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## MAYOR SUBMITS REPORT OF HIS OBSERVATIONS ON OCCASION OF HIS RECENT TRIP EAST; MAKES SOME RECOMMENDATIONS

Would Shorten Term of Local Improvement Bonds and Reduce Apparent Bonded Indebtedness by Separating the Public Utilities' Accounts From the Accounts of Other Departments, and Would Adopt a Different Policy With Reference to the Sinking Fund

ADVISES PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO ALDERMEN OF THE FUTURE; FREEZE SUGGESTS \$1,000 A YEAR

In Line With Mayor's Suggestions, the Finance Committee Decide to Recommend That Next Year's Estimates Be Submitted Before October 1; If Mayor's Recommendations Are Adopted It Will Mean Some Radical Changes in City's Methods

The report covering the information gathered and deductions made by Mayor Sinnott, on municipal conditions and forms of administration, during his recent trip east, was submitted to the finance committee yesterday.

On motion of Ald. William Ross the council decided to recommend that next year's financial estimates be completed and submitted before the first of October.

**Radical Changes Proposed**

If the mayor's policy is adopted by the council it will mean some radical changes in the city's methods of doing business. Charter amendments will be necessary to prolong the period for which an alderman holds office lower than the current term of five years.

The investment of the city's sinking fund in outside securities would probably affect the local market in some degree. Hitherto amounts up to \$300,000 have been available annually for local investors at a rate of interest considerably lower than the current rates charged by local loan companies. As this fund has been loaned for buildings and other purposes only the advantages afforded has been an appreciable factor in the encouragement of local industries and building speculation and has not had a noticeable effect.

**Short Term Bylaws**

The mayor's report was submitted to the council in a letter on May 7. It contains a number of suggestions which are being considered by the council.

The mayor's suggestion to shorten the term of local improvement bonds from twenty to fifteen years, and to separate the accounts of the public utilities from those of the other departments, are being considered by the council. The mayor also suggests that the sinking fund be invested in outside securities, and that the salaries of aldermen be frozen at \$1,000 a year.

## WHAT THE GREAT WEST DID YESTERDAY

Bylaws authorized yesterday the expenditure of three quarters of a million in improvements, including \$207,000 on trunk sewers. Bank clearings for the week were \$4,566,858.

**EDMONTON.** Civic authorities decided to remove the pumping plant on Tenth avenue, and to construct a reservoir, thence flowing by gravity to city, which will give enough pressure in the mains for domestic purposes. The estimated cost is \$2,140,000.

**WINNIPEG.** Complaints returned for immigrants arriving in Winnipeg for week ending May 8, was 4,662, including 4,641 British.

**VERNON, B.C.** Much building is in progress, amongst the buildings in construction being the Royal Bank building, costing \$200,000, new drill mill, and two schools at \$200,000 each.

**VANCOUVER.** Confidence, a famous high-jumping horse, owned by Hon. Clifford Sifton, will compete in the Winnipeg Races, which will start in Vancouver, 30 from this date. It was shown from Regina has been received.

**MOOSE JAW.** Men's business convention of Saskatchewan will be held here, it was decided to select the Dominion Retail Merchants' association.

## MACHINERY FIRM LOSE MONOPOLY OWNED BIG MORTGAGE CLAIM AGAINST FARMER

Agent Held by Judge to Have Secured Document From Foreign Farmer by Misrepresentation — Mortgage Declared Void

JUDGMENT GIVEN FOR PLAINTIFF WITH COSTS

Decision Shows the Wisdom of the Farm Machinery Act Which Was Criticized During the Recent Election, by Opposition

Justification of the recently passed farm machinery act is now to be obtained in the courts. A case decided yesterday by Judge Stuart proved that not only was the law well framed, but that the conditions called for its being on the statute book. The case was one in which the plaintiff, a machinery firm, had made certain representations to a farmer who had sold him a piece of machinery under the name of the defendant.

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## ABBATOR IDEAS NOT ABANDONED

Scheme Contemplates Establishment of Large Stock-yards; Ald. Tregillus, Recently Made Member of Board of Health

WESTERN PACKING CO. BRINGS UP QUESTION

Concern Is Threatened With Forced Sale Under the Mechanics' Lien Act, City Is Involed to the Extent of \$9,000 Money Loaned

There is a likelihood of the city abandoning the proposed scheme of a municipal abattoir along the lines originally considered, and of being up a large scheme involving the establishment of large stock yards. Ald. Tregillus, who was recently appointed a member of the board of health, has the new scheme under consideration and has not yet submitted any report as to the details.

The matter came up for discussion at the finance committee yesterday when a communication from the Western Packing Co. was read, asking the city's intention in the matter. The Western Packing Co. abattoir is threatened with forced sale under the Mechanics' Lien Act, and the city is involved to the extent of \$9,000 money loaned to the company.

## PERMITS ARE TAKEN OUT THOUGH WORK IS STOPPED

The continuous half snow, half rain of the last few days has completely checked up all construction work in Calgary but this does not appear to have hampered at all the desire of the many for the building of houses and nearly all were to be built in the suburbs of the city.

The permits are as follows: Mrs. E. Patterson, Mount Pleasant, dwelling, \$4,500; Robert Eastwell, Glenary, dwelling, \$1,000.

W. Johnson, Westmount, dwelling, \$2,000; Stif Niboga, Mount Pleasant, addition, \$300.

Mrs. Henderson, Bridgehead, dwelling, \$1,000; Pacific Press association, 14-17, 206, 17, dwelling, \$1,000.

**WANT LOWER RATES BEFORE AID IS GIVEN TO C. N. R.**

Winnipeg, May 8.—The council of the board of trade adopted yesterday a resolution which relates to the reported Dominion government aid to the Canadian Northern railway company today. The board wants any aid extended to be granted only on condition that the eight schedule in the west be equalized.

## GOVERNMENT OVERRIDES OPPOSITION

EMPTY CONSIDER IN ORDER POSTPONED CLAUSES OF NAVAL BILL

Amid Storm of Protest House Takes Up Clause Four With Clauses Two and Three Unfinished — Bill Will Be Rushed Through Before Saturday

Ottawa, May 8.—When consideration of the naval bill was resumed Mr. Borden, after considering the amendments to clauses two and three, the discussion of which was suspended yesterday, would be resumed.

Mr. Borden said that the discussion would be taken up again as soon as the amendments to clause four and five were ready. He said that the government would not be bound by the amendments to clause four and five until the house had voted on clause two and three and clause five. They might then change four and five.

Mr. Borden said that discussion on clause two had lasted for nearly two days. As a matter of fact, however, although the house in a technical sense was considering clause two, wide latitude had been given and the bill was considered in all its phases. He had no desire to prevent the opposition moving amendments but he would remind the members opposing that they had declined to come to an agreement ready moved. He would be quite willing, he said, to come to an agreement with the opposition to pass the bill. He would be quite willing to make any reasonable arrangement as to when vote should be taken.

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## CALGARY GETS PRAISE AT CONVENTION OF CITY PLANNERS

James W. Davidson Presides at the Fifth Convention Held at Chicago and Explains the Working of Provincial Act for City Planning

DELEGATES PROPHESY FINE CITIES FOR ALBERTA

Next Convention Will Be Held at Atlanta—T. H. Mawson, Who Will Take Charge of Scenic Layout of Calgary, Is Expected to Arrive Soon

City planning will be a much discussed matter at Calgary this time, as James W. Davidson, president of the convention, has said. Mawson the noted landscape artist who is expected to arrive in Calgary in a few days, is expected to take charge of the scenic layout of the city.

The convention, which was held in Chicago, was attended by delegates from many of the cities of the province. The delegates were in excellent spirits and the convention was a great success.

## TIMES NOT MADE FOR INTRODUCTION OF COPPERS HERE

Retail Section of the Board of Trade Do Not Approve of the Change

Pennies and cents, the delight of the thrifty, are in short supply in Calgary yet. So say the retail merchants of the city and they are those who have the say, for if they will not take the copper they else will.

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## FREE DELIVERY AREA MAY BE WIDELY EXTENDED

Will Ask Extension of Portion Where Express Companies Must Deliver Without Extra Charge

When the railway commissioner sets here on May 23, the city will ask that the boundaries of the free delivery area be extended to include Tuxedo Park, Erlton, Parkdale, Bridgeland, Royal Terrace, Inglewood, Hillside, Capitol Hill, Grand Trunk, Parkdale, South Calgary, Adelaide Elbow Park, and Upper McLeod.

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## NAT BELL OF EDMONTON, SAYS NORTH IS BOOMING

On his way to Banff, where he will spend a few days, Nat Bell, of Edmonton, one of the best known hockey players of the northern city, was in Calgary yesterday, visiting his brother, Charles Bell, of the King George Hotel.

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## THAT MUNICIPAL LABOR BUREAU BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT AGAIN

With Reporters and Aldermen Asleep at the Switch, Bureau Is Shunted Back on the Stage, All the Same as Before, With the Exception of Miss Wileman

The Municipal Labor Bureau, like Flanagan's train, has been off on again, and gone again, in the space of a single week, and the mayor appears to be the only one who is not bored to the bone by the situation.

The council rescinded the Labor Bureau bylaw on last Monday in April, with a fine display of oratory and fireworks, and the institution passed out of existence in a head on collision.

But on the first Monday in May, the little old bylaw was boosted onto new trucks and choo-chooed through the council under a new number, and came right back onto the main line with the whistle blowing and the bell ringing.

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