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THE MONEY MARKET

The British money lender will lend his money to the Chinese or the Turks, to the Germans or the Americans, but he will not lend his money to the Canadians because the Canadian senate insisted that the people should decide whether we are to pay out money for empty ships or provide a navy fully manned and equipped ready at any time to join Britain in the defence of the empire.

That is the statement which is made seriously by The Calgary Herald. Will any person believe it? Does any person think that the British money lender will lend his money to Germany and re-lend it to Canadians under similar favorable circumstances?

The commonwealth of Australia not only questioned the wisdom of the recommendation of the admiralty but positively declined to accede and is now busy organizing an Australian navy. But that made no difference, as far as we can learn, to the British money lender.

The British money lender is not built that way. Does any person suggest that Great Britain is going to attempt to coerce this country and force it to adopt this or that public policy? That is not the way that Britain usually does. That would not be a wise line of action. But that is the course that The Herald and other papers suggest that Britons should take.

But that is not all that The Herald says. It insists that the Alberta loan will be turned down as a sort of condemnation of the Sifton government on the one hand and that it will be rejected because the British investor has turned his face against Canada all because the senate insisted that Canada should be cautious before it borrowed \$5,000,000 more. The Alberta loan, if rejected, would not be declined for both reasons. It will not be declined for either reason.

The money market is bad just now. The rumor has been persistently circulated in Britain that Canada is spending too rapidly, that its provinces, its cities, and its railways are going too fast. When the money lenders have the borrowers at their feet, they will select what looks to be the very best to them. With these reports about Canada, and R. B. Bennett and The Calgary Herald making a dead-set upon the province of Alberta, it is not surprising that there is considerable difficulty in getting money.

A BRAVE MAN

Just before prorogation of the Canadian house of commons, R. B. Bennett interrupted William Pugsley with a challenge to resign the Calgary seat if the latter would resign St. John and both would appeal to the constituents. In that way the naval debate might be settled and the worth of the two men could be decided. This challenge is not a new method of securing notoriety. Challenges are frequently made in parliament and are generally regarded as somewhat of the bluff order. No resignation ever takes place and no harm is done. On the other hand, the parties concerned secure an amount of publicity. However, it is somewhat different in this case. One cannot fail to marvel at the heroism of the Calgary member. Of course, it must be remembered that in Canada, particularly in western ridings or in ridings such as St. John, where great public works may be undertaken at any time, that bye-elections invariably favor the government. Under such circumstances, it must be admitted that Mr. Bennett has a slight advantage over Mr. Pugsley in the proposed controversy. However, it was a very brave offer on the part of Mr. Bennett.

There is a slight difference also in the political complexion of the two ridings. Mr. Pugsley was elected in the general election in the riding of St. John by a majority less than one hundred. R. B. Bennett was elected in the riding of Calgary by a majority of more than 2,500. It is more than likely that Mr. Bennett did not poll the full

Editorial Notes

No alchemist ever had greater success than his trade in the palmist should be called to the fact that Calgary policemen for a greater portion of one Sunday sank to prisoners none of whom previously had committed any serious offenses. The Bow Valley Conservatives acted

vote either. Since that time there has been a general election in Alberta. The Conservative majority in the ridings represented by Mr. Bennett was then somewhat in the neighborhood of 3,500. So Mr. Bennett's brave suggestion was that he, with a normal majority of 3,000 and with the Dominion government, the generous distributor of patronage at his back, should resign his seat, provided that Mr. Pugsley, representing a city normally Conservative, with a majority of one hundred behind him, who would be the mark of a patronage distributing government, should do the same.

It was a very brave offer on the part of Mr. Bennett and shows what a great sportsman he really is.

THE TERM OF OFFICE

Eastern newspapers are considering carefully some suggestions which Rev. J. O. Miller gave the Municipal Improvement society in St. Catharines, based upon observations he made when visiting Great Britain. What impressed him most, both in Britain and Germany, was the permanence that distinguished the municipal system there compared to Canada.

Rev. J. O. Miller, of St. Catharines, gave the Municipal Improvement association a most interesting account of the result of his observations, when abroad, on municipal government. What impressed him most, both in England and Germany, was the permanence that distinguished it radically from United States and Canadian methods. In Germany the mayor of a city was appointed for life, and the magistrates, as they are called, the permanent heads of departments, serve on good behavior, get good salaries, and retire on pensions. Both mayors and "magistrates" are appointed by the city council, and the legislative and administrative functions are thus kept separate.

The city councils are elected for six years, one-third retiring every two years. In Berlin some members had been on the council for 30 years, and 50 of the 160 which compose it, had been members over 10 years.

The result of this permanency of government is that policies are laid down to cover many years. They have to make a record and they are not interfered with in putting forth their best endeavors. Munich, said Mr. Miller, was a city dating back to the eighth century, yet it was almost completely modern in every respect, and most of the German cities had been rebuilt since the Franco-Prussian war.

Another feature was that many of these cities had become astonishingly wealthy. Frankfurt adopted the policy of acquiring large blocks of land which had grown into enormous values, and that city now owned 51 per cent. of the land inside the corporation limits, and 4000 acres, outside, valued at \$50,000,000. Berlin owned 40,000 acres. The German cities bought land when it was cheap, and held it for the citizens. One effect was not to stop land speculation, but to check it. If an outsider bids against the city on property which the city wanted, a German official told Mr. Miller, he might as well dig his grave in it. The city would refuse to permit streets to be opened up in it, or sewers to be laid in it, or houses built on it. The interest of the community came before that of the individual.

They make a profit out of public utilities in Germany. In Munich every house has a water meter which is read once a year. If the consumption is in excess of a certain quantity, charges are made on the excess over the regular rate. In 1500 towns in Germany there are no taxes, and in 500 they actually pay dividends to the residents. They are very careful, Mr. Miller remarked, whom they accept as citizens.

In England they had the fact, if not the form, of permanent government. Officials get immense salaries. The Liverpool city clerk, in addition to his salary, got a special fee of \$6,000 for revising the voters' list. Mr. Miller was strongly of the opinion that everything that tended to weaken the authority of the city council tended to lower the quality of the men who would present themselves for election. A longer term of office, he believed, would raise the standard, and he was evidently in favor of the German method of separating the legislative and the administrative functions of government.

Calgary has suffered very greatly because of lack of continuity in the policy of the city, caused by short term of service of the members of the council. This error is being rectified by the appointment of a commission. But the term of the aldermen is quite too short. The suggestion of the mayor for a three year term is worth considering. The aldermen should be elected for two years at least.

great game. An Alberta exchange sagely remarks that the attention of the attorney-general and the Humane society should be called to the fact that Calgary policemen for a greater portion of one Sunday sank to prisoners none of whom previously had committed any serious offenses. The Bow Valley Conservatives acted very wisely in declining to put up a battle against Hon. C. R. Mitchell. The Bow Valley people expressed their opinion upon provincial affairs less than two months ago and have given no indication of having changed their minds since that time. The Munson Mail says that it always had a very high opinion of Ald. Trellis' command of the English language, and that opinion has not suffered

ed any by his statement that his wheat grew two inches in 24 hours.

The Calgary Herald says that the British money lender will not lend money to Alberta because its premier is A. L. Sifton, and also because the Canadian senate insisted that the Canadian people should be consulted before Canada borrowed \$5,000,000 to build three Dreadnoughts. Of course the British money lenders will keep on lending money to the Turk, the Chinese, the German and all the others. The suggestion of The Herald that the British will coerce Canada into any particular policy will not be believed by any person.

Eastern newspapers seemed inclined to smile at us because one of our public men said that oats were growing at the rate of two inches a day. But that was early in the season before the warm weather came. Since then the grain has been growing even faster than that.

There can be no great objection for the premier of Canada to say that he hopes that Canada some day will pay over \$25,000,000 to the mother country for the privilege of looking at some ships that the mother country is building, if he goes no further than saying it.

The bylaw for a manufacturers' building should be submitted again and at once, not merely because Mr. Valiquette, the chief opponent, is leaving the city, but because the people are beginning to understand what they lost by turning it down.

Mr. Bourassa will address the Canadian club soon, and he will get a good reception. Few people in Canada, if any, approve of his peculiar policy, but this is a Canadian country and a British country and we treat every person fairly. It is true that Mr. Bennett's friends tried to break up a Liberal meeting, from which we have received much undesirable notoriety, but that was not successful and Calgary as a whole is much ashamed of it. Mr. Bourassa will be well received.

Did not R. B. Bennett announce at a public meeting in Calgary last winter that he would oppose any further loan to the Grand Trunk Pacific, but would favor the country taking over the road? But the government has granted the loan, the government has not taken over the railway and R. B. Bennett has made no protest. All of which is interesting.

Suppose that the provincial government started in without a word to any person to lay pavement and do other things that the city does. Would Calgary protest and insist upon knowing why? But the province has much more right to do those things than the Dominion has to invade the provinces and start in with a highway policy. Let the Dominion reduce the taxes and the provinces can proceed as they see fit to build their own highways.

Letters to The Editor

The Canadian Senate Editor, Morning Albertan-

Will you be good enough to advise an early issue of your paper how the membership of the Senate is controlled; that is how many members are allowed according to population? How many Liberals and Conservatives are in the senate now and what steps can the premier take to give him a majority at the present time?

Yours truly, SUBSCRIBER, Cranbrook, B.C. Answer Originally there were only twenty-two senators, viz. twenty-four from Quebec, twenty-four from Ontario, and twenty-four from the Maritime Provinces. Since then, however, the senatorial roll has been increased, owing to the accession of new provinces. The members now stand as follows: Ontario 24, Quebec 24, Nova Scotia 10, New Brunswick 10, Manitoba 4, British Columbia 3, Prince Edward Island 4, Alberta 4, and Saskatchewan 4. There is no special regulation for representation by population. The recent division on the naval bill was a party division, and its figures represent the Liberal and Conservative forces respectively. Without special imperial legislation, the senate cannot be increased without the consent of both commons and senate.

Vest Pocket Essays

By George Fitch

CIRCUS BILLS The subject of circus bills was approached timidly last week in these essays. But the circus bill cannot be dismissed with a few casual swats. It requires an entire essay for itself.

A circus bill is an astounding and anticlimactic aggregation of anticipatory alliterations printed in red and blue ink, and spread over the side of a barn. The object is to stun the mind and reduce it into a jelly like condition of awe and eagerness.

The circus bill advertises the circus which is to follow it. In order that the author is kept carefully away from the circus, and is trained in the use of reverberating and hypnotic words. After a circus bill mixer has worked at his trade for a few years he is able to describe a rude, uninteresting hole in the ground as an "ambrosial titanic tunnel," and a stack of sullen and indifferent wheatcakes in a quick lunch restaurant as an "ambrosial influence of appetizing alignment." A circus bill can increase an elephant's height, eleven feet, and can stretch out a python until he is half an hour passing a given point. On the circus bill the hippopotamus' mouth

looks like the entrance to a union station train shed, and the roaring lion is adorned with teeth which could be used for ten stakes. With the aid of an acre of paper, plenty of colored ink and a chess dictionary of synonyms, the circus bill writer can take a tottering old ring circus, with a menagerie consisting of a consumptive monkey and two spotted ponies, and can congest with thrilling athletics, herbelephantis and the only living jobberwalk captured in Siberia, after a frightful loss of life. Thanks to the circus bill, the American circus has prospered exceedingly, and strong men steal the children of their neighbors in order to get an excuse to see it. The only reason why politicians do not grow faster is because they look with scorn upon the gifted author of the circus bill and rely upon the wan editor with the anemic vocabulary. If the benefits of the protective tariff were to be described in a good 50 sheet bill by a high grade circus composer the Republican party would poll an unanimous vote.

Salvationist Falls 90 Feet Vancouver, B.C., June 8.—Peter Aglund, for many years sergeant major of the Salvation Army corps here died today as the result of falling 90 feet from the top of the new Empress hotel building.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY
Let Your Head Save Your Heels
It doesn't much matter what your plans may be for June, July or August, you must agree that your comfort during those months will be greater by far if you take advantage today, early in June, of all the opportunities offered for preparation. Last-minute shopping is distressing and certainly not so satisfactory. The weather is hot, the streets and shops are crowded and stocks are not so fresh and attractive as they are right now. Why not plan ahead? Be fore-handed and "let your head save your heels." "GET IT AT THE BAY."

A Late Arrival of Curtains Brings Remarkable Value News
A Rare Bargain Event for Today

COUNT this as one of the most important special sale events this store has announced this season. And it is, for never to our recollection have such curtains been sold for anything like these little prices. This is a shipment of some 2,000 pairs of beautiful, fresh, crisp lace curtains which should have been here three months ago and more. Here they are just opened, with instructions from the department manager to clear them out before early fall shipments arrive. Hence, Calgary housekeepers can consider it a bit of the best of good fortune for them that these have been reduced to such proportions.

It is a representative gathering of the best productions of one of the largest British manufacturers, and includes curtains of beautiful designs, newest effects and durable makes. Nearly every curtain is a strong double thread weave, all have the latest overlock edge, the majority of them being scalloped and overlapped at the top as well as at the bottom. Make the most of it. Brighten up all the rooms during this sale.

- AT 95c PAIR—A choice of five designs, all double thread weave; artistic patterns; all 3 yards long; in white, cream and ecru. We can recommend these for durability in laundering and for sun resistance.
AT 1.15 PAIR—There are six pretty designs to choose from in this lot, in remarkably attractive Bungalow Net Curtains. You'll wonder at the values offered. All 2 1/2 yards long (sill length), in white, cream and ecru.
AT 1.15 PAIR—Choose from twelve different designs; six in 2 1/2 yard lengths, and six in 3 yard lengths. There are Bungalow Net Weave, Cable Cord, Fillet Net Weave, and Double Thread style, in cream and ecru.
AT \$2.45 PAIR—Fifteen excellent styles to choose from, in lengths 2 1/2, 3 and 3 1/2 yards, including Bungalow Weave, Point d'Esprit, with colored band, Cable Cord, Double-Fillet, Plain Scrim with edging, and other styles. All three-color tones.

Commencing TODAY---A SALE OF UNDERWEAR

A Two-Day Bargain Event Offering Big Values

Better or more opportune news would be hard to print than this we tell ladies about today. A most reasonable sale of dainty summer undergarments, planned for two days' record selling and offering bargains of a character that has characterized this Whitewear Store. Buying for the summer months now will appeal strongly to shrewd buyers who appreciate big value.

- COMBINATIONS—Ladies' fine quality cotton combinations; nicely made with low neck and no sleeves, and high neck and short sleeves; prettily trimmed with lace. Sizes 34 to 44. Sale Price 65c
LADIES' VESTS—Made of good quality cotton, with high neck and long sleeves, and low neck and no sleeves; trimmed with edging of lace. Sale Price 20c
LADIES' DRAWERS—60 pairs only fine cotton drawers; trimmed with lace; good sizes; well made in both styles, open or closed. Sizes 23, 25 and 27. Sale Price 30c
LADIES' VESTS—300 in the lot, made of a fine cotton; trimmed with edging of lace and ribbon; all well made in several styles to choose from; in sizes from 34 to 44. Regular 50c. Sale Price 30c
COMBINATIONS—Exactly 100 Suits of Ladies' Combinations, in fine cotton; nicely trimmed with lace edging; knee length; low and high neck; long and short sleeves. A well made, snugly fitting garment. Sizes 34 to 44. Regular \$1.00. Sale Price 85c

Mrs. Griffin, An Expert Corsetiere, Will Be Here Today

We are glad to inform Calgary ladies that Mrs. Griffin, an expert corsetiere, will be with us a week, commencing Monday, June 9th, when she will demonstrate the many superior features in the celebrated

BON TON and ROYAL WORCESTER CORSETS Consult her regarding any problem pertaining to corsets. The benefit of her expert skill is yours for the asking. Make an appointment with her.

During June, July and August this Store will close every Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Wednesday morning purchases will not be delivered until Thursday morning. In no other way will the drivers and the horses, too, benefit by the weekly half-holiday they so greatly appreciate. Plan Your Shopping Early.

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