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ON WHAT MEAT HATH THIS, OUR CAESAR FED THAT HE HATH GROWN SO GREAT?

Paraphrasing the classical quotation, one, upon perusing the publicity bulletin issued by the city commissioners and published in The Alberta yesterday, is moved to wonder: "From what meat was this our Calgary loaf raised that it hath so outstripped all history in its development?"

After digesting the figures presented in the bulletin one cannot but feel that the yeast must have contained some constituent property, titanic in its operations, to have produced a growth so really marvelous and, almost overnight.

And the marvel grows as we reflect that the loaf, from such a raising, is not of the frothy, spongy sort but upon being sliced, is found to be sound throughout and of full weight; the kind we expect when we spend our money with the reliable tradesman.

The occasional pessimist who cavils at what he deems to consider a too rapid growth and exorbitant prices—thank Heaven he is very occasional—may profit by a careful reading of the bulletin. It may save him a groan, always a bad thing for the digestion and perhaps bring him some gain, if undoubtedly it permits it to influence his investments.

But the figures themselves offer the best argument. The building permits issued for the first six months of this year, amount to three-quarters of the total for all of last year. At this rate, the aggregate for 1912 should almost double the total for last year.

Then there are the figures for the monies expended for improvements, public and private, of one kind and another. These figures run to the sum total of FIFTY MILLIONS of dollars. Reflect for a moment on how much money fifty millions of dollars really is; contemplate your own expenditures for a year and see if you can name at any sort of a conception of what it actually means. Perchance your mind does not carry you to an adequate understanding. If not, let us offer you a suggestion which may afford something of a realization of how big a sum of money, fifty millions of dollars really is. Fifty millions of dollars is almost as much money as the federal government expends in all of Canada in a year. And that sum of money will actually be paid into permanent improvements in Calgary during the year 1912, thereby becoming actual, visible assets of the city.

But let us turn to the figures on assessment for perhaps the best illustration of the growth of Calgary. In 1892, twenty years ago, the assessment roll of Calgary amounted to something like \$150,000 less than three millions. In 1902, ten years later, the assessment was less than it had been ten years earlier so that the development of Calgary had not yet commenced. But note the increase from that time! The following year it had grown a million, the next, two and so on up by leaps and bounds until last year we reached the immense figure of fifty-two millions, or an increase over the previous year of some twenty millions.

But the figure of last year, large though it was, was diminutive as compared with that for the present year. For 1912 the assessment is ONE HUNDRED and TWELVE and a HALF MILLIONS of dollars, an increase of more than one hundred per cent., ten and a half millions more than double the assessment of last year.

Comparisons may be odious but at the risk, one may be timely. The writer recalls the time when the assessment roll of the city of Butte, Montana, amounted to thirty-six millions. Butte was then a city of seventy thousand inhabitants. It had a pay roll of more than a million dollars a month and the earnings of the mines within a radius of one mile of the city hall, aggregated fifty-two millions for the year in question. That was the hey-day of Butte's career and Butte was then said to be the richest and most prosperous city in the world.

What then of Calgary, with an assessment three times as great as Butte in her palmy day and with a population ten thousand less.

It is doubtful if history records a similar growth anywhere else in the world.

Calgarians have reason indeed to be proud of their city.

ONLY A SPECTATOR

The Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' Association are applying to the Railway Commission to have the freight rates on lumber from British Columbia points to points west of Winnipeg cut down to the level of the rates charged on shipments to Winnipeg. There is not, to the third party in the transaction, any good reason why the rates should not be so reduced. But it does not follow that if the rates are so reduced the third

party will get the benefit. More likely the Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' Association will put the difference in their own pockets, and as between the railway companies and the "lumber trust" the consumer has no special reason to prefer being plundered by the trust. In this prospective scrimmage before the commission the consumer seems to be in the position of an interested but helpless onlooker, whose only point of certainty is that whoever wins, he will have to pay.—Edmonton Bulletin.

THIRD PARTY IN THE U.S.

The history of the third parties in the United States, called up by Col. Roosevelt's proposed Progressive party, is reviewed by the Hamilton Herald. It is interesting to note that they have all met practically the same fate:

There have been at least ten of them—the Anti-Masonic, the Free Soil, the American or Know-Nothing, the Constitutional-Union, the Liberal-Republican, the Greenback, the Populist, the A. P. A. and the Socialist. All of these except the last were short-lived and faded away without achieving the purposes for which they have been formed. They were almost negative and destructive rather than positive and constructive—organized to oppose some principle, policy or system. The Anti-Masonic party was organized to kill Freemasonry, and grew out of the supposed murder of William Morgan by the Masons in the early 'thirties because he divulged the secrets of the order. The Liberty and Free Soil parties were opposed to slavery; the work which they were organized to do was done later by the Republican party. The Know-Nothing and A. P. A. parties were anti-Catholic. The Constitutional-Union party was organized to prevent the civil war. The Liberal-Republicans were dissatisfied with the "reconstruction" policy in the South, and aimed at conciliating southern sentiment. The Greenback party arose out of the decline in prices after the war. It was hoped that a great issue of "fiat money," by artificially raising prices, would help the farmers. The Populist party was strong in the west; it protested against the "money power" and demanded various radical changes mainly for the benefit of farmers. Several of its ideas have been embraced by the Democratic doctrine. The Socialist party is the only "one" which has survived down to the present. It shows no signs of decadence; indeed, it is more than probable that the greatest vote ever polled by the Socialists in the States will be given next November to Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist candidate for the presidency.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THERE?

Honor, Gray in "Judge" is responsible for this reality, and wonderfully made "Honor." Anyone who has "one" New York during the theatrical season will echo amen to the last three lines:

THE TALE OF A BILL

By jingo! but I'm feeling blue,
For I've not had a single sou
Since I escorted Dolly Bright
Unto the show the other night.
I cannot help but get a chill
Whenever I think upon the bill
'Now here it is in black and white,
Something fierce? You have it right!

EDITORIAL NOTES

It seems to us that in that story that has been going the rounds about that Moneta man who created a neat riot by trying to "raise" the hymn, "Shall we gather at the River" to the tune of "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly", the press humorists have missed the quite obvious connection. Eh, what?

Woodrow Wilson is a man of many States," remarks The Los Angeles Times. "He was born in Virginia, bred in North Carolina, trained in Georgia, schooled in Maryland and polished in New Jersey. He will probably wind up in November in the State of Despair." Wrong again, brother. Woodrow has had enough of states and his November address will be "District of Columbia," we opine.

"In some quarters he is referred to as Colonel Roosevelt," remarks a paragrapher, but T. R.'s enemies are a bit forward in saying that because a man changes his party, his name goes with it. Teddy's is still "a name to conjure with."

Evidence has been adduced in the Seattle trial of Judge Hanford that he slept in the court room. But, speaking for ourselves, we'll reserve judgment till we learn what windy lawyer was arguing at the time.

A lot of people, ourselves included, have sometimes thought so, but have kept quiet till now. John Grier Hibben, Princeton's new president, says that "75 per cent represents the value of a college graduate's ability immediately after graduation." Yes, yes, the business world is hard on them at the start, but some make good—after they forget about being a "college graduate."

Upon their return to the Atlantic coast, the British manufacturers are quoted as having said that the chief fault they had to find with the west was that the men chewed tobacco. We are indeed sorry that our tobacco left such an unpleasant taste in the mouths of our distinguished visitors. But frankly, wasn't chewing tobacco made to chew?

GEN. ROJAS WOULD DEPOSE OROZCO AND LEAD

Leader of the Mutiny in Early Fighting Now Aspires to Command of Rebels

Mexican Residents Fear Period of Pillage if His Ambition is Realized

General Orozco, July 18.—General Antonio Rojas, the man who figured prominently in the mutiny at the origin of the present revolution here, now wishes to be commander-in-chief of the rebels. He is reported to have sent a messenger to General Pascual Orozco, Jr., demanding that unless the Orozco family give up some of the funds accumulated during the revolution, he and his men will no longer recognize Orozco.

Rojas has nearly 2,000 men at Madera, about 270 miles southwest of here on the Mexican Northwestern railroad. Two days ago General Orozco ordered the railroad torn up north of Madera. General Rojas immediately imprisoned General Campa, who had been detailed to the work by General Orozco.

The rebel chief later rescinded the order for cutting railroad communication, but the quarrel is believed to be brewing further. Just what the alignment of chiefs against Orozco is has not been made clear. General Salazar is in Juarez in command of the army. General Orozco, Jr. All the other chiefs are in the vicinity of Madera with Rojas. Should Rojas become the rebel chief, residents fear a continuous season of looting and pillage. He is accused of robbing Juarez banks when the mutiny occurred and is upon it upon some of the most money-thirsty of all the rebels.

Americans in Danger. More than 500 American citizens, together with their families, in towns along the Mexican northwestern railroad are threatened with isolation from the American border, and recent means of escaping deprivations of Mexican rebels.

Sufficient facts became known today of the real situation along the Mexican Northwestern to warrant the statement that it would cause no surprise if the Americans in all the towns along the line were warned to leave Mexico at once.

Through the destruction of the Northwestern for a hundred miles, in a mountainous region where supplies are delayed, officials of the road are in constant fear it may be done at any moment.

Railroad Seems Doomed. It is said officials did not wish to ask the British government to make representations for protection, for while the property is in the hands of the rebels, the British officials, for the Pearson and his employees would mean to leave the property and supplies at the mercy of the rebels, who already have looted the company headquarters at Madera.

That the Mexican Northwestern railway, along which most of the rebel army is stretched, is doomed generally is the opinion of the rebels, who intend to bar the government forces westward from Chihuahua.

Women and children in the United States are being urged to contribute to the relief of the Mexican Northwestern Railway. The United States is being urged to contribute to the relief of the Mexican Northwestern Railway.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AS A TOWN PLANNER

Addressed Convention at Winnipeg in Support of Cities Beautiful

Winnipeg, July 18.—The following is a report in full of what the Duke of Connaught said in his address on Housing and Town Planning at the convention here on Tuesday: "I can assure you that it is a genuine pleasure to be present at this meeting of the first Housing and Town Planning congress of Winnipeg, which is, I believe, the first such congress to be held in Canada, and I trust that your citizens may be by your influence educated up to the importance of the various items of your program."

Money and thought expended now while your city is young, and while whole districts are covered with buildings of a temporary character, will repay you a hundredfold in saving the great expense of remodeling the city when its buildings have assumed a more permanent character generally. You already have a splendid city, but every city in the world is capable of improvement. You must remember, however, that town planning is a special branch of art, and that before committing yourselves to any general scheme it is advisable to call in the best expert advice which can be procured; that of a specialist in this branch of art.

Any scheme adopted must be general—such as that which the genius of Baron Haussmann gave to Paris, and which made the French capital into such a beautiful city; a scheme which—long after the death of its author—is still being carried out to its entirety, and owing to which we now see broad boulevards still being driven through the insanitary rookeries of lower Paris.

Dollar Chasing. In these days, when so many people are thinking solely of the amassing of wealth, numbers of them are careless as to where and how they live. We must try and discourage this spirit and make the public insist on the surroundings being as beautiful as conditions will admit.

You must not forget that some of the problems which confront you are not to be permanently solved; the city is ever on the move. Where you have shot prairie-chicken your sons will transact business; where your fathers fought against the Indians you are standing this morning.

Keep Pace With Growth. The garden suburb of today is the manufacturing district of tomorrow; so you must look to it that your improvements keep pace with the growth of the city, and that even show an intelligent anticipation of such growth.

Furthermore it is not sufficient to grow taller and saner buildings. Many thousands of the working classes are far from grateful for being put

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Special Values to be Found in the Shoe Dept. The fact that stocktaking is so near, has been the cause of collecting together all odd lines and short lots and making great reductions in an endeavor to dispose of them before this event takes place.

Axminster, Wilton and Brussels Rugs at Half Price It must be good news for housekeepers to hear of such a great saving as is afforded by this sale.

Week-End Specials at the Candy Counter Seven luscious specials from the counter that will keep clerks and scales busy in supplying all who will want them.

Savings News from the Grocery FRUIT SECTION Oranges, fancy navels, Saturday, dozen, 30c, 40c, 50c

Women's Lingerie Dresses Reg. \$4.25 to \$20.00 for \$3.95 The unseasonable weather of the past few weeks and the proximity of stock-taking has prompted this sale, and we are making this great price reduction in order to effect a clearance before the latter event comes round.

