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CALGARY, TUESDAY JAN. 15, 1907.

## COMMITTEES, POWER AND TELEPHONES

Interesting Subjects Discussed Last Night at the First Meeting of the City Council.

### ALDERMAN RAMSAY RETIRES FROM THE COUNCIL

Special Meeting to Discuss Question of Power—Action Taken Regarding Telephones.

At a meeting of the council, the first of the year, held last night, committees were struck.

A special meeting was selected for the purpose of discussing the offer made by Messrs. Budd and Alexander for the supply of electric power to the city.

The preliminaries in the installation of a municipal telephone system were taken amid much enthusiasm from the public, represented at the meeting in goodly numbers.

The sensational feature of the evening was the resignation of Ald. Ramsay.

Mayor Cameron presided and Councilors Manarey, Watson, Mitchell, McMillan, Moodie and Graves were present.

The city clerk read a letter from Ald. Ramsay in which Mr. Ramsay tendered his resignation. The resignation was accepted by the council.

Messrs. J. A. McNeill and J. A. McKenzie sent in a letter to the council in which they protested against a fine of \$50 and costs which had been imposed upon them by the magistrate in the month of December for some alleged violation in the construction of the Canadian block. The fine was remitted.

Several persons in the employ of the city took this opportunity of asking for an increase in their stipends. J. Manton, the fire engineer, who had been receiving \$75, wanted \$80. His case was referred to the fire committee.

Dr. J. H. Macdonald wrote to the council and asked that his salary as health officer should be increased and that he should also be granted a special allowance for police work.

An application by M. McKay of the Chinook was disposed of by the mayor in a very few words. "We have our own troubles to attend to," said the mayor.

The council decided that Dr. Macdonald should be employed temporarily at the salary which he was receiving at present.

G. Groves, the chief engineer of the waterworks, sent in his resignation. The city clerk suggested that he should be placed on the reserve, if he should happen to be needed by the city in future. This was done.

Jas. Short on behalf of W. S. Macdonald threatened suit for \$125 damages because his cellar had been flooded to a depth of 8 ft. 7 in. If the city did not pay within a period of one month Mr. Macdonald would have recourse to extreme measures.

The next communication came from the board of trade. The board of trade complained of the absolute lack of telephone service that at present existed.

A letter was then read from J. Alexander and W. J. Budd in which these gentlemen offered to supply power to Calgary and to initiate a street car system. They asked for a ten year franchise and they were prepared to begin the work within three months after the necessary by-laws had been passed by the council and the people. At the expiration of 35 years the city had the option of buying the service at cost price, plus 10 per cent. interest. At this point the mayor stated that the city treasurer had reported that the accounts of the city showed a surplus of \$32,000.

The mayor called the attention of the council to the fact that the chairman of committees had to be appointed.

Ald. Watson moved and Ald. Watson seconded, that Ald. McMillan be made chairman of finance and executive committees.

Ald. Watson moved and Ald. Moodie seconded, that Ald. Clarke be chairman of the public works committee. This was carried.

Ald. Mitchell became the chairman of the fire committee from the motion of Ald. Moodie. Ald. Mitchell proposed and Ald. McMillan seconded the motion that Ald. Graves be made chairman of the water committee. Ald. Manarey favored Ald. Watson. Ald. Watson said that during

the course of his travels in Winnipeg and other places he had drunk too much water to become enamored of such a position. Nevertheless, having had much experience along these lines he thought that it was quite possible that he could fill the position. At the same time, if the council thought that Graves was a good man, he was not anxious for the position. An open vote was taken and Ald. Watson was elected chairman of the waterworks committee by three votes, Ald. Graves having received two.

The other committees elected were as follows:

Finance—Ald. McMillan (chairman), Manarey, Moodie, Mitchell.

Fire—Ald. Mitchell (chairman), Manarey, McMillan, Moodie.

Light—Ald. Graves (chairman), Manarey, Sutor, Reilly.

Police and relief—Ald. Young.

Waterworks—Ald. Watson (chairman), White, Sutor, Clarke.

Parks and cemeteries—Ald. Sutor, Manarey, Clarke, White.

Market and health—Ald. Manarey.

New industries—Ald. Reilly.

Ald. Watson then propounded his system of municipal government. The question arose upon the appointment of a temporary controller. He wanted a board of controllers consisting of one alderman from each ward, assisted by expert advice as might be necessary. A board of control of this kind was better than the commission, and they should be paid somewhat as follows: The mayor should receive \$1,000 and the controllers \$250 each for the first year, but they should be paid for three years while aldermen should hold office for two years. No result followed.

The appointment of a municipal auditor was delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The power proposition was then brought before the council, with the result that a special meeting to consider the question was fixed for Thursday evening next.

Messrs. Henderson, Garlick and Lewthwaite, representing the labor interests of the city, were present to state their opposition to a public franchise being granted to any company. They will be present on Thursday night.

Mr. Alexander intimated to the council that he would appear on behalf of the company.

The proposal of the company is similar to that which has appeared in the Albertan, with this addition: "That we are willing to make a test of one month of the cost of producing the power of the present city plant, and if the figures are not 50 per cent less they propose to cut it to that figure."

The facts of the street railway proposition have also been published. The franchise is for 35 years and the tariff amendable.

The amendment to the charter to enable the city to run a telephone system was carried unanimously.

The Hornby lake in Victoria park will be fitted up for an open skating rink.

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**HEAD ON COLLISION IN KANSAS STATE**  
Many of Passengers Injured but Few Seriously

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 14.—A Rock Island express train from Kansas City tonight met a freight train head-on near Waldron. The fireman and express messenger are reported dead, and one engineer is missing. A relief train has gone to the wreck bearing physicians.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 14.—It is reported that a number of passengers were injured, but none killed.

The freight train was on a switch which had been left open, and the passenger train going at full speed ran into it. The passenger locomotive ploughed through the freight cars, smashing and derailing them.

## TO TALK OF TELEPHONES

Important Meeting to be Held of Board of Trade

### GREAT ACTIVITY OF THE BELL COMPANY

Will Have Calgary Connected With Coast in Short Time

The telephone question will be discussed again at a meeting of the council of the board of trade this afternoon. Mr. Scott, a member of the company, who has been in the city during the last few days investigating the trouble that it is admitted exists in the city, will address the members of the council upon telephone matters.

In an interview with the Albertan yesterday Mr. Scott told of the great activity of the Bell Telephone company in the west. The company is rapidly approaching Macleod and will soon be there. The company proposes to build both east and west, east to Lethbridge and west to Cranbrook. When the line is built to Cranbrook connection will be had with all parts of British Columbia and Calgary can talk with all parts of British Columbia.

The Bell will soon be connected from the east with Medicine Hat and soon after will be connected with Calgary. Then Calgary people can talk to Winnipeg.

**STANDARD OIL MUST ANSWER**  
The Grand Jury has Got Them on a Number of Counts

Findlay, Ohio, Jan. 14.—The January session of the Hancock grand jury reported this evening, returning thirty-nine indictments against the Standard Oil Co., six subsidiary companies, and John D. Rockefeller, H. W. Rogers, and seven other officials of the alleged trust.

Findlay, O., Jan. 14.—Nine hundred and thirty-nine indictments were returned against the Standard Oil Co., six subsidiary companies, J. D. Rockefeller, H. W. Rogers, and seven other officials by the grand jury tonight.



**REWARD OF PERSEVERENCE**  
Calgary Youth Who Insisted on Getting a Reply Over the Telephone and What Happened Him.

## Big Concern Is Coming to Calgary

The Plant Alone, It is Reported, Will Cost at Least \$100,000.

It is now practically settled that the large metal manufacturing company who have, during the past month, been in correspondence with the secretary of the Calgary Board of Trade, locate in this city.

This firm stated in their correspondence that they would build a plant costing \$100,000 and employ from sixty to seventy hands.

In a letter just received one of the members, writing from Winnipeg, stated that he would be in Regina in a few days and would come up to Calgary from there. He also stated that they had decided to locate in Calgary, providing \$250,000 worth of their stock could be sold in Calgary.

If this company means business, there will be very little difficulty in selling that amount, said a prominent local man, and the chances are that we will soon have another large manufacturing establishment in the city.

## MAN AT THE BAR INSANE

The Appellant However Pleads Case Dextrously

New York, Jan. 14.—After Edward J. Russell had finished his argument in the supreme court today in his effort to obtain the release from the Dannemora prison for the insane, Justice Traux ruled that he was still insane and remanded him back to prison. Russell made a dramatic plea in his own behalf and when the court rendered its decision, Russell walked to where his mother was sitting and throwing his arms about her kissed her several times.

The Albertan has heard of frozen alcohol and that kind of thing, but when the telegraph wires freeze you can depend upon it being comparatively cold.

The next thing we shall hear of is a frozen sunbeam—or a congealed idea.

## HOW TO DODGE THE INCOME TAX

The Proper Way is to Live in England

New York, Jan. 14.—More than two thousand of the wealthiest residents of this city who in the past have escaped the payment of taxes on their estates by means of nominal residences established in Europe, Rhode Island and New Jersey or the far west, have been caught in the nets of the tax assessor this year through the Saxo non-resident tax.

If the courts sustain the constitutionality of this act the permanent personal assessment of the city will be increased by upwards of thirty million dollars.

**MORMON CHURCH BURNED AT MOUNTAIN VIEW**  
Loss About \$6000. Will be Rebuilt at Once

Cardston, Jan. 14.—The Mormon meeting house at Mountain View was burned to the ground yesterday evening. Everything was destroyed.

The value was between five and six thousand dollars. A new church will be commenced at once.

## McEWEN THE WONDERFUL

The Hypnotist Does a Few Wonderful Things

Last night the hypnotist McEwen and his company opened their week's engagement at the Lyric theatre, a fairly large audience being present. Owing to the sickness of four or five of the members of his company, undoubtedly Mr. McEwen was working at a disadvantage. The specialties at intervals throughout the evening were well up to the standard.

One of the events of the evening was the marvellous performance entitled "The Princess Mahomed of Calcutta." It consisted of the subject, a young lady, after being transported to a rigid state and being placed in a form of basket, suspended in mid-air without any visible support. After being placed in this position a band of iron or hoop was passed several times around the body, which tended to perfect the illusion. Six members of the audience volunteered to go on the stage for experimental work and the usual ludicrous antics by the subjects were indulged in, much to the delight of the audience.

Tonight an entire change of program will be presented, with the exception of the Princess Mahomed performance, which in itself is well worthy of an evening.

## LETTING NEGROES DOWN EASIER

Members of Disbanded Force May Join in Civil Service

Washington, Jan. 14.—By direction of President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Taft today issued a special order modifying the order of dismissing the negro battalion of the 25th U.S. Infantry by striking out the clause relating to the exclusion of the discharged soldiers from enlistment in the civil service.

Rome, Jan. 14.—Victor Emmanuel today received W. P. Stead in private audience and addressed himself as being in hearty accord with the latter's Pacific mission.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 14.—B. Comer was today inaugurated Governor of Alabama. In his annual address he advocated liberality in providing educational facilities and uttered a caution against cheap foreign labor.

## HILL GIVES THE REASON

Business in United States Just Now Very Much Congested

### THE REAL RAILWAY PROBLEM OF AMERICA

More Points for Export and More Interior Markets.

St. Paul, Jan. 14.—President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, today sent a letter to Governor Johnson in which he gives his views on the various phases of the railroad situation in the United States. He gives the reason for conditions and points out a remedy.

The letter says in part: "The business of the United States is today so congested that from every portion of the country arises clamor for relief. The railroads everywhere are taxed beyond their power. The people of the United States therefore, are face to face with the greatest business problem that has ever threatened the nation. During recent years the volume of business has increased and is increasing with extraordinary rapidity, while the necessary additional trackage and terminals have not been equal to the demands upon them. The resulting situation is freight blockade of enormous proportions, especially at all terminal points."

Mr. Hill gives figures from official reports of the interstate commerce commission covering the increase of the railroad business for the last ten years to prove some facts which are significant. "The problem and necessity are enormous. It is the real railroad problem of the United States, and it is one which people have been singularly slow to perceive and reluctantly to realize."

Two remedies must be found. The prohibitory expenses now attached to enlargement of terminals at many points, and the absolute lack of available space at any price may be met by a decentralization of traffic. There must be more points for export and more interior markets."

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Theatres and places of amusement will suffer, and some conflagration is threatened in one of them towards the end of January.

The public health will be bad and there are indications of an epidemic of influenza and other sickness. There will be trouble and dissatisfaction in the navy and greater expenditure on ships and armaments. Some explosions will occur. The square of Saturn and Mercury from the fifth and ninth houses indicates disputes in the religious world, likely over educational matters, and much ill feeling and partisanship will be shown. The serious illness or death of some prominent lady in the land is presaged. Strange doings in connection with work houses and institutions will be brought to light.

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## Calgary Liberals' Annual Meeting

An Enthusiastic Meeting Held in the Club Rooms Last Night.

The Calgary Liberal association had read his report showing that both institutions were flourishing.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Hon. presidents, Hon. W. H. Cushing, M.P.P.; E. H. Riley, M.P.P. President, Dr. Stewart.

First vice-president, R. A. G. Bell. Second vice-president, Dr. Mason. Secretary, Stanley Jones. Treasurer, A. M. Grogan.

Committee, W. M. Davidson, J. C. McNeill, Dr. Anderson, Jas. Short, A. G. Ross, W. Sherwood, H. S. McLeod, W. M. McLean, C. N. Reilly, E. E. Taylor, Dr. Riddell, William Stuart, A. M. Parken, F. F. Higgs, James Twohey, J. P. Glanville.

A number of enthusiastic speeches were made, and resolutions endorsing the Laurier and Rutherford administration were passed with enthusiasm.

## What Is to Happen; How It Will Come

A Prophet of British Columbia Predicts a Few Things to Happen Soon.

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## CARNEGIE AND THE TAX GATHERER

Is Assessed in New York For \$5,000,000. Rockefeller For \$2,500,000

New York, Jan. 14.—Andrew Carnegie will be the heaviest personal taxpayer in New York if the list of assessments made public today is not amended. The value of his personal property is fixed at \$5,000,000 and that of John D. Rockefeller at \$2,500,000.

New York, Jan. 14.—The special tax commission which has been sitting here for several days, decided today not to recommend the adoption of an income tax law by the present legislature. The commission will report to the governor and legislature tomorrow.

Hamburg, Jan. 14.—The captain of the tug Vulkan tells a graphic story of the attempts to save the crew of the British ship Pengwern, from Billie for Falmouth, which went ashore off Scharhorn yesterday. When the captain noticed that the Pengwern was steering towards the Scharhorn he turned the Vulkan about to warn Capt. Williams of the Pengwern of his danger, but before the tug reached the doomed vessel she had struck the breakers which were whipped up by the gale and a strong tide threw her on her beam ends. The Vulkan steamed alongside the Pengwern actually grazing the stranded vessel's side, but the crew despite repeated requests, refused to jump. One of the apprentices who attempted to do so was held back by his companions. The tug eventually passing a hawser to the Pengwern, but her crew declined to cross it. In trying to pull off the wrecked ship, the hawser broke and the Vulkan started toward the Ebbel lighthouse for life boats. Before she returned the ship had been engulfed by the waves and the crew which number twenty-five, officers men were drowned.

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