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December 31, 1906.  
The year ending December 31, 1906, has been a most successful one for the company. The amount of business done during the year was \$1,130,150, as compared with \$1,000,000 for the year ending December 31, 1905. The average rate per thousand was 1.13 per cent, as compared with 1.10 per cent for the year ending December 31, 1905. The amount of business done during the year was \$1,130,150, as compared with \$1,000,000 for the year ending December 31, 1905. The average rate per thousand was 1.13 per cent, as compared with 1.10 per cent for the year ending December 31, 1905.

Assets	\$1,130,150
Liabilities	1,000,000
Surplus	130,150

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You never saw an incubator so certain to hatch strong chicks as our "Brooder" so sure to raise them.

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Read my free book called "When Poultry and Poultry" and think over what I have to say about my offer to you raising poultry.

# Board of Trade Committee Report on the Coal Situation

Report of Special Committee to Enquire into the Coal Situation, Edmonton, Feb. 9th, 1907.

To the President the Edmonton Board of Trade:  
Sir, Your committee appointed under authority of a resolution of a general meeting of this board, held on 11th December last, reading as follows:  
"That a committee be appointed by the chairman to consider the question of the coal supply in the Edmonton district; to obtain information as to the various mines in the district; the quantity of coal available; the conditions governing the output, and the best means of retaining such control of the supply as will ensure cheap coal for the use of consumers generally; and that the committee be instructed to bring the matter before the Provincial and Dominion governments respectively, with a view to such action as they shall deem necessary to retain proper control of coal lands and coal supply."

It is found that coal deposits are very widespread throughout the Edmonton district, and that the supply of coal immediately about the city and in the near vicinity is very extensive; that the coal lies near the surface, as compared with coal camps in other sections of the continent; that the seams are of a thickness and of a regularity of formation that permits of easier and cheaper working than elsewhere in Canada. There is no gas; and drainage, particularly in seams lying along or near the rivers, is easy, and the cost of drainage is less than elsewhere in Canada. Suitable timber in ample quantities is available, any quantity of spruce and tamarac being obtainable at reasonable cost; and the various limits being operated up the river by local lumbering concerns.

Your committee could find no source of reliable or accurate information as to the extent of valuable coal areas in this district. If workable seams of coal underlie a very large portion of the district, as is sometimes asserted, the danger of all coal lands coming under one control is very remote. On the other hand, if the contrary opinion, that the valuable coal seams are restricted to comparatively limited areas along the river is correct, it is entirely conceivable that even if such coal lands did not come under one control, they might come under the control of a small number of groups of capitalists, who, by a friendly arrangement, could eliminate competition and unduly advance prices of coal to the serious detriment of the public. In view of the well recognized tendency of modern large business enterprises towards such combinations, it is considered that it would be greatly to the public advantage if the Provincial Government would ascertain the extent and location of the more valuable coal areas; and to secure to the Government sufficient coal areas of known value to be held in reserve for the public benefit, with the end in view that in the event of it becoming necessary to protect the public from exorbitant prices for coal as a result of combination, such areas could be operated under Government control as to prices.

Output of Local Mines.  
Enquiry shows that the following figures approximately cover the daily output of the mines in the vicinity of Edmonton and Strathcona:  
Lindsay & Daly ..... 50  
Bush Mine ..... 75  
Breton Mine ..... 75  
Humberstone Mine ..... 75  
John Walker ..... 150  
Fraser & Freeman ..... 50  
Baldwin Mine ..... 40  
Edmonton Coal Co. .... 75  
White Star ..... 30  
Osborn & Horn ..... 75

These are outside figures in each case, exact figures being unobtainable, and it is considered that 600 tons per day at the present time would be the maximum daily output. The greater part is required to supply the daily local demand, and leaves but little surplus to supply the constant pressing, and rapidly increasing demand from more easterly points, where no local supplies of coal are available.

Conditions Governing the Output.  
Conditions under which local properties are being operated are found to be exceedingly unsatisfactory, and not such as would tend to the production of coal at the mine, or delivery to local consumers, or on board cars, at minimum cost. As the demand, even at unduly enhanced prices, is in excess of the supply, this is a matter that does not greatly concern the dealers, as the public must have the coal, and are compelled to pay whatever price may be arranged by the dealers.

It is found that in most cases, though not always, the coal is supplied to consumers or loaded for shipment by the operator under contract to the dealers, who pay royalty to the owners, who pay royalty to the operators. Under the most unfavorable conditions, that is to say in the case of mines having the longest haul, and where it passes through three hands before reaching the consumer, the cost is made up as follows:

Contract price to operator	\$1.75
Royalty to owner	\$0.25
Teaming	\$0.25
Total cost to dealer	\$2.25

## What is Necessary to Improve Conditions.

The small mines at present operating could by an expenditure of from \$4,000 to \$5,000 each effect such improvements in conditions as would permit them to produce three times their present output, and at less cost. Conditions could make \$3.75 a ton, 50¢ a ton. Improvements required: A competent miner under improved equipment with mine rails; blacksmith on hand at all times to make switches, etc.; increase of mine gangs to 3 feet, with cars to hold a ton; better drainage.

An expenditure of \$30,000 to \$50,000 would be required to equip a mine to produce from 600 to 1,000 tons per day. Railway tracks to the pit mouth would be necessary. Coal could then be loaded on cars for shipment at not more than \$2, or delivered to consumers in the city at \$3 to \$3.50, with a big profit to the place on the track, including all expenses of the operator, including all expenses of operation and management, interest, depreciation of plant, and everything except profit, being estimated by experts at not more than \$1.20 per ton. With coal loaded at \$2 or less, and reasonable freight rates, a large shipping trade could be done, and there would be no difficulty in finding markets along the lines of the Canadian Northern Railway and Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between here and Winnipeg.

It is considered that the rates on coal at present in effect on the C.N.R., though no greater, and in some instances somewhat less than charged for similar distances on other western roads, are excessive, and it is thought that in view of the greatly increased traffic that would result from an improvement in conditions in regard to coal production here, that lower rates could be made and still leave a margin of profit to the railway. It is suggested that the influence of this board be used to induce the railways to grant a lower tariff on coal out of Edmonton for all points between here and Winnipeg, as well as to Red Deer, and that they be urged in addition to grant a specially low tariff covering a period of say two months from August last to September 30th, when traffic conditions are particularly favorable, and their comparative light. This would enable operators to get stocks of coal in store at minimum prices. In the opinion of your committee, however, it would not be reasonable to bring pressure to bear on the railways to reduce their rates on coal out of Edmonton to be placed on the outside markets at a minimum cost, until such time as sippers are prepared to co-operate by the installation of such equipment and methods as will enable them to load coal at a minimum cost. Even under present wasteful conditions coal is produced at a cost of \$2 a ton at the mines, which figure includes 25¢ clear for the owner of the property, and presumably a proportionate share of the cost of the operation. It is therefore considered that this board would not be justified in pressing for lower rates until sippers are prepared to load at approximately \$2 a ton on cars.

That would, of course, necessitate a change in the mine and some properly equipped arrangement for cheap loading. It does not appear, however, that the owners of the Clover Bar properties have taken the steps required to secure such supplies. It appears that shippers have been hampered during the present winter by the inability of the railway companies to provide sufficient cars or to move them when loaded, as has already been shown in the interim report presented to your board on 15th January last. There have also been minor inconveniences, apparently avoidable, also referred to in the interim report. It must be remembered, however, that while the inefficiency of transportation facilities was primarily due to entirely inadequate equipment, both as to cars and motive power, the situation was greatly aggravated by the unprecedented demand of the present winter, which, while greatly increasing the demand for coal, at the same time greatly reduced the capacity of the railways to handle it.

From information furnished to your committee, there is some reason to believe that instances have occurred in this province where cars have been freely supplied and coal readily moved from certain mines in which railway officials were known to be interested, at times when other mines found it impossible to obtain any adequate supply of cars. It is a matter of common knowledge that recent investigations by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the United States have shown that the most flagrant abuses have developed in many different coal areas by railway officials in positions of authority, being interested in coal mines or mining operations. Such mines have received preferential rates and secret rebates, and have been favored in the distribution of cars and prompt haulage after loading, as compared with competing mines. And in some instances, this discrimination against competing coal mines on the part of railway corporations or railway officials should engage in coal mining or hold stock in any competing coal mine for commercial purposes.

Market for Edmonton Coal.  
It appears that this winter, owing to unusual conditions, there was a market for an almost unlimited quantity of Edmonton coal; but the operators were unable to supply any considerable proportion of that demand, nor is it probable that the railways required, if available, could supply more than a few hundred tons a day during the season of lowest consumption; and that demand will increase at least as fast as the facilities for production can be increased, and that for some years to come the demand would be in excess of the supply. With Edmonton coal at a still lower price, say \$2 a ton, a much more extensive market still would be available.

Conclusions.  
To conclude your committee are of opinion: 1. That coal is costing the citizens of Edmonton a very much higher price than it should if produced under more favorable conditions. The difference between coal at \$4.50 and coal at \$3.00 a ton would, during the cold winter, mean a saving to this city of over \$15,000 a month. 2. That Edmonton is losing a valuable opportunity for industrial expansion by reason of the fact that coal operators are not in a position to take advantage of the opportunity to ship coal to the rest of the available market. In the industry were developed to the full capacity of our markets, it would mean the employment of many hundreds more men, and add very largely to the volume of Edmonton's business. It is therefore desirable that an effort be made to promote development of the industry. 3. That transportation facilities are inadequate to handle any extensive output of coal for export, as previously shown in our interim report, and that steps should be taken to improve upon the railway companies the imperative necessity for greatly increased equipment before next season. 4. That the railways should be asked to make greatly reduced rates on coal for a limited period, from 1st August to 30th September, as an inducement to get supplies of coal moved to consuming points before the onset of winter. 5. That the owners of coal lands should be asked to make certain conditions previously referred to, there should be a general reduction in coal tariffs out of Edmonton.

That the government of the Province of Alberta should be urged to move in the direction of defining coal areas within the province, and to acquire coal lands, with a view to rendering impracticable a monopoly of the kind of a coal, to the injury of the public. 6. That representations be made to the Dominion Government urging the passage and strict enforcement of legislation prohibiting railway corporations or railway officials owning or having any interest in coal mines, except in cases where such mines are operated solely for the production of coal for the use of such railway, and not for the commercial production of coal.

Respectfully submitted,  
Around the City  
THE LEGISLATURE HAS LONG SESSION  
The legislative session met at 11 o'clock yesterday afternoon in considering Hon. W. H. Cushing's Bill respecting villages in committee of the whole. The bill was set down on the order paper for its second reading when it was on motion of the Minister of Public Works referred at once to the committee of the whole. The old ordinance is repealed and superseded by the new ordinance. The area of a village is reduced to six hundred and twenty acres and must contain not less than 25 occupied houses and a population of one hundred. The administration of the affairs of the village is vested in a council of five or seven members, one of whom shall be a resident of the village, and one or more of the council shall be elected at the time appointed by the government, which shall also appoint

## HE TRIED BILEANS

Now he has Dyspepsia No More  
Strange why people should not try the very thing which would do them good until last! Mr. Geo. La Perwin, of 38 St. Thomas, tried six different remedies for dyspepsia, headache, and heartburn before he tried Bileans. He writes: "I had heartburn, dyspepsia and what after food. The nourishment I took seemed to do me no good and the pain suffered was very acute. I tried six different remedies before Bileans, but they did me no good. With Bileans it was quite different. I found they relieved the distention and the pain within a few hours and a short course resulted in a complete cure."

In every country where they have been introduced, Bileans have quickly taken first place because of their rapid and lasting cures of indigestion, liver and kidney complaints, neuralgia, headache, constipation, piles, female ailments and rheumatism, rheumatism, liver chill, etc. Purely herbal and containing no alcohol they are an ideal family medicine. All stores and druggists sell at 50¢ a box, or from the Bilean Co., Toronto, for price 6 boxes sent for \$2.50.

Public Sale  
I am authorized by the owners Albert Hall and Joseph Oliver to sell at the house of ALBERT HALL, Sec. 8-55-23 10 miles north west of Fort Saskatchewan, being 7 miles north east of Naylor P.O. on THURSDAY, MAR. CH. 14th, 1907. Commencing at 1 p.m. The following described property:

- 6 HORSES
- 2 well-matched bay mares 9 and 10 years old, weighing 1000 lbs each, good workers and extra drivers. An excellent team.
- 1 4-year-old grey gelding, well-matched, weighing 1200 lbs each. 1A coach pair and able for plenty of work.
- 1 black mare 10 years old, weighing 1200 lbs, bred to draught horse.
- 1 brown farm mare, 1000 lbs weight. There will probably be other horses.
- 10 head of ewes supposed to be in lamb.
- 17 CATTLE
- 16 good cows supposed to be in calf by a good bull. Also one Hereford Bull.

IMPLEMENTS  
1 good McCormick 6-ft mower, 1 nearly new "foot trip" 14-ft McCormick mangle, 1 16-inch "Good Enough" mangle, 1 16-inch "Moline" mangle, 1 Chatham fanning mill, 1 12-foot saw, 1 set box stegs.

TERMS—All sums under \$20, cash; on amounts over \$20 until 1st Jan. 1908, will be given by purchaser, giving acceptable joint lien notes bearing interest at 8 per cent per annum. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with. Geo. Sutherland, clerk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14th, 1907.  
On Sec. 10-55-24, 13 miles due north of Edmonton, the following described property:  
1 chestnut scree gelding, 10 years old, weighing 1525 lbs., an excellent worker.  
1 mare, 10 years old, weight 1425 lbs. in foal to Admiral Dewey.  
1 bay mare 8 yrs old, weighing 1415 lbs. in foal to Admiral Dewey.  
1 bay mare, 12 yrs old, weighing 1375 lbs. in foal to Commodore's Jack.  
1 5 yr. old black bull, station by impregnating shire horses and good Clyde mare.  
1 blacky built bay gelding, coming 2 yrs. old by Commodore's Jack.  
1 good bay gelding, coming 2 yrs. old by Admiral Dewey.  
1 bay gelding, coming 3 yrs. old, by Dewey and out of a big draft mare, has been hitches several times.  
1 black cow, coming 2 yrs. old, full brother to the above horse. They are well mated.  
1 horse colt, coming 2 yrs. old, by Admiral Dewey and by scree mare.  
1 black gelding, coming 2 yrs. old, by draft mare and sire.  
1 pinto filly, coming 2 yrs. old, by Dewey. Will make a beautiful team for all work.  
1 last spring colt, full sister to above filly.  
1 1400 lb. farm horse, a good strong worker.  
1 mare pony, in foal by Admiral Dewey.  
The above stock of horses are a very clean and desirable lot of draft horses.

FOR SALE—BARBER'S CHAIR; plush Robester, in good condition, except arms want re-covering; suit man starting in small town; price \$15. Apply Arthur Hall, Box 622, Edmonton. Inspection at No. 1043, Grand Street.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—I OFFER my well boring machine and business, which is first class and up to date, for the first time. Can dig from ten inch to three foot hole; have 120 ft. of rods; all tools needed, and complete blacksmith outfit. Have five months' work in view. I will sell for cash or trade for city property or farm land; will sell on time and take good bankable paper. This offer only open for next thirty days. Can be seen at residence of E. Kephart, 441 Naylor ave. P. O. Box 576, Edmonton, Alta.

AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD goods and farm machinery, middle of next month; watch for bill of same. A. E. Kephart, 441 Naylor ave. P. O. Box 576, Edmonton, Alta.

## CLOSING OUT SALE

Having been authorized by the owner Mr. Andrew D. Wilson, breeder of Short Horn Durham cattle and Clydesdale horses (as well as the most fashionable strains of Collie dogs), I will sell, beginning at the hour of 10.30 sharp on

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14 extra good milch cows. Some will be fresh about time of sale, others later. The above herd of cows were raised on the farm and are very kind and gentle, and have had the poor ones weeded out carefully, as they had been fed for dairy purposes and cows never allowed to run with calves.  
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4 heifers, coming 2 yrs. old.  
1 high grade 2 yr. old bull.

TERMS OF SALE  
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