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## WHAT THE EAST WOULD HAVE.

A few days ago the fruit dealers of Winnipeg suggested that the tariff be altered to such an extent that the duty upon fruit and green vegetables be removed during that portion of the year that fruit and vegetables are not produced in this country. That was a very reasonable request. The mistake in it was that it was too feeble. The duty upon fruit should be very considerably lowered the whole year round and it should be entirely removed from certain districts. However the fruit men of Winnipeg were exceedingly moderate in their requests.

And how was it received? The fruit men of Ontario have decided not only to oppose such a suggestion, but to send a man to Ottawa to lobby the members against such an atrocious suggestion.

The eastern fruit dealers would not be injured by the suggested alteration of such a tariff, for it would apply only when they were out of business, and the people of the west would have the privilege of getting cheap fruit. But there is a possibility that the people of Western Canada would get into the habit of liking cheap fruit, and of course, that would never do.

And there you see the selfishness of the protection system. It is not patriotic. On the contrary, it is without any sentiment other than gross selfishness. A day will come when the people of the west will demand the removal of this objectionable duty, not only during a portion of the year, but all the time. And so it should be.

## BRIBERY BY WHOLESALE.

A correspondent from Macleod, in discussing the political conditions in that riding writes that "Both sides are of the opinion that we should be represented in the cabinet when the trouble is all over. Also that the Lands Titles office must come to Macleod. The demonstration farm for the south can only be here. There are only a few of the things that are wanted, which the government has to give. The people will stand together upon this and no doubt will receive it. The candidate who can do the most along these lines will get unanimous support."

The Albertan doubts if that is the opinion of the electors of Macleod or any portion of them, but it seems evident that it is the opinion of some in that riding. Some people evidently believe that as they have the government in a corner, they can get all they want at this trying time. Let us hope that very few of the electors of that, or any other riding, are quite as base as that.

There is a big principle at stake in this election. The people of Macleod are likely to be called upon to decide upon that principle sooner than the electors in any other part of the riding. But the correspondent just quoted advocates that the people's responsibility, if the government will come through with enough favors for the riding. That is what is called bribery by wholesale. And no more to be despised is the man who sells his vote to the highest bidder, than the aggregation of men who will sell their votes collectively to the government or to any party, which will give them government favors for their support. It is the same thing placed under different guises.

The Albertan is not discussing the question of the right of Macleod to these public works. Perhaps it should get them. It is certain it should not get a cabinet minister until it produces a man of cabinet ability. The cabinet is filled with men and not geographical entities. But apart from that, the suggestion that has been made, which is a bribe made with a corrupt bargain between the government, is something entirely too raw and bloodthirsty for this country.

As we said before, we do not believe that the Albertan correspondent is representing any considerable proportion of the voters in Macleod. It is certainly to be hoped that it is not the case. However, it would seem that there are some men, perhaps only one or two, who are putting up such a proposition to the Macleod electors. It is to be hoped for the good name of Macleod that it will not be entertained.

## THE PERILS OF DEMOCRACY.

In an address at the Y.M.C.A. on Sunday, Mr. E. E. Bennett spoke eloquently upon "The Perils of Democracy." Though he did not say that "democracy had been a failure" he repeated the assertion that wisdom was related by the few, and generally exaggerated the dangers of rule by the people.

The Albertan believes that Mr. Bennett is wrong. It has a strong and abiding faith in the wisdom of the people. It believes that the failures of our system of government in most cases have been due, not to the poor judgment of the people, but rather because our system of administration is not a real democracy and schemes people are able to take advantage of our conditions to frustrate the will of the people, and even in this day, to permit in many ways, the rule of oligarchy. Reforms come as soon as the

barriers are brushed away when the will of the entire people has an opportunity of directly attacking the evils which trouble the public.

Mr. Bennett complained because the ignorant foreigners frequently illiterate and often unable to read the names of the candidates are permitted to vote. That is unfortunate and very regrettable and proves beyond a doubt that the system of democracy is human and therefore bound to have certain imperfections, but it does not show, either that the franchise should be limited still further or that the perils of democracy are very alarming. The foreigners are here and they must remain here. Some of them may not be very good Canadians and may never get to understand our system of administration, but the second generation are good citizens and excellent Canadians. The franchise has an educative influence upon the majority of the foreigners of whom Mr. Bennett speaks, and has its part in making better Canadians of them.

In the United States the franchise is limited to those who can read the United States constitution, which is not an unreasonable restriction. However, it does not take long for even these foreigners, whom Mr. Bennett rather despises, or at least disdains, to become alive to our standard of political morality and to get interested in our political questions.

The Albertan differs from Mr. Bennett in his belief that the right is always with the minority. Take one recent example, that of the incident in the Alberta legislature. Doubtless Mr. Bennett will admit that a select minority of which he speaks is well represented in a provincial legislature, but that body stood by the Alberta administration, though many of those members knew in their hearts that they were wrong. If the question at issue had been submitted to the public the Alberta government would have been censured by an enormous majority.

And that is generally the case. The big, honest, unprejudiced and comparatively thoughtful people, will give a right decision; but the narrow, prejudiced, selfish minority is forced into giving dishonest and selfish decisions.

Mr. Bennett also drew attention to the demands which the people make upon candidates, and the promises which they exact. But the exactions of the people who have influence over men in other forms of government is greater, more arbitrary and less reasonable. The demands of the great public are not often unreasonable, though the demands of small parts of the public are frequently arbitrary.

There are not many illustrations of strong men being defeated because of weakness, but there are many illustrations of the self-interest of the promoter and not many instances of the election of the weak man who promised everything to him who asked. With a clearer and more direct expression of will by the people, the temptation will not be so great and the candidates not so harassed.

Democracy has not had quite a fair trial yet. We are far from having government by the people. In United States the will of the people penetrates but little further than the election of inferior candidates. The large corporations get control of the men after they are elected.

The trend of legislation is moving towards a purer democracy. Students of government institutions recognize that the cure for the evils of the present time must be along the line of giving the people a more direct voice in the administration of affairs. When the people can declare directly upon important legislation, the death knell of the influence of the party boss and the corrupt corporation will be sounded. The perils that are mentioned in connection with democracy are really perils which creep into the administration of affairs because democracy is not complete, but limited.

But democracy, such as we have it, has been a great success. It has recognized its own shortcomings and is the first to correct them. For this reason it has encouraged schools. It has given absolute freedom to the press and encouraged other educating influences. It has thrown open the doors of the universities to every person. It has taken an interest in the development of mankind from every standpoint. It aims at improving the race. It has done much and it will do more. Democracy has drawn attention to the physical well-being of mankind and is covering the countries with hospitals. The democratic nations are the progressive nations of the world, and the nations of the oligarchy such as Russia, Turkey and China are marching in the very rear of the vast procession. Democracy has raised up the real princes of the world. The Savior of mankind preached the pure democracy. Abraham Lincoln practiced it and freed the slaves. The great reformers in religion, in statesmanship and in every form of life, believed in the common people and spent their lives in their behalf.

Democracy is the ideal and the only form of government for mankind. It may have its defects, but they are trifling and can be remedied. The days of the aristocracy and the oligarchy are past. The aim of wise men should be to hasten the day of the purer democracy, which will do much to cure the imperfections of the present system of administration.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Let us hope that the many human failures to the Calgary Herald Show this week will have as good 'olging accommodation as their equine friends.

There is no use of any one in this city trying to make believe this week that he is anything or amounts to anything unless he happens to be a horse.

It is pretty nearly time that some of

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These anti-Rutherford Government newspapers came along and told us what they intended to do with the premier.

Hats off to the fellow who moves around on four legs, with a sleek and shiny coat and bright ribbons in his mane. That is the fellow that counts in Calgary this week.

The man who comes in to look the city over and has to sleep on the sidewalk the first evening he is here, isn't exactly bubbling over with enthusiasm about the Calgary beautiful on the following morning.

How the season does crowd on us. In another four weeks we shall have an opportunity of cheering vociferously the sporting editor called it routing for the greatest aggregation of ball players on the face of the earth. We refer to Bill Campbell's bunch.

The special edition of the *Lethbridge Herald*, just issued, 60 pages strong, is one of the best that has been produced in the province of Alberta. It is a work of art, and has everything, well printed, well written, well set up, with everything complete. The people of Lethbridge are fortunate to be represented in the newspaper world by such an aggressive newspaper. The special edition is great.

## CALIFORNIA FARMERS COMING TO CALGARY

Seven Men With Their Families Are Taking up Land Near Here

Seven men with families who have been engaged in farming in California reached the local immigration station last week on their way to take up land near Calgary and farm it. These men were John G. Heintzman, Antonio Lepel, Fred A. Hanley, Carl Meyer, George Frey, Mahlin Culp, Christian Buristahler, Fred Heintzman.

During the week there were 81 arrivals in all at the immigration station and exactly the same number left according to Immigration Agent Winn. There were 21 in the hall at the end of the week.

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## TV CLERK RESIGNS COUNCIL ACCEPTS IT

(Continued from page 1.)

had just received to which was attached a plan of the route of the Grand trunk.

Looking to my mind as something owing nothing except that the line changed into the city from the east end, I passed the remark to Mr. Gillis that the plan was very indefinite. Then he matter passed out of my mind, because I was so vague a plan so far as Calgary is concerned. We were discussing the bonds, which seemed of far greater importance to us. I am free to confess, gentlemen, that I thought more of it. I also admit that the plan should have been filed. I had a more idea of neglecting my duty than I have at this time. The plan was left with the city clerk. Why he did not file it he can explain. We never discussed it afterward.

I had no thought of showing disrespect to this body. I wish to maintain respect and it is my desire that it respect me. If that feeling should be hurt, it would be most uncomfortable for me. I wish to have the confidence of the people. So far I have been well received by the council. I have made mistakes. To do otherwise is beyond human achievement. The council has done the same. I do say, however, that I have tried to do the city honestly and consistently as the commercial metropolis of Alberta.

**Criticizes the Press.**

"Still I have been criticized severely by the press. It is the privilege of the press to criticize, but not to impute motives of graft, unless prepared to substantiate them. If it has good evidence, the press has the right to cast reflections, but not otherwise. I do not think that a public officer should react under any such imputation. There may be graft and other charges, with the public unable to judge, and none the wiser. It is easy to cast reflections on a man's character, but difficult to remove the mud-stains.

"I ask you to authorize an investigation before a judge so that any suspicion against me may be removed. I have been said about the bonds. I may have had a share in the mistake that was made, and I am willing to accept it, but I am not willing to bear blame that is not due to me. I would like to have you authorize an investigation under oath to find out what people know, and what they will say before God about the broadcast insinuations.

"So much has been said about the bonds that I would like to have a full investigation into that matter as well. I also wish to give at this time emphatic denial that I am guilty of any graft either in this connection or the railway map. It would be a small man who would try to get a few dollars by taking advantage of any information contained on that map. Such a fellow never entered my head. The wildest sort of talk is going round. It is even said that I sent my family out stumping for Rot. Rot is the only word fit to express my feeling in regard to such stories. I want to see those people placed under oath and made to say what they really know.

**Ald. Jones Objects to It.**

When the mayor finished his vote indicated that he felt keenly the aspirations that have been cast upon him. Ald. Jones got up at once to object to any such investigation as suggested by the mayor.

"It would be foolish," he said, "and would make the city look foolish. I am a citizen of this Dominion. Any man might have made the same mistake. Selling bonds and getting them out is not an easy matter. It would be absurd to have an investigation by a judge. We either have faith in the mayor, or we have not. An expression of confidence from us in him would be sufficient. Of course, if we voted such an expression there would be nothing left but to hold such an investigation. The expense, however, would probably be \$2,000, and it would be spent to no advantage."

"I also oppose such an investigation," said Ald. Reilly, "but from a different standpoint. The bond incident is closed. In its connection no reflections were made on anybody's honesty. As to the idea that certain persons made a profit out of the railway map, that is almost ridiculous. It is impossible for anyone to tell from that map where the depot is to be."

**Ald. Ross Favors It.**

Ald. George Ross: "I think the mayor acted properly in asking for an investigation. The map arrived a week ago Friday. It did not come to the attention of the public until a week after real estate men, presumably friends of yourself and Mr. Gillis, became aware of it. If this report be true, you should no longer occupy your chair. If false, it is the duty of the council to clear you. The rumors are so serious that if they were true it would be easy to trust you by proceedings in court. As far as the bonds were concerned, that

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It is viewed as a mistake. There is no imputation of graft in that connection." Ald. Egbert: "I would like to hear an explanation from Mr. Gillis."

**Mr. Gillis Explains It.**

Mr. Gillis: "That map came in the mail on Good Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The office was not open in the way. I opened the letter containing the map along with other correspondence. The map did not strike me as anything in particular. Ten minutes later his worship came in. The map, after I showed it to him, was placed in my desk or the safe."

You remarked to me that the map did not show much. I thought no more of it. I was very busy, Saturday, I had been suffering with indigestion for three weeks and I was generally spending only the forenoon in the office. I construed the map to be something to be filed under statute. Maybe I did not attach the proper importance to it. Tuesday I prepared a voluminous amount of business for the meeting of the council that night. The map was overlooked. I swear under heaven that I had no sinister motive in keeping the map from the council. I got the impression that it was simply a form to be filed. I am willing to admit that I did not think it fit with the council. If I had been well and had not been so busy, and had had plenty of time, I might not have been guilty of the omission. If I did wrong, I am willing to take the blame."

"I do not think it will be argued that I should have called in the press or the public as soon as I received the map. If I had wanted to be corrupt, I had at least four days in which to dispense the so-called important information in the hands. As a matter of fact the information leaked out to real estate men on the following Sunday, when I casually mentioned the matter to a few of the city officials. I did not suppose the information to be of any value to real estate men or anyone else. There was no collusion between me and any real estate man."

I treated the communication as a formal matter to be acted on later. I never dreamt of what an important matter would be made out of it."

**The White Man's Limit.**

In reference to my resignation, I will say that I have been maligned as much as a white man can be. The press has been attacking me off and on ever since I have been in office. However, in the six years that I have held this position, I have nothing to regret as far as doing my duty is concerned. The papers have sometimes accused me of being a bit bumptious, of emulating the Caesar and have called me foolish. Perhaps there is a good deal of truth in the latter remark. However, I cannot counteract the error that has been done me, and I have decided that my present course is the best one. I go out feeling pleasantly toward all. You have plenty of time to get a man to fill my position and I to finish up certain work. I simply want to stay long enough to close up my business satisfactorily. I want to say in conclusion, that the mayor was not responsible in any way for what action I took at any time."

Ald. Mitchell said he thought an investigation should be held, even if it did cost a little money, remarking that a civic investigation held some years ago, proved productive of good results.

Ald. Egbert said: "Seeing the mayor has asked for an investigation, I think we should have one. The error made is serious indeed. A public man cannot maintain the confidence of the people under such a cloud. This will be the case no matter how many repetitions of confidence the council may pass. In spite of the explanation made by the city clerk, it occurs to me as a rather strange proceeding. It was treating lightly a question that had been agitating the people a whole year. If it had been kept a profound secret until the council met, it would not have been so bad. I am sorry that it has taken place and that the mayor is held up to ridicule. We know the bond trouble was the result of a mistake, but graft has been mentioned in connection with the railway matter."

**Some Other Business.**

Ald. Egbert suggested to the council the advisability of selling the old general hospital building and site and using the proceeds to erect a new isolation hospital on the grounds of the new general hospital, for convenience. He also said it would be difficult to make a satisfactory isolation hospital out of the old building.

The license for auctioneers was raised from \$20 to \$30.

The following communications were filed: From a number of large circus owners, warning the council against an attempt of the Denver Post, whose owners are the proprietors of a small circus, to obtain legislation regarding the licensing of circuses which would work to the disadvantage of the larger enterprises.

From W. S. Jones of the Minneapolis Journal regarding support of a western Canadian issue of the paper to be issued in a few months.

From the American League of Municipalities, asking Calgary to send delegates to the fourteenth annual convention to be held in St. Paul, Aug. 23, 24 and 25.

A letter from the Master Painters' association, asking that all painting contractors be obliged to pay a license of \$50, was referred to the legislative committee.

The department of Indian Affairs sent a letter asking if the city had any objections to its objection to turning over the industrial school site to the department of militia and defense for military purposes, as the latter department has asked in accordance with a promise from the city, and the aldermen instructed the clerk to send a letter to the Indian department, notifying it that the city had no objection.

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