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GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION.

The people of Calgary are after Government by Commission—an idea which is by no means a new one in Chatham where there is a strong feeling that it is the only form of municipal control. In a recent issue the Calgary Herald says on the subject:

"The Council has not yet taken any step in the direction of government by commission. Surely the aldermen might be courageous enough to give the public a sense of their feeling in the matter."

"Let the matter at least be brought up, and the ratepayers may see who is in favor of, and who against this logical method of attending to the constantly growing needs of the city. At present the Council occupies a false position. The present method of civic government never received the eye or any of the ratepayers."

"When it suits their convenience they can prate quite glibly about their responsibility to the people, but in this commission idea, in spite of many appeals from the press and the people, they observe a strict silence. 'Would it not be better to take the courageous course?' The old Council knifed last year's commission without consent. This year's Council accepted the situation without consent."

"The Herald believes the Council is working hard, and is undoubtedly doing many good things for Calgary, but after all it is doubtful whether they are doing more than holding their own with current needs."

"At present the system shows signs of the one committee being very jealous of its particular branch as against another committee."

"What would it mean to have Executive Government by Commission? Ex-Mayor Short, of Edmonton, in his valuable paper on the subject, says:

"First: There would be continuity of plan. There would be a constant looking forward to the future and arranging the present accordingly. There would be the choice of thoroughly competent and capable men to take charge of the several departments of the public service. The telephone would be put under a competent head. Likewise the electric light, waterworks, sewerage, public health, road and street-making, assessment and collection of taxes, the maintenance of public order and fire protection. All these departments should be under the commissioners as the business head. Each should be made to work for the benefit of the other. At the beginning of the year, when the question of assessment comes around, the commissioners should have prepared all necessary data; should have obtained comparisons from all other cities, towns and municipalities similarly situated; should have full information for the Council to decide. Then the Council should decide as to the scale of assessment. The commissioners would see that it was carried out. When the roll was completed, it would be completed on the principle laid down by the Council. The Council would be responsible for the principle; the commissioners for the proper carrying out of the principle."

Although ex-Warden Sturgis is a farmer and a man of experience, having filled all the municipal offices in the gift of his fellow-citizens, the lawyer hunch were too much for him and he was told to "go way back and sit down."—Ridgeway Dominion.

Ex-Warden Sturgis intimated that he was a man of means and had plenty of time on his hands, also that for thirty-five years he had fought the party battles and that he considered the nomination his due. Still the convention decided that a farmer must not represent the Liberals of East Kent.—Ridgeway Dominion.

Not With Our Consent.
By men who think they think they think.
And possibly they do, who know?—
We're solemnly informed Japan has up its sleeve a little plan.
To lick us if it only can.
Quite on the sly get in some blows.
It's very sad to think about.
But when they come to try it out
And spring their blooming trap,
Fray, what will we be doing when
They're pulling off the scrap?

It's whispered by the timid ones
That in a year or two or three
The yellow peril will come round
The white and softer race to pound
Upon its own choice stamping ground
And make it pack its trunk and flee.
They're going to show us, so they say,
Where we, the Yanks, get off to stay.
Or that's the common chat.
Fray, what will we be doing when
The Japs are doing that?

The prophets have it figured out
Our awful finish is at hand.
The yellow kingdom will arise
And take our cities by surprise
Before our wide and startled eyes
And on our solar plexus land.
When they are chewing us to bits
Their hand will play a tune that fits
With their malicious crude.
Fray, what will we be doing when
The Japs are getting rude?

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TIDES OF THE OCEAN.

Regularity of the Flow and Ebb of the
Restless Waters.

Of all the operations of nature in the whole world there are none more regular in their courses than the tides of the ocean. So perfect is their action and so constant are they in their ebb and flow that the big maritime governments are able to figure out the height of each and every tide for every day and night more than a year in advance for any part of the earth's surface.

In most places the tides run about four to the twenty-four hours, two being flood, when the water sweeps in from the sea and makes what is known as high water, and two being ebb, when it sweeps back to the ocean, leaving low water.

Each of these tides lasts about six hours—that is, for five hours or more the waters are on the move, rushing in or out, and they cease for a time, standing quite still in some places.

Sometimes a tide will run flood on the surface while it is running ebb below near the bottom. Places where this happens are always likely to make danger spots for the mariner.

In the majority of places the tides rise and fall only a few feet, but on shores where the banks are very steep, falling off abruptly into deep water, it often happens that the tide when it rises comes in so fast that it pours through all narrow openings in cascade-like torrents, making such things as the famous "bores" which may be seen in places like the bay of Fundy.

In other places, again, there will be more or less than four tides in the twenty-four hours. Furthermore, there are localities where hardly any tidal action at all can be observed. All these peculiarities have been studied and are taken into account nowadays by the observers who make up the tidal tables.

MAN AND HIS HAT.

They Are Firmly Bound Together by the Red Tape of Society.

There are things, it is a comfort to know, which even a man cannot do, and a man is supposed to be able to do almost anything. Now, a novelist may put his hero's hat on his head at any angle he chooses—it is one of the few privileges of womanhood—and leave her not a bit less charming or dignified, but I defy him to put his hero's hat at a rosy angle over his ear at a crucial point in his career and leave him still heroic! The Achilles heel of a man is his hat! He must guard that as he does his reputation, for it is at once his strength and his weakness.

It would hurt an archbishop—and an archbishop necessarily stands for all that is good and great—less in the eyes of the public to commit a crime than to wear his hat on the back of his sacred head—real back—and so exhibit himself to his distressed diocese. He may have all the known virtues and many that are not known, but even an archbishop cannot with impunity defy convention. Still, if he is so inclined, why should not a good and great man wear his hat over his nose without creating unfavorable comment? The fact is he cannot. He is ruled by convention, and convention is the red tape of society.

The cast iron laws of fashion, which is only another name for convention, are such that if the greatest man in England were to walk with all his accustomed dignity from the Marble arch to the bank with a trailing peacock's feather attached to the band of his