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THE MUNICIPAL SITUATION

Some harsh criticisms are being made of Mayor Smitt for his part in recent negotiations for the sale of treasury notes in Toronto and Montreal.

Whatever may be the outcome of the mayor's visit, it should be remembered that the mayor was sent east at the behest of the city council, as their duly authorized agent to carry out the financial policy outlined by the finance committee in January.

This decision followed an early interview with Mr. Hogg, the local manager of the Bank of Montreal, who pointed out that unless the city's bonds were ready early in January, a considerable loss might be expected on sales at a later date.

This action followed another interview with Mr. Hogg on the eve of his departure for the coast, after a rough estimate had been completed of the general and local improvement debentures, computed at over six millions; at this interview Mr. Hogg strongly advised against the sale of treasury bills, and left the city without giving any hopeful assurance that the bonds could be disposed of except at considerable loss.

The Bank of Montreal did negotiate the renewal of \$2,000,000 of treasury bills, at advantageous terms; but this was only a partial solution of the city's problem. There was in the treasury only enough money to finance the city until the end of April.

Apparently the negotiation of the bills in the United States was impossible and an abortive attempt was made by the brokers to sell the bills in London, in spite of the city's agreement with the Bank of Montreal.

Although it is creditable that the Bank of Montreal has secured renewals of \$3,000,000 this year for the city, at an excellent rate, that is not financing the city satisfactorily; and the bank with the advantage of the five year monopolistic agreement all on its side was at no pains to clear up the doubts which the city council entertained as to its further ability. In fact, the bank disapproved of the only possible step which the city could take to meet the emergency until the bonds could be got ready.

advising against the sale of notes and without offering any advice as to the method of providing the money to keep even the city's waterworks and street cleaning gangs employed until the bonds could be negotiated.

If the five year agreement with the Bank of Montreal is to run its course, a clearer understanding between the city and the bank is absolutely necessary. Conditions last year were far from satisfactory. The bank failed the city lamentably. Although the sales it has effected so far this year have been excellent, it has not made one-third as many as the city requires.

It is quite probable that without this ironclad agreement the city would secure quite as good terms from the Bank of Montreal for the same amount of sales; and the bank would not be in a position to tie the city up on a technicality in the negotiations for several millions of money which the city requires over and above what the bank appears to be able to provide.

However unfortunate may be the result of the mayor's negotiations, the blame cannot be placed entirely on the mayor's shoulders; and it is hardly becoming on the part of the aldermen who outlined the policy by which he is guided and who authorized his attempts, to heap their criticisms upon him now.

HEROES AND THUGS!

In the last Saskatchewan election, R. B. Bennett spoke in behalf of the opposition, as the results of the contest plainly showed. He had a right, unquestioned, to address the meetings, and the Liberals rather welcomed him there.

Messrs. Motherwell and Calder are members of the government of Saskatchewan. They came into the fight in Alberta, as they had a right to do. They are doing the same as R. B. Bennett did in the Saskatchewan election. They were more effective, but that is a question of degree and not merely one of principle.

Mr. Bennett speaks of the ministers from Saskatchewan as election heplers. We know what he calls himself. He has done more to degrade public affairs and embitter political contests in western Canada than all of the other influences combined.

THE BETTING MAN

The most objectionable man these days is the fellow who comes along asking your opinion upon elections or something like that and directly he gets it wants to bet that you are wrong.

The man who values another's sincerity or confidence by the amount of money which he is prepared to put up backing his opinion, is not an uncommon occurrence, but rather a base influence. The man who clinches an argument by a challenge to bet, and looks upon the argument as won if his opponent doesn't respond and put up the coin with him, is a nuisance.

Just ordinary betting, in moderation, is not such a terrible vice. But the man who has the habit very badly, and goes prancing around seeking whom he may bluff is not always desirable.

As a rule the betting game is a senseless one. It makes more bitterness at election time than anything else, but it seems to be a necessary evil.

THE STABLEMAN STATESMAN

The Calgary Herald files to the protection of a man named Crutcher who is under arrest charged with bribery and some similar offences in the Little Bow riding, with as much loyalty as it flew to the protection of Charles Bell, when the license department closed up his bar.

If Crutcher is guilty of bribery as the crown alleges, he is not a fit subject for sympathy. There is ample evidence of crooked work in several parts of the province. The crown believes it has a straight case against this man.

Crutcher, according to The Herald, is a stableman. He leaves Calgary at his own expense, goes to Carmangay, employs a rig with a driver, and at his own expense was canvassing for J. T. MacDonald. That is the story that The Herald tells.

The story of the crown is quite different. When the case comes up for trial, we shall know which is right and which is wrong. If the crown has acted without justification, if it has done one-tenth of the injustice to this man that the Manitoba government did to a number of peaceable citizens in the Macdonald election, it is open to censure and will be censured.

We must await developments. In the meantime The Herald tells the story that a stableman of Calgary in his patriotic zeal for the cause, went down at his own expense to the Little Bow riding and at his own expense was travelling through the riding with a driver, using moral suasion upon the electors. The crown says that it has evidence that he was acting corruptly.

them until they all taste alike, but the minute that the 50-pound chunk of ice is placed inside it will fade away faster than the crowd of chickens at a church supper.

For the purpose of keeping things which otherwise would start up and die before they could be worked, a refrigerator is a semblance of food. The refrigerator accomplishes this by freezing the contents into water, in the meantime allowing the languorous breath of the young onion to permeate the butter. People who like cheese and Welsh rarebit, do not object to this procedure, but mingle rutabagas, Dutch cheese and custard pie in the same refrigerator with the utmost nonchalant air.

Refrigerators are filled with ice by coarse men who weigh the ice with the human eye, while it is crowded the neck with a pair of tongs and jam it onto the ice box with a noise like throwing a chifferdun down the back stairs. This is done as early in the morning as possible, so that the head of the house will have to get out of bed and let the woman in. Most women call about 10:30 a.m. and try to batter the door back while waiting for father to come.

The ice compartment in a refrigerator is built to hold fifty pounds, but the average woman has a refrigerator that will hold only twenty-five pounds.

It takes a great many years to amass a good reputation. It is not done most easily by refusing to amass anything else. It takes five or ten minutes to reduce a good reputation to nothing.

Good reputations are not confined to good men. This is a democratic country and anybody can acquire a good reputation if he will be patient enough. Goodness and good reputations have no more to do with each other than ham and hamlet. Many a man with a magnificent, full jeweled, alabaster washed reputation in a restaurant in his factory, week days, and fighting the spread of immorality on Sundays.

Good reputations are fine things, but the government should appoint a commission to guard against mis-branding human goods.

The Poet Philosopher

WASTED EFFORT
Still Mexico is torn asunder. I wonder what it means? The people there are raising shoulder instead of raising beans. Month after month the cannons rattle and burps are pelted down by jets which blow the dirt and sand or hauling hay to town. Their leaders talk a lot of glory, while striding up the stairs, and shouting their diatribe in gory, bedraggled uniforms.

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HUDSONS BAY COMPANY

The Chief Study of This Store

SATISFACTION in every deed and action. Our stocks are always complete with thoroughly reliable merchandise. Courtesy on the part of every employee is insisted upon. Our methods of merchandising, coupled with the very great amount of business we transact, keep prices at the lowest point, consistent with the high quality standard we maintain at all times.

Vest Pocket Essays

A reputation is a sort of a pure food label on a man's character. It consists of whatever he has persuaded other people to believe about him. A reputation is about the most important possession a man has, though he never owns it. If he has a good reputation he can borrow money without security and run for justice of the peace on his record.

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A Rare Value--Happening In Ladies' Night Gowns

"IT'S A MYSTERY to me," said a lady visitor to the city from Toronto, "how in the world you can give such values away out here. Some of the bargains are even better than I saw at home." There are wonderfully good money-saving chances here. Today, for instance, we announce the greatest bargain of its kind yet offered to Calgary women.

These Waists at 75c--Wonder Value

Among the dozens of pretty Waists gathered for this sale today there isn't a single one that wouldn't ordinarily be marked at \$1.25 and considered wonderfully good value at that price. But this popular section has the happy faculty of doing things out of the ordinary, offering unheard of values when they're most wanted, yet least expected. Here is extraordinary price-making for this morning shoppers to this store.

Women Will Wonder at the Prices of These Coats

JUDGING from the many inquiries of late for low priced and fashionable coats for ladies we look to an enthusiastic selling response and hearty appreciation of such news as this. They represent a very special lot we bought direct from the makers and at a considerable price advantage. Strikingly handsome garments women are bound to fall in love with at first sight. Carefully made in every detail, assuring lasting satisfaction. Don't look for better values, for it would be well nigh impossible.

Silks and Voiles with 25c. New Nets Just Unveiled

SECTION in the store probably feels the urgent need of more than does this popular Dress Goods Section. Piles and piles of beautiful new weaves have arrived recently, really too many for proper display, with the result that some lines are reduced on arrival for quick clearance, as space alone forbids them to linger. Hence, this double special for today, which warrants our expectations for record selling as long as quantities last.

These Boys' Suits Should Go In One Day

Prices Down to the Lowest Notch Today
MOTHERS will please understand that these Suits are the usual good lines you are accustomed to buying from this store. To be frank about it, we bought very heavily, figuring to be in our big new store sooner than can be expected. The result is a clearance sale of vast importance to mothers of Calgary boys.

She Is a Fighting Mother

Kansas City, Mo., April 16.—Whenever a lawyer cross examines a witness, who happens to be a daughter of Mrs. Ella Hallex of Bethel, Kan., he has got to do it right. If he doesn't, Mrs. Hallex will "fix" him. And if she can't "fix" him, her husband will.

Mayor Spencer Is Injured

Medicine Hat, April 16.—While returning from a ride in his automobile, Mayor Spencer, Conservative candidate in Medicine Hat riding, was thrown from his automobile a distance of 25 feet and seriously injured. Taking a short-cut, Mr. Spenser, who was driving, suddenly came upon a hole about seven feet deep, half full of water. He gripped the steering wheel and was not injured much, but Spencer was rendered unconscious and will be laid up for ten days or more. His wrist was dislocated and his knee injured.



THE CHARMS OF OUR MILLINERY

The real charm of this new and popular Millinery store on the second floor are the hats themselves, charming and becoming models that mirror the very last word in fashionable hats. Street and walking shapes predominate. The trimmings are just over from Paris, daintier and lovelier than ever. The collection of stunning models can't fail to interest every woman, for they are real gems of loveliness. Whether you want an exclusive Paris model, the creation of some noted artist; a New York Hat, or something designed by our own clever artists, we know you will be entirely satisfied.



Editorial Notes

Rev. S. B. Hlocks started his campaign by relating a very questionable story, and closed it by putting a strange use his knowledge of a secret society.

Sidewalk Sketches

REFRIGERATORS
The refrigerator is a handsome piece of furniture which will hold everything but tea. You can stuff a refrigerator full of early vegetables, fresh butter, and skinned milk and it will hold

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