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AUSTRALIA'S CITY BEAUTIFUL

The movement toward beautifying cities which is holding a hold upon the world in the present day, will receive great impetus from the building of the new capital of Australia, the accepted plan for which were prepared by a young American architect, Walter B. Griffin of Chicago.

The Australian government, as most people are probably aware, is to build an entirely new city as a capital. The founders of the confederation were far-seeing when they decided to place the capital at Melbourne only temporarily and to eventually build a city especially for a capital.

The plan for the new capital, the accepted plan for which were prepared by a young American architect, Walter B. Griffin of Chicago. The proposal of the Australian government offers some reasonable suggestions for the City Planning commission in their plans for a civic center.

The Australian city, says The Literary Digest, is planned upon the radial or gyratory type, with three principal centres, from which boulevards and streets radiate.

In planning the Australian capital with centres and radial avenues, Mr. Griffin has followed the plan generally held by architects to be the ideal one for cities of the future.

The central district of the city will contain three centres—a centre devoted to government buildings, the municipal centre, and the mercantile centre. The outlying district will contain five additional centres.

The city will have many features unknown to the modern city. I would call attention to two of these as especially distinctive.

One is that the residential built upon the streets connecting the three radial avenues will enjoy quiet and secluded parklike atmosphere and at the same time never be farther removed from main business thoroughfares than four blocks.

ABOLISH SKYSCRAPERS

One of the principal speakers at the Winnipeg Town Planning convention is Dr. Charles E. Hodgetts, medical adviser of the Conservation commission of Canada.

"I strongly disapprove of the tendency in larger cities to house people close together. You will never succeed in your fight against tuberculosis so long as you permit these conditions to exist.

"My own opinion," continued Dr. Hodgetts, "is that our present municipal development is not fair to the immigrant whom we are inviting to our shores. We are allowing structures in our large cities now that would never be tolerated in the advanced continental cities.

It would be well for Calgary and other young cities that are in the making and largely yet to be made, to take heed of the very wise view of Dr. Hodgetts. There can be no doubt that the skyscraper really is not needed but that it is a blemish.

ONE WORD OF FAIRNESS

One word of fairness comes out of the East relative to the West. Coming from the leading Conservative paper of Canada, it is commendable and decidedly refreshing.

"It would be idle to deny that the result in Saskatchewan appears at this distance to indicate that the 'small jobs' of that province still belong to independent men.

Under the caption: "A Serious Situation," The Edmonton Journal deals with profound editorial gravity with an allegation that during the recent Saskatchewan campaign, James M. Scott, a Liberal candidate, declared that if elected he would use his influence to have Canada annexed to the United States.

The Alberta does not believe any candidate, either Liberal or Conservative, ever made such a declaration or would ever have the temerity to make such a declaration. It is astonishing to what lengths some people find it possible to go in their partisanship but seemingly there are none too great; aye, not great enough to afford some people scope for the expression of their pique when defeated in politics.

While we do not believe the statement was made, if such a sentiment does not obtain a foothold in the West it will not be for the want of agitation for by the Conservative press.

A news dispatch from Ottawa asserts that a newspaper of that city has discovered that there is a movement on foot in the West to boycott the Eastern manufacturers unless the desires of the West for broader opportunities in the matter of markets are granted.

How Did You Get Your Money?

"WORKED hard," said he, "but I got it by selling my books and answering the inquiries. Results were instantaneous.

"Where do you work?" asked the Average Man. "In a real estate office down in Jackson, Mo.," answered the Rural Individual.

"For two weeks I looked around for a house and finally landed one with a contractor who maintained an office in one of the downtown buildings.

"At the end of four years an opportunity arose to go with a big lumber and millwork concern as manager of the department that sold to contractors.

"I was, of course, eminently fitted to handle the work on account of my contracting knowledge. My salary was materially bettered, and the prospects for a rosy future looked decidedly good.

"I began to analyze our business the fact that the great majority of our sales were made on big jobs—jobs where there was so much competition that profits were shaved down to almost nothing—began to make itself apparent.

"I turned on an opportunity. 'So, although hadn't unearthed anything but a gold mine, I had an opportunity. I thought a minute and turning back to Mr. Shearer said: 'It will cost money to find the way. How much will you let me have to experiment on?'

"He answered quickly, 'I don't want to raise your hopes. Frankly, I don't believe you'll find the way, but I'll give you \$1000 to spend and charge it against the profits of your department.'

"Just as Mr. Shearer said, it cost too much. But the information that my man gathered in the three months he was out was well worth while.

"Then another \$200 was spent on getting out a piece of literature showing drawings of these homes completed, and offering to send the plates and specifications for \$2—same to be refunded if the material were purchased from us.

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There is a passage in the Scriptures to the effect that no man builds a house without first finding out the cost, and no king goes to war without estimating the forces of the enemy.

UNCLE WALT

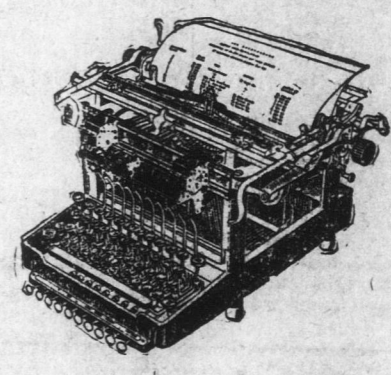
I doff my hat to the famous men, who've won to the top with the brush or pen, who bask in the sun and thrive; but as I watch them frolicking by I shed a tear and I heave a sigh for the fellows who don't arrive.

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HUNGER OF A PRINCE

(From the Argonaut) An English actor was a member of a company snowbound in the Sierras, while en route from California to the

FOSTER SAILS THE 28TH.

Ottawa, July 16.—The announcement made some time ago that Hon. G. E. Foster would sail for home at once seems to have not been founded on fact. It is now stated that Mr. Foster will sail from England July 26.

NEW YORK LEADS IN CAKES

New York, and their fame and popularity have extended into surrounding sections so that one can purchase them in most any bakery on a Saturday within fifty miles of New York.