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NATURAL GAS COMPANY WOULD SUPPLY CITY OF EDMONTON

President Eugene Coste Admits Association With Man Making Offer to Northern City

Ask Twenty Year Franchise on Similar Terms as Those in Effect in Calgary

Agree to Begin Drilling Three Wells Within Six Months—2,000 Feet Deep

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Edmonton at 12 cents for commercial and 27 cents for domestic purposes or a flat rate of 31 cents per 1,000 feet. If the city would agree to purchase the gas when they had proved the field which they purport to have found.

Says Report is Correct. "Yes, that's correct," said Mr. Coste yesterday, when asked if the Edmonton report of his association with Mr. McLeod was true.

The rate we offer to accord to Edmonton is precisely the same rate that applies at the city limits of Calgary, but at a slightly higher charge inside the limits for the pipes to houses, etc., and other like expenses.

WOMEN TRAMP BEHIND PACK HORSES TO GET CLAIMS

Arduous Trip of 20 Miles Rewards Efforts With Group of Copper Claims

Camped Out Nights, Broiling Bacon Over Campfire and Slept Beneath Tarpaulin

HIGH WATER IN BOW RIVER BLAMED FOR DELAY ON SEWER

Seepage From the River Flows Steadily Into Ditch for the Big Trunk Drain

Three Pumps Working and Fourth Provided for, But Drains Taxed to Capacity

Engineer Says City's Failure to Make Monthly Payments Has Invalidated Penalty Clause

That unexpected high water in the Bow river, which is sweeping through into the alighten excavation for the big trunk sewer on Eighth avenue east, is the cause of slow progress on the work is the explanation given by Contractor James, of the James-Mitchell Construction company, which has charge of the work.

According to City Engineer J. T. Child, the Bow river is four feet above its ordinary height at this time of the year.

Chief Cuddy Points Out That Royal Aides de Camp Will Attend to Such Details

All Constables Will be Asked to Do Will be to Keep Crowds Out of the Way

No Chance for a Calgary Bobby to Make Faux Pas Such as Grabbing Duke by Arm

That the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia undoubtedly will have an escort of their own has been impressed on other city officials by Chief of Police Cuddy who will have charge of guarding the lines along which the royal party will pass when entering the city.

So far as handling the Duke and Duchess in his carriage is concerned, said Chief Cuddy yesterday, "the reception committee need't worry about that. There is no fear of a Calgary constable making a mistake, because a Calgary policeman won't get within any distance of the royal party, as their Royal Highnesses have a personal escort who will attend to all duties such as those."

OUT DUCK HUNTING; SHOT IN THE HEAD

James Kaine, Prominent Resident of Wetaskiwin, in Very Serious Condition

Wetaskiwin, August 29.—James Kaine, a prominent resident, was shot while duck hunting on the farm of William Randolph this afternoon.

Reports from the copper field indicate that it offers great promise in development, and one company now has 240 acres and will begin exploration work in the near future.



HERBERT BOOTH, youngest son of the late William Booth. The son broke away from the Salvation Army some years ago because of a dispute with his father. He has since been working as a mission evangelist in London. He was not present at his father's bedside when the end came.

NEED 25,000 MEN TO GARNER CROP

Winnipeg, Aug. 29.—"We are still short of 25,000 harvesters to meet the requirements of the west," said J. Bruce Walker, Dominion commissioner of immigration this morning, "and I am extremely anxious that every effort should be made to obtain them."

"I concede that the harvesters' specials have been filled to overflowing," he continued, "with a splendid class of workers, but am afraid that our friends from Ontario have failed to appreciate the urgent needs of the western farmers for this year's crop."

"The estimate of 50,000 is not the slightest exaggeration, not more than 20,000 from eastern Canada have reached Winnipeg to date."

"Deputy Minister Harcourt, of Edmonton, wires me today: 'There are not enough men for harvest in this province as yet. Advisable get railway companies run more special trains.'"

"Deputy Minister Mantle, of Saskatchewan, wires me: 'Saskatchewan has about one half the number of men required; strongly advise supplementary excursions.'"

"Western farmers are paying \$300 and \$350 per day, with board, for good experienced hands. This is fifty per cent increase over the wages of three years ago, while the harvesters' expenses have not increased."

HALF OF BRAIN IS TAKEN FROM MAN; HE LIVES

Old Soldier is Cured After One of the Most Remarkable Operations on Record

Stockholm, Aug. 24.—An ex-soldier named Blomquist has just been pronounced cured after one of the most remarkable operations on record.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS IN TORONTO

Toronto, Aug. 29.—Toronto has a case of infantile paralysis. The patient is a little boy, and a recent trip to Catherine is blamed for his condition now.

REGINA TO PORTAL BY NOVEMBER 1

Regina, Aug. 29.—In connection with the Great Northern announcement that twenty-two miles of railway between Niobe, N. D., and North Portal, will be constructed by Nov. 1, the Grand Trunk Pacific state today that the hundred and thirty miles from Regina to Portal will be laid before December if the weather permits.

IWERSON BUILDS ARCH ALL HIS OWN FOR DUKE TO SEE

Right in Front of Platform, Too, and Cuts Off View of the Ordinary Dubs in Streets

Members of Reception Committee Are Afraid to Order It Down

Fear Political Influence of the Parks Superintendent Reputed to Control German Vote

ALTHOUGH members of the general reception committee for the Duke and Duchess of Connaught deprecate the action of Park Superintendent Richard Iwerson in constructing a floral arch directly in front of the platform at the City Hall where the address of welcome will be delivered, they are afraid to order it taken away for fear of the political influence wielded by Iwerson.

When Superintendent Iwerson proposed to build the arch at a recent meeting of the reception committee, a number of half-hearted objections were made, but apparently none of the members of the committee had nerve sufficient to say "No."

Jealous of Other Members. It appears that the parks superintendent has some of the favor-able publicity that has come to Alderman R. S. Whaley as chairman of the reception committee, and Alderman Alex. McDougall and Alderman B. S. Rames, builders and decorators of the big Arch of Welcome on Centre street.

EDMONTON'S NEW CHIEF HAS EXCELLENT RECORD

Head of Montreal Detective for Twenty Years; Cuddy Has Good Word for Him

"Edmonton could not have chosen a better man for Chief duty yesterday afternoon, in referring to the appointment of Chief Detective Silas H. Carpenter of Montreal, who has just been named chief of police at Edmonton."

WETASKIWIN GIRL TAKES STRYCHNINE AND DIES

Took Poison Under Impression it Was Medicine; Physician Arrives Too Late

Wetaskiwin, Aug. 29.—Fern Dayton, 14 years of age, daughter of R. F. Dayton, a farmer residing about 12 miles from town, died today from strychnine poisoning.

MONTREAL PROPERTY SELLS FOR \$15 A SQUARE FOOT

Montreal, Aug. 29.—Fifteen dollars a square foot was the price paid by J. E. Wilear for the Prof. estate high school property on Peel street, sold at auction.

Opium in the crude state is also being imported largely. Already for the first four months of the fiscal year 193 pounds have been imported from Hongkong and Turkey, valued at \$6,332. This, however, is a proportionate decrease over last year when for the entire fiscal year 5,017 pounds valued at \$28,867 were imported.

NO RAISE IN THE PRICE OF MEALS AND ROOMS

Hotel and Restaurant Men Deny That They Will Tax Public Stampede Week

Each Big Hostelry Has List of Rooms in Private Houses to Care for Guests

Price of "Pork and" Will Remain the Same and No Stinting in the Gravy

THERE will neither be an increase in the price of hotel accommodation nor the cost of food in Calgary during Stampede week.

ILLUMINATING OIL IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

Edmonton, Aug. 29.—The parties who have arrived this week from the Mackenzie River bring with them absolute evidence of existence of illuminating oil in the far north.

FRICTION BETWEEN G. T. P. AND GOVERNMENT

Sentiment is Growing That the Company Will Decline to Take Over Transcona Section

Ottawa, Aug. 29.—Despite assurances to the effect that no friction is expected between the government and the G. T. P. in the matter of taking over the Transcona-Superior Junction section of the Transcontinental, the sentiment is growing that the company will decline to do so on the ground that advanced terms are not completed and the company is not compelled to take over any one section until the entire Winnipeg-Montreal division is completed.

TAX ON EVERY MOUTHFUL OF FOOD IN ITALY

Nothing Can be Sold Unless an Excise First is Paid; Cheap Living a Thing of Past

Rome, Aug. 28.—At one time Italy ranked as one of the cheapest countries of the world in which to live. It is no longer.

CURRENT NEARLY SPLIT HIS HEAD

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 28.—With 10,000 volts of electricity short-circuiting through his body, cutting his head nearly in half, Cal Miller, Southern Pacific lineman, retained consciousness and conversed with surgeons.

PREMIER GIVES OUT STATEMENT; MAKES SOME DENIALS

Says Sir Wilfrid Has Not Declined to Meet Him in Conference With Ministers

For the Reason That He Has Not Been Asked and No Meeting Has Been Arranged

Expresses His Grateful Appreciation of Welcome Everywhere Accorded Him

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Premier Borden tonight handed the Canadian Associated Press the following official statement covering his visit:

"During our present visit, which is now drawing to a conclusion, matters of considerable moment have been under consideration and opportunities afforded the Canadian ministers of being present at meetings of the Imperial defence committee have been fruitful in valuable information upon matters considered and determined by that committee.

"Among the most important objects (Continued on Page 9)

DISTINGUISHED ONES WHO WILL COME TO VISIT CALGARY

First in Point of Distinction, of Course, Are the Notables With Duke of Connaught

Duke and Duchess of Sutherland and Lady Leverston Gower Will be Here

Among the Knights Will be Sir Donald Mann and Sir William MacKenzie

CALGARY will be the Mecca of many distinguished visitors next week. The list is a long one, and includes:

Field Marshal H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught; H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught; H. R. H. the Princess Patricia; Miss R. Pelly, lady-in-waiting to H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught; Miss C. Adam, lady-in-waiting to H. R. H. the Princess Patricia; Lt.-Col. H. C. Lowther, C.M.G., M.V.O., D.S.O., military secretary; Captain T. H. Rivers Bulkeley, C.M.O., M.V.O., C.M.P., and squadron commander; Major S. Worthington, R.M.O., M.V.O., medical officer; Captain W. Lons, D.S.O., aide-de-camp; Captain H. C. Buller, aide-de-camp; Mr. W. R. Baker, C.V.O.; the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland and Lady Leverston Gower; Sir Philip Cashoon, England; Sir W. Ward, England; Sir James Logie, M.P., England; Sir Max Aitken, M.P., England; Lieut. Governor Bulvey and Mrs. Bulvey, Premier Sifton, Sir Donald Mann, Sir William MacKenzie, Mayor Finlay, Vancouver, and others.

Reservations were also booked yesterday at the King George for two American senators and a party of six, but the names were not given.

The hotels are crowded, and reservations have been pouring in all this week. From inquiries made at the hotels, including the King George, Alexandra, Alberta, Esamar, Lodge, and others, the information given out was that they are booked full. The managers of various hostels are installing cots wherever possible.

WHAT THE GREAT WEST DID YESTERDAY

In Calgary: Bank clearings for the fiscal week were \$1,560,000, an increase of \$100,000 over the corresponding week last year.

PEDESTRIANS WADE OR WALK AROUND LAKE ON MAIN STREET

John "Gravity" Watson Points Out Disgraceful Condition on Eighth Avenue

Water Stands for Hours After Every Heavy Rain and Laps Edges of Sidewalks

CITY SHOULD AT LEAST HANG OUT RED LANTERN OF WARNING, SAYS FORMER ALDERMAN

CALLING attention to the fact that for several months past a miniature lake has gathered at the southwest corner of Ninth avenue and First street east, every time it rained, former Alderman John "Gravity" Watson last evening severely criticized the city administration for laxity in permitting such a state of affairs. Men and women were compelled to wade through the water in the darkness, pedestrians have accidentally stepped in over their ankles. This is a state of affairs that has persisted for many months, every time there has been a heavy rain.

"I think the least of the city engineer could do under the circumstances," Mr. Watson said last night, "would be to hang a red lantern over the place at night with a sign warning pedestrians to walk around into the street and not venture to try the sidewalk."

"Such a condition could exist for so long is a shame and a disgrace to the city. I understand that the engineer blames this lake of water on the mistaken ideas of his predecessor in office, who failed to make proper provision for the outlet of the gutter drains into the sewer, so that they easily become clogged. That may be true, I don't know. But if so, the city could at least have a man down there immediately after a rain and clean out the outlet to the sewer, or whatever it is, so that the lake would not stand on our main street for hours at a time. It simply illustrates the disorganization and lack of system in our city government."

"The matter of this standing water was called to the attention of Engineer (Continued on Page 9)

FIFTY TONS OF WATER PER ACRE FELL YESTERDAY

General Downpour Prevented Possibility of Snow and Consequent Damage

Mercury Crept Down to 40 Degrees, Again Climbing at 55 and Closing at 43

With the temperature crawling dangerously near the snowing point, at which the possibility of damage to maturing crops, Jupiter Pluvius came to the rescue again yesterday and showered the country with a general deluge.

The mercury crept down as low as 40, and the maximum reached 45, standing at 43 at 6 o'clock. The total precipitation for the day was 1.20 inches, which reduced to pounds, means 50 tons of water per acre.

While some damage may have occurred to ripened grain, the rain prevented a worse state of affairs, and interfered with the harvest operations.

Beware, Germany!

London, Aug. 30.—Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes and his party of Canadian officers attending the British military manoeuvres arrived on the steamer Royal Edward yesterday. They were met by Lord Strathcona, who entered Grosvenor Square. Tomorrow Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton will dine on the contingent.

PROMINENT LABOR LEADER ARRESTED FOR THEFT

George Howells, formerly secretary of the Trades and Labor council, was arrested for stealing a number of tools belonging to his employer.