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That Salary Grab.

The position of the Times on the salary-to-aldermen question is that aldermen should be paid, but that no council should decide its own salary; that the question should be submitted to the ratepayers and if the ratepayers decide to pay the council of 1908, that is what should be done; but that it would be better to have the same salary in view at the time of election as during the period of elected aldermen.

But what do you think, ratepayers of the man who accepts the position of alderman without pay, and after sitting only two regular meetings of the new year flatly says he will not act unless paid? Ald. Forster knew the pay when he accepted the position, and by accepting, morally contracted to do his work on that basis—just as much as any workman who agrees to work at \$100 a month.

Then consider that Ald. Forster, the mover of this salary grab, refuses to submit the question to the ratepayers in face of the following unanimous resolution at the annual meeting, the only ratepayers' meeting of the year: "That the council be requested to submit the question of government by commission or PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO ALDERMEN to a referendum vote of the ratepayers." May he will fight to the last ditch the submission of the question to the ratepayers, he carried a resolution to submit the legality of not allowing the ratepayers to vote on it to a Calgary lawyer. He will spend twenty-five or thirty dollars of the city's money to keep it away from the ratepayers, and all this although we have four lawyers here. He rightly insists upon the salary question being submitted to the ratepayers but refuses to be consistent in the salary question. He tells the ratepayers he doesn't give a continental what they decide upon at their own meeting, and won't risk his little grab to the popular vote.

Ald. Forster waited until he had the seat of alderman cinched before he uttered a word on the salary question. You can't put him out, now, ratepayers, so he's going to get money out of it at all costs. He wanted to transfer some of the city's gold to his own pockets without giving you a chance to say nay, or how much he will take.

This is the kind of thing we must keep out of the council. Not one alderman of this city has had a breath of suspicion uttered against him up to the beginning of 1908. There is graft in other cities but Medicine Hat has been fortunate. If this style of dipping into the city's coffers without the consent of the ratepayers is not akin to what we read of in San Francisco The Times is missing some phase of the question.

To make matters worse Ald. Forster knows as well as anyone how badly the city needs its money this year. After years of hard work in the council he comes forward, dumb on this subject, slips into the seat, and then tries to force payment to himself.

The Times does not think for an instant that Ald. Forster will receive the support of more than one alderman in his fight to shut out the ratepayers. Already Alds. Baker, Huckle and Spencer have declared against it. Ald. Forster had not one word of support at the last council meeting. The city has a solicitor for just such questions and Mr. Kealey stated emphatically that the

present condition of the city's finances," (note the flow). "The Times does not know what it is writing about," "has not enough enlightenment to give any particular weight to its advice," etc., etc. Most convincing isn't it?

As The Times said last week there is no great moral principle involved in the gas question. If the ratepayers decide not have it The Times is thoroughly satisfied. It is a ratepayers' question entirely, and is not one to be threshed out by the papers. The ratepayers alone gain or lose.

The News says:

"The Times is something like the council—prepared to discuss a measure which affects the finances of the city without having the remotest conception of an intelligent idea of the present condition of the city finances."

Well, The Times does not mind being classed with the council. With very few exceptions, they're as good as we could get.

When Ald. Forster's candidature was announced The Times took the stand that an editor should not be on the council.

It took only a month to prove how true this is. We now see Ald. Forster, in his paper, abusing his fellow-aldermen, and using that paper to further a salary grab which is not backed by his fellow-aldermen.

Yes, you pay your bootblack, your minister, your employee, your school trustees, etc., etc., because that is their whole work, what they must make their living at.

But you don't pay your school trustees, your church officials, your society directors—and it is to these the alderman's position conforms. It is only when the work passes a certain stage that a society secretary is paid; and that is when an alderman should be paid. Medicine Hat aldermen should be paid, but the secretary-treasurer of a society never assumes the right to set his own salary and say when it shall start.

Ald. Forster said he could not give his time to the city unless he was paid for it. Then why did Ald. Forster offer himself for the position only six weeks ago?

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Brodeur's department is making a name for itself. A bill presented for payment contains a note of \$49 for white "dickies" for a government boat. A leather cushion cost \$42 that could be bought anywhere for \$20, a soup tureen \$30, and a tea kettle \$7.11, etc. A boat which cost \$22,000 to keep in 1906, cost \$50,000 in 1907 and another cost \$29,000 and \$49,000 in the two years.

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