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Says They Bring in Many More Men Than Are Needed and Are Responsible for Many of the Idle Men Who Throng Ninth Avenue; Matter Is Brought Out at Session of the Labor Bureau Advisory Committee

"These employment agencies in this city are just carrying on daylight robbery," that's all it is," said Magistrate Sanders to the legislative committee yesterday afternoon. Magistrate Sanders did not mince his words.

I am in a position to know what these employment agencies are doing, and they are the worst I have ever seen anywhere. In many of those Ninth avenue dens there are gambling places behind and all sorts of crooked work goes on both openly and secretly. The condition is terrible. There should be an investigation into these agencies, and they should be got without any difficulty. They are in with the foremen here and elsewhere. This agencies are in league and the organization is the worst possible for the working men, and for the cities affected. There should be an investigation.

"Why, only a day or two ago," continued the magistrate, "eight men came down here from Rocky Mountain House and wanted to get jobs in British Columbia. They arranged it through these agencies, and was up to find themselves in Rocky Mountain House. They had been shipped back to the foreman they had just left. Two hundred men were called for, and the result is that men are standing idle on our streets. They are bled at every turn. When it isn't done openly, it goes on secretly.

"As for the Associated Charities handling these men—that's all nonsense," continued Magistrate Sanders. "These men are the best to keep away from the Associated Charities. They are not the kind of men who want to go there. They aren't every day men called for, and the result is that men are standing idle on our streets. They are bled at every turn. When it isn't done openly, it goes on secretly.

"The severe castigation of local employment agencies was made by Col. Sanders in the course of an interview between the black eye at the Municipal Labor Bureau and the legislative committee relative to the affairs of the bureau, which was recently abolished by the city council. The interview had been arranged by Miss Wileman, formerly manager of the bureau, in an effort to have a re-appointment of a permanent on new lines. So far as Miss Wileman's object was concerned, the meeting was a failure; Colonel Sanders was apparently of the opportunity to give some

straight talk to the aldermen present on the condition of affairs. "I think I could show that Calgary has opened a big return from the money expended on this bureau," he asserted. "The suffering from lack of employment in this city was less than ever before.

"Of course, I know the objection to the discussion of the feature of the city. But from what I have observed I should say that Miss Wileman is quite able to handle this sort of work. She is familiar with it. I admire her pluck, although I must say that I don't think it is the right position for a woman to be in."

Mr. Harold Riley, who was also present as a member of the advisory board of the municipal labor bureau, introduced some representation should have been made to the board other than what had been published in the newspapers. He thought that something might have been gained by consulting the board when the scheme of labor bureau was under consideration. Alderman George Ross was under the impression that the board had ceased to exist when the bureau was completed last year. He explained that there had been no intention of slighting the advisory board, and that the returns did not justify the deficit of \$2,100.

"Miss Wileman was accused a hearing. She stated that the investigation was being conducted by the city council, and the information given to the council was very limited and not a true picture of the work done. The treasurer's statement only included the amount of money returned in after all bills were paid and was only a fraction of the money received. She claimed that 2,500 persons had been dealt with most unfairly. She thought, as the investigation had been carried on while she was in Ottawa, on leave of absence from the mayor, and at her own expense, to promote a Dominion scheme of labor bureau, she had never been given a single chance to explain her position. The matter was very simple and she had secured the consent of the C. P. R. to take its place in the city. Instead of carrying men from Montreal. The action of the council had given an important moment to the black eye at a critical time. It would have been an easy matter for the council to rectify any mistake in management or to discharge any officials abolishing of the bureau at once.

The mayor and commissioners are favorably considering the tender of Beveridge Brothers for a plot of 10 acres in Harveta Heights, at the assessed value, approximately \$20,000, for a children's shelter. This tender carries with it a free grant of 25 acres of land in township 23 five miles from the city.

An advisory committee of the children's shelter society met with the commissioners and discussed the plan of the proposed institution. Commissioner Samie disapproved of plans entailing an expenditure of \$80,000, and Trustee J. T. MacDonald favors the cottage scheme. The matter will be further discussed this morning.

Western Cases Before Supreme Court
Ottawa, May 7.—The supreme court opened its spring session this morning, and among the judgments rendered are Western cases as follows: British Columbia, *British Columbia v. Canada*, 1913, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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Western Associated Press, Supplying Many Newspapers of the West, Will Get Improved Cable Service From Great Britain and Europe

Summer Weather Has Entirely Disappeared from Sunny Alberta, but the Fields Are Receiving a Much-Needed Moistening

HEAD OF ASSOCIATION IS ABOUT TO RETIRE

M. E. Nicholls, President of the Association, Is About to Sever His Connection With the Association; Gets a Resolution of Regrets

Saskatoon, Sask., May 6.—Representatives of the Western newspapers met with important business at the three sessions held yesterday in the board of trade offices.

A matter of particular moment was the question of an improved British cable service. It was the desire of the western newspapers to get more direct British news written for Canadian readers to supplement the Associated Press service. To that end and more, the fall of snow has not been particularly great and in the city there are many signs of the snowfall greater than in the morning in the moment of touching mother earth.

Indeed yesterday afternoon the fall became so fine that there was little distinction to be drawn between it and a fine rain only that it was not so wetting and was scarcely worth while holding up an umbrella for coats were of course in requisition all day long and there were even heavy coats out for the old and new. It was a most unpleasant day experienced in Calgary this spring. Never for a moment did the sun show forth and it was the rawest and most ungenial weather that could be. In fact the new immigrants who had heard tell of sunny Alberta and the bright prairie lands of the west forgot for the day they had left old England on their way to the west.

Farmers Are Pleased
Yet to one class of the people did the snow present no unwelcome appearance. The farmers of the west are more to the satisfaction of the farmers of the country than this snow. It has been a long time since the west has had so much rain and the farmers are pleased with the snow. It has been a long time since the west has had so much rain and the farmers are pleased with the snow.

Runaway with Safe in Moscow; Writes to the Albertan
Mrs. Leila Patton Sends Her Version of Mysterious Disappearance; Says She Is Living at the Home of Her Uncle in Moscow

Went Away Because She Feared for Her Life
Denies That She Ran Away With Railroad Man, Insists That She Paid Her Own Expenses; Says Calgary is a Dangerous Place for Her

MUSICIANS OF CONTINENT MAY COME TO CALGARY

FRIENDS OF FISHER HONOR MEMBER
Give Popular Speaker Banquet; Hon. Duncan Marshall and Jim Wier Orate

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Today's Court Cases
There was no session of the supreme court yesterday but the following cases will be taken in the order given, today—
John Deere Plow Co. v. Nelson, et al. McNeill v. Warwick.
Attridge v. Bruner.
Chief Justice Harvey will preside at the session throughout.

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