray's address was a scathing arraignment of Hearst. He said which he charged that through this "principal paper" here, Mr. Hearst had been guilty of two felonies, forgery and falsification of a public document. The mayor began his address by speaking generally of the power of the press for good. "Your power for evil is just as great as your power for good," he said.

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KITCHENER COULD NOT WAIT TO VISIT CANADA

He Wouldn't Think of Going Through on the Run. London, April 28.—Lord Kitchener, asked regarding his inability to visit Canada, expressed regret that he had not had time to do so, as he was merely passing rapidly through the United States en route to San Francisco, New York.

"I made the journey as quickly as possible and did not even have time to go to Washington. I feel it would have been a poor compliment to Canada to have passed through it in such a hurried way."

Col. John I. Davidson Dead. Toronto, April 28.—Lieut. Colonel John I. Davidson died at his residence, 156 St. George street, after an illness of a year due to internal troubles. He was born in Aberdeenshire in 1855, coming to Canada when 18 years of age. A widow and two daughters are survivors.

Many Licenses Cut Off. Ottawa, April 28.—The license commissioners today cut off eight hotel licenses, four others three months in which to secure new permits, and four shop licenses were also cut off.

Seeding is Progressing. Winnipeg, April 28.—The Canadian Pacific railway has just issued their annual bulletin, which shows that satisfactory progress with seeding has been made during the past week. In the sixth crop bulletin, which shows that there has been a decrease in the amount of seed sown in Saskatchewan 80 per cent, and in Alberta 82 per cent.

DR. DAWSON HAS ACCEPTED THE OFFER OF THE CITY

Will Act as Medical Officer of Calgary. Mayor Jamieson received a telegram yesterday afternoon from Dr. Thomas Dawson of Birmingham, England, saying that he accepted the offer of the city to become medical health officer at a salary of \$2,000 a year, the salary to be increased to \$2,500 when a laboratory is established. He will be here in June.

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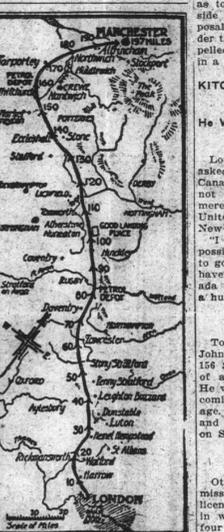
BRITAIN IS YOUNG AND FULL OF HOPE

Lord Kitchener Scouting the Idea That the Old Land is Decadent or in Need of Help. London, April 28.—Interviewed in reference to Imperial defence, the Australian, Lord Kitchener said that for \$8,000,000 a year Australia will in due course have a complete system that makes her secure against attack, and will no longer need to look to the Mother Country for aid in danger.

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The route from London to Manchester, taken yesterday by Paulhan in his Aeroplane. He won a prize of \$50,000.