

The Albertan

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GET AN EXPERT

The Albertan endorses fully the decision of the Board of Trade, who suggested that an expert be secured by the city to enquire into the power possibilities in the vicinity of Calgary.

That is precisely what we want. The city of Calgary needs cheap power, and not only that but it needs the very cheapest power that can be secured. That is what we must have and that is what we are going to get.

The Albertan will go one step further than the members of the Board of Trade. Not only should an expert be secured to report upon these questions, but an expert should be retained in this city to manage the city light and power plant.

At the present time we are endeavoring by every possible way to discover how much we are actually paying for power. We do not know. We have no person from whom we can get any information. We are at a decided disadvantage in dealing with any applicant for special concessions.

Is this as it should be? The city should not only secure the services of an expert electrician but it should keep the able electrician right here in this city.

DIFFERENT SYSTEM NEEDED

At the meeting of the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon at which the leading manufacturers and wholesalers of Calgary were present the only argument that was used in favor of the granting of a valuable franchise belonging to the city to a private company, was that the city administration was most unsatisfactory. No person reflected upon the members of the council, but every person who had an opportunity to state his views upon this particular phase of the case stated most emphatically that the present machinery was out of date and absolutely dangerous to the progress of the city. That was but one expression of opinion. There are others.

All the newspapers in Calgary are opposed to the present system of administration. The people themselves have expressed themselves upon this point and are opposed to this form of doing business. The people have never changed their opinion in this matter.

Why should a city be handicapped and encumbered by a form of administration which would not be tolerated for a single minute by a business enterprise?

Before the business men of Calgary have confidence in any municipal enterprise, there must be a change in the organization of municipal administration.

MAYOR SHOULD

BE RECOMPENSED

Though it was not generally understood at the time, not even by the aldermen who voted for it, when the members of the city council last year decided to abolish the commission they at the same time cut off the salary of the mayor.

Whether the present city council eventually decides upon a business form of administration or upon the present method, the council should decide upon paying the mayor an honorarium of some kind. The salary last year was \$1,000 a year. It was not enough, but it is not expected that a mayor should be paid quite enough for his services. The office should never be attractive merely for the money that is in it. At the same time it is unfair, unwise and contrary to our methods of life, in this western country that any person should do as much as a mayor is called upon to do without receiving an honorarium of some kind.

The mayor should be paid at least \$1,000 a year.

CANADA, A MIGHTY NATION

The Washington Post, a paper which is, perhaps, the most carefully edited in all United States, has this to say of the future of Canada:

"The Canadian department of the interior computes that for the last fiscal year the number of new home-steaders in the Dominion Northwest was 41,689, made up of 12,485 immigrants from the United States, 5,877 from England, 2,198 from Austria, 1,685 from Scotland, 1,024 from Germany and 543 from Ireland. The remainder are native Canadians.

"The middle of this century Canada will be a mighty nation. There is desirable domain there to make homes for more inhabitants than are now in the American Union, and while we are getting from Europe more than a million immigrants annually, and the demand for labor was never so urgent in every part of the Union as now, we may expect to lose to Canada at the least 200,000 Americans yearly be-

fore the new century has fulfilled its fourth lustrum, and these the cream of our population, the farmers of the northwest, who better themselves by selling American land for \$100 an acre to acquire just as good land in Canada at one-fiftieth the price.

"Nor is the farming belt of Canada the only attraction. They are constructing railroads to the Hudson Bay region, rich in iron, coal and other minerals, and it is confidently expected that forty years in the future Canada will be second to the United States, and to the United States only, in the production of the real king of all metals.

"That Canada will be an independent nation by the middle of the century is quite likely. That she could have been an independent nation at its beginning, with England's hearty consent and blessing, is certain; but they are a canny set, the Canadians, and it is the part of wisdom to have the British navy as an asset.

"The world is going at a pretty lively clip in 1907, but it is a snail's pace compared to what it will be when Canada, South America and Africa are peopled with teeming millions, with all the energies and verve of the American of today."

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is many a slip between an enthusiastic nomination and the head of the pole.

Judging from the appearance of an evening contemporary, scariest mysteries are not confined to the theatres.

This effort may be a bit belated, but many people have the idea that the letter of Governor Swettenham had the flavor of the Jamaica ginger.

An eastern exchange surmises that if Governor Swettenham is in the habit of writing that kind of letters the cause of the earthquake is explained at once.

To any person who is keenly interested in this power question, these reposed editorials upon "Canada's Treaty with Japan" appearing daily in the Calgary Herald, must have a most peaceful effect.

The statement made by Mr. Crossley that the overlying eternal is not all fire and brimstone will come as refreshing news to a large number of Edmonton people.

The action of the Calgary Board of Trade in demanding that the city council should make a careful investigation of the entire power proposition is to be commended.

It is certainly up to Robert Green to keep up the lift until the elections in British Columbia are over, and if the McBride administration is returned, no very great harm will be done to him.

The name of the new manager of the Calgary baseball club is Thyme, which is also the name of a flower, and this is our modest way of proclaiming to the baseball public that he is a daisy.

A gentleman signing himself "Tos-tonian" writes the Albertan commenting upon Mr. Crossley's statement on secret societies. As the writer's name is not enclosed the letter will not be published.

It is unfortunate that R. A. Brocklebank was not a candidate in ward one. The electors in this city have a habit of overlooking things first and expressing regret later on.

It would be so much better and more satisfactory if Alexander & Budd instead of saying that they had titles, deposits, rights and powers, would actually produce them for the public to gaze upon.

Our respects to the town of "High River, which is making the most of a bit of hard luck, and is showing to the people of Alberta how a sturdy band of men can take things and come up smiling. Its citizens are the gamest in Alberta.

The Albertan has not investigated the claims of the postal employees, but it is convinced that they are right. Civil servants in this part of the country are paid outrageously inadequate salaries. And the postal department is the worst of them all. The wages should be increased very considerably.

To a peaceful man, the comforting part about this election in ward I is the fact that neither candidate had the courage to say what he thought on the burning question of the hour—the power question—and for all practical purposes it makes very little difference which one is elected.

The trouble in dealing with these corporations is not so much that a municipality cannot get an agreement wide enough to bind them but that the corporation merely declines to abide by the agreement, and by using force and lawyers can put such a siege that the city has to yield in self defence.

The Kicker's Club

They kick when it's dry, they kick when it's wet.
They kick when they shy at a good winning bet;
They kick when it's warm, they kick when it's cold,
They kick at the storm or the summer-time fold;
They kick at the rain, they kick at the snow,
They kick at the pain of the rheumatic woe;
They kick at the fun and the laughter abroad,
They kick at the sun and they kick at the cloud,
They kick at the drink, they kick at the dust,
They kick when they shrink, they kick when they bust;
They kick when they fall, they kick if they rise,
They kick good and tall at the stars in the skies;
They kick if they're sick, they kick if they're well,
They kick till the kick kicks them out of this earth.

Not Cold Enough

Say,
How is the weather down your way?
Is there any disease
Of the lungs or the throat,
Of the nose or the larynx,
That medicos note
Which somebody hasn't
And has good and hard
With weather conditions
Which pay no regard
To health or to season
But ladies out what
Makes winter a menace
When they serve it too hot?
Geo-whiz!

Preserve him if there is,
Cough, cough, cough, cough,
Cough your cracking head 'most off;
Sneeze, sneeze, sneeze, sneeze
Sneeze yourself into a wheeze;
Wheeze, wheeze, wheeze, wheeze,
Wheeze yourself back to the sneeze
Aches and pains and pains and aches,
Sweats and fivers, chills and shakes;
Every nerve is going some,
Every bone is on the bum,
Every muscle's sore, and you
Look the part and feel it, too.
Oh, say,
Oh, say,
In the circumambient air?
Where's the frost?
Is it lost?
Where's the snow?
Has it gone below?
Where's the good old wintertime?
That's the weather for this time,
What we're having is too hot—
Actual meteorological rot.
Every man says "damn," and then
Every woman says "Amen!"
That's us,
And we've got a right to cuss
With a great big D.
See?

Gypsy Evangelist

(Chicago Tribune)
The climax of the old fashioned religious fervor which is sweeping Chicago as a result of the Torrey and "Gypsy" Smith evangelistic services came at the auditorium yesterday afternoon when five thousand men gathered to hear the gypsy evangelist preach.
After every seat in the great theatre, from boxes to topmost galleries had been filled by men a scene of "soul-saving," which for dramatic setting and enthusiasm has not been equalled in Chicago for years was witnessed. The result was that hundreds of men either professed Christianity for the first time or renewed their covenant. There were many individual scenes pathetic in the extreme. It resembled a night at the Pacific Garden mission.
When the doors were opened the immense crowd which had been growing every minute, swept down the aisles in rivers of struggling humans to a point of little use. In ten minutes every seat was taken and the police were turning men away.
Gypsy Smith sat in the centre of the big platform had been erected for the ministers and singers. Stretched out before him the men's faces reached up and until they were hardly distinguishable in the galleries under the roof. Hardly were they seated, when the chairman, Prof. Shailer Matthews, of the University of Chicago, started a song, and the volume of "I Need Thee, Oh I Need Thee" seemed to shake the golden arches with its fervor.
The evangelist rose, his figure looming big and virile among those on the platform. He read a request from a wife whose husband had left.
"O God thou knowest where this husband is," he prayed. "Save him and bring him to this brokenhearted woman. O Jesus Christ of Nazareth, thou art here today. Let the spirit of thy presence go out today all over Chicago, and may this audience go away with the mark of the crimson cross upon it."

"It is a manly thing to be a Christian," he said. "There are a multitude who think it is a sign of weakness, a sentimental thing. Do not despise the string that keeps a man pure and tethers him to his mother's God. It is a golden cable that circles eternity. You are hanging to a thread that will break and let you fall to an infinity of horrors."

"Mother's apron string! Blessed string if it keeps a young man sober, clean, honest and true. There are many before me who would give their right arm to be back with that string. It takes a man with moral force to stem the tide of the world. Is there a man here who dares to stand up and say he is a Christian?"

"Here's one!" said a voice in one of the boxes. "Here's another!" said a man in the balcony.
"I'm not ashamed," said a man near the front.

A young man, his face convulsed with emotion, wandered down the middle aisle and dropped on his knees in the centre of the house under the evangelist's pulpit.

"This man was dead, but he is alive lost but found," quoted the preacher. "What we want is Jesus, Jesus."

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"Amen, amen," came from all parts of the house.
The evangelist stretched forth his arms and began to pray. As he did so an old, grimy faced man, sitting under the pulpit, rose and stretched up his arms. Mr. Smith reached down and patted the bald head.
"God bless you, brother," he said. The invitation for the repentant to come forward was given and response was quick. The rail in front of the speaker was soon crowded with the bowed heads of weeping men. Ministers all over the house, as if in response to battle cry came forward and knelt in prayer with those who said they wanted to be saved.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Post Office, Fernie, B. C." will be received at this office until Monday, February 18, 1907, inclusively, for the construction of a Post Office, &c., building at Fernie, B. C.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned to the tenderer.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Order,
FRED. GELINAS,
Secretary
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, January 18, 1907.

Public notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of the Railway Act, 1903, Section 175, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as Lessees and exercising the franchises of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company intend to apply to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, to authorize the construction of a branch line from a point on the Calgary and Edmonton Railway as now constructed across the N. W. Quarter of Section 12, Township 24, Range 1 West of the 5th Meridian and lands adjoining the same; thence in a South Easterly direction a distance of 372 feet to a point on said Quarter Section, the location of which proposed branch line is shown on a map or plan and profile deposited in the Calgary Land Titles Office on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1906 as No. Ry. 68; notice of which deposit is also hereby given pursuant to the provisions of said section.

Dated this 4th day of January, A. D. 1907.
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