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THE RULE OR RUIN PRESS

During the recent election contest an inestimable amount of harm was undoubtedly done to the province by the calamity howling of the opposition press in regard to its financial standing and the unfounded attacks upon and cowardly insinuations regarding its public men.

To illustrate the harmful effects of the Tory Hammer Brigade the following incident may be quoted. Sitting at a dinner table in a hotel in a country town in the center of the province during the campaign was a former American who had been a resident of the province for five years—a progressive, successful farmer and a splendid booster for Alberta. Beside him sat an Ontario man, also a good farmer and a good citizen. The Ontario man brought up the subject of politics and referred to the elections and said to the American: "I suppose you will support the Conservative party this time." "No," replied the American, "I will not." "Why?" asked the other. "I have heard you criticize the administration." "Yes," was the answer. "I have criticized it and it does not come up to my ideal in all respects, but it is far superior to your party and if I was disposed to vote Conservative the attitude of the Conservative press would deter me." "You think the Conservative press is antagonistic to the American settler?" "No," was the reply, "the American settler can take care of himself. But let me tell you something. I brought eight families into this province. I could bring in fifty more, and need not stretch the truth regarding Alberta in doing it, but I dare not send a Conservative paper back among my neighbors, friends and relatives in the state from whence I came. Your press says the province is bankrupt, which I know isn't true, and says our public men are crooks and thieves and such. I know that these statements are false and only used for election purposes, but my neighbors back home don't know and I am not going to ask them to come to a province which the Conservative press says is bankrupt, a land in debt and is governed by a gang of road agents." My friend, it is a dirty bird that fouls its own nest and I am sure not going to vote Conservative." This is not an imaginary dialogue but one that actually took place and it is more than significant of the real injury that the Rule or Ruin Tory Press has done and is doing the province.

During the same week in which the incident related above occurred, a well read, intelligent and observant Englishman was heard to say that if he were to believe the Conservative press in this province he must come to the conclusion that Canada was the worst governed country in the civilized world and one in which the direction of immigration was a fraud and a crime. "Why," he said, "you complain about the aspersion cast upon Western Canada by Mr. Bottemy in John Bull and others. Man, dear, if John Bull were to say one half the nasty things about you that your own Conservative press says, that same Conservative press would search the language for more words to denounce it." Ever since Canada was Canada, the Tory press and the Tory party have with Pharisicalunction considered itself the ruling class and when it cannot rule as in 1841 it will at once proceed to destroy. The Tory is the same in Alberta as elsewhere. With him it is Dominion or dynamite; rule or ruin. Give him power or he will down the parliament house to denounce it. Elect his incompetent party to power or he will blackguard the province for he is not the only true loyal citizen.

**THE CRADLE OF JOURNALISM.**  
The Florigy Land is as much to be considered the cradle of journalism as she is the cradle of printing, when we recall the fact that the Pekin Gazette, to which all other newspapers look up with befitting reverence, was established as long ago as 1490 B. C., or thereabouts, and is still running "Etoe perpetua." And the new press which has risen with the new China is an important element of that reborn nation. A Pekin correspondent writes that metropolitan is credited with something like 70 journals, and other centres boast newspapers by the score. Even far up country there are few cities that do not produce a daily or weekly print. Constant exhortations to virtue and the leading of the better life in a country devoted to the maxims of the sages are necessarily a feature of their press. Criticism of the authorities, great and small, and corruption of official life, constitute perpetual sermons, which are accepted apparently with the same equanimity that is displayed by Christian congregations under denunciations from the pulpit. As a vehicle of public opinion, among a people distinguished

for morality and worshipping correct behavior, doubtless the Chinese press does good work. It throws the light of publicity on evil doing, and praises men in all manner of forms. As a social institution its influence cannot but be for good. And no doubt it tends to awaken in the people an interest in politics, and stimulates the desire to obtain an understanding of the affairs of the country. It is helping the people to qualify for a vote in the government, an end which all the world maintains to be desirable. Nevertheless, the Chinese press has a great fault. There is little exactitude in its information, the news it publishes is frequently preposterously wide of the mark, while its views upon foreign affairs are almost invariably wrong, and its editing leaves everything to be desired. In view of the desirability of proportion in dealing with things foreign, it is astonishing that the Young Chinese who edit the press do not show more discrimination in their treatment of foreign questions. In one page of a newspaper may be found an article lauding, say, British institutions and the high character of British people. On another page Great Britain is stigmatized as a thief and a robber, and no better in her behavior about Tibet than Russia might be—the worst possible comparison at the moment, when suspicion of Japan is temporarily forgotten in rage against Russia. Such imbalances are based on the most amazing lies, baselessly ludicrous if they were not so disconcerting because of the stimulus given to the growth of anti-foreign feeling. Whether the absurdities that constantly appear in native newspapers are of snowball origin, beginning with a thoughtless observation and gradually acquiring shape and form until tangible enough to be seized upon by some agile reporter, or whether they are malicious inventions by young men steeped in bitterness and jealousy, cannot be said; but the fact remains that these statements, calculated to breed distrust and foment hatred of foreigners, are far daily provided in the newspapers for the consumption of their readers.

**HASTY CRITICISM.**  
It is a very easy matter for any small coterie of citizens to bear the unenviable task in an afternoon of noisy conclusions. The board of trade was comparatively deliberate when it stepped up the four months' work of the city council in the space of an hour at the Wednesday meeting. To thoughtful electors the spectacle of a roomful of men rushing through a resolution of condemnation of civic business, entailing an expenditure of between six and seven million dollars with a bare thirty minutes of debate, is not one to inspire confidence in the board of trade, nor in the council of the city. However well merited the criticism of the work of the city council might have been, the hasty and somewhat reckless manner in which it was made would have a tendency to discount its influence.

Apparently the board of trade had only a sheet or two of typewritten data at hand, and on the strength of the oratory of one or two members and a very condensed report obtained from the city hall, they put themselves on record in matters which have been under serious discussion for months at the city hall. On similar advice, the board of trade apparently took it for granted that the city had committed itself to the provision of "a coal mine, a washing house and an auditorium," whereas these things have not yet evolved into definite possibilities, and the city council has not committed itself in any detail. The ownership of a coal mine has been tentatively discussed, and the council has authorized the power and development committee to investigate, but beyond this nothing has been done. The washing house and auditorium propositions are the merest corridor gossip. Had the board of trade proceeded with its usual deliberation it is likely that

this blunder would have been avoided. A careful perusal of the tentative estimates, covering an expenditure of over \$5,000,000, which was submitted to the manager of the Bank of Montreal six or eight weeks ago, would have convinced the board that very little, if any, of this sum is to be expended on anything not in the nature of a public utility. The largest items include a million dollars for paving, and for water mains and extensions which are absolutely essential, about half a million for sewers, etc.; a large sum for street railway extensions and concrete sub-base, and another large account for supplies for the city stores department, including 150,000 barrels of cement, grants of \$100,000 to hospital, \$100,000 for a tuberculosis hospital, \$50,000 for a Children's Shelter, and various smaller grants to other institutions, including the board of trade; fifty thousand for preparatory work on bridges, and appropriations for interests and sinking fund. The list does not even include any appropriation for permanent work on the three Bow river bridges, nor on the new waterworks system. The board apparently drew its conclusions from a list of suggestions made by the aldermen and the public from time to time this year, drawn up, and passed on to them by Commissioner Graves. The city council has made several mistakes this year—it may even be said that there has been flagrant deviation from the policy promised by the aldermen before election. In one or two cases, and although the administration has been very fair on the whole, there is undoubtedly ground for some criticism. Sane and reasonable criticism is justifiable, but criticism based on a half hour survey of four months' work and an inaccurate and unauthorized report is likely to do more harm than good.

Editorial Notes

The editorial highbrow of an evening paper takes on awfully over the fact that Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, in an interview in Washington, D.C., expressed the opinion that his province is still in favor of the Tories, and walks the floor with a large portion of unlicked English. Related reports are to the effect that Hon. Walter is bearing up as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

The citizens are behind Dr. Mahood, medical health officer, in his crusade for pure food. Several months ago the Albertan ventured the opinion that no other city of the size and importance of Calgary on the continent would submit to the fraud, jugglery and danger in regard to its food that this city has done. Let the council of this city stand with the doctor and the citizens will support the council.

The Tory press both pure bred and grade is fearfully alarmed over the result of the election in Medicine Hat. Despite the fact that the matter has been referred to the district judge, it is hardly to be expected that newspapers that had no confidence in a judge's fitness to decide on the reasonableness of a machinery contract could give an unbiased opinion. In an election contest unless that opinion should be in favor of the Conservative candidate.

Some people in the city hall are unkind enough to draw comparisons between the late lamented parks board and the very critical board of trade. The fact that Mr. Valiquette was the chairman of the parks board, which terminated its administration with a deficit of many thousands of dollars to be met by the council of 1912, and very little in the way of parks improvements to show for a colossal expenditure, is no reason why he should refrain from criticism of the city council. This is a land of free speech, and every taxpayer has a right to discuss the merits in his brother's eyes. Whenever he notices it. In this western country dead hopes and buried passions are forgotten, and every man should have an opportunity to get his second wind.

Another Important Event at Tommy Burns

Today begins a great basement clearance sale at the old store, 130 Eighth avenue west. The entire stock of reliable goods for industrial men's wear to be cleared, regardless of cost and profit, prior to interior structural alterations. These prices these clearing lots are irresistible and afford a golden opportunity for the industrial men to purchase clothing suitable for working in at prices never dreamed of before. The best qualities of shirts, trousers, overalls, underwear, hosiery, caps, hats, etc., will be offered at prices to effect a speedy clearance in five days. These goods are all wellworth their original price, and there is really no reason for clearing them at such low prices except that we simply must make room prior to alterations. A real triumph of value-giving will be this sale of high-grade men's wear, commencing today in the basement saleroom. Everyone who has patronized our sales must know the values always to be found in our stores. Come and reap the benefits that await you here. You'll save yourselves of great opportunities. They mean money saved—that's important to you. Rush and get your share of the bargains; the profits are all yours. Special concessions in prices of regular goods at both stores during the period the great basement sale lasts.

**TOMMY BURNS**

SALE OF MEN'S SUITS

Ladies' Suits, the Best Value of the Season at \$10.00 and \$15.00



Ladies' Underskirts Lowered in Price  
The Ladies' Whitewear Store is putting its best value-foot forward for a share of the big business we are looking to Friday. Here is bargain news that no lady with an eye to economy can well afford to miss.

Ladies' White Underskirts of fine even-weave cotton with lawn flounce, very prettily trimmed with embroidery and tucks, dainty lace and insertion and made with dust flounce—Comes in all sizes. Regular values up to \$1.50. Today, 9 to 11 o'clock only, 75c

Dainty Silk Waists, up to \$3.25 for 95c  
An extra silk waist to any lady's wardrobe is never amiss, especially when it is daintily pretty. And certainly doubly welcome, when priced as low as these are offered Today. Can't say too much about them for quantity is small.

There are 50 only in this lot; dainty silk waists, tailor-made; soft collar and cuffs; in white, with a sprinkling of black, navy and brown wares included. Regular values up to \$3.25. Today, 9 to 11 only, 95c

Hand Bags-A Sale

Values up to \$10.00  
The mere mention of the price, is alone sufficient to make a pocket full of money. We have sixty odd bags we've remarked for hurried selling Today. Just imagine a ten dollar bag for ninety five cents! True, they're not all ten dollar bags but they are all remarkable values. Only slightly shopped and a few odd styles.

- 50 Plain Leather Bags—Fancy gilt and silver frames. Reg. \$1.75. Today 95c
- One \$10.00 red plush bag, covered with cut steel.
- One \$3.50 goat seal bag, leather lined.
- One \$4.50 pm Morocco bag.
- One \$5.00 plain suede bag.
- All on sale at one price.
- Today 95c

Embroidery Edgings and Insertions at a Fraction of Original Price

Only because these are broken sets have they been reduced to such a tiny little price, for they are all crisp, new goods that represent splendid values at their original prices.

**DAINTY EMBROIDERY EDGINGS AND INSERTIONS**—In fine quality Muslin and Cambric, and in a profusion of pretty designs. Regular 20c to 55c a yard. Today 12 1-2c

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Ladies' Suits, the Best Value of the Season at \$10.00 and \$15.00

Regular \$15.00 and \$17.50 and \$23.00 to \$35.00  
If you will make it a point to see the window display today it will lead to quick realization that this is an opportunity that will be welcomed by hundreds of ladies. It could not come more opportunely. We are pretty well crowded in this section, hence these remarkable reductions, the like of which are not likely to occur again in months. Now to the suits themselves:

**At \$10.00**—15 only at this price. Ladies' Stylish Suits of good quality Worsteds Serge; coat 28 inches long; three-button fastening, cut with rounded front corners; navy satin lined. Skirt made high waist, panel back with one-piece front. This suit made on strictly tailored lines and is one of this season's newest models. Both Misses and Ladies' sizes. Reg. \$15.00 and \$17.50. Sale Price \$10.00

**At \$15.00**—Man-tailored Suits; thirty-one only in the lot, which warrants prompt and early shopping. All up-to-the-hour styles, in a large variety of choice. Materials are varied, and consist of grey check Tweeds, fancy mixed Tweeds, diagonal Tweeds, brown and navy Bedfords, navy hair-line stripe Worsteds, mole hair-line stripe Worsteds, grey hopsuans, navy blue Serges and Worsteds diagonals, navy cardinal, male and navy white stripe corduroy velvets, etc. Mostly smart, strictly tailored styles with just a suggestion of trimming in a few cases. Principally from New York makers, having good lines, excellent style and cut. Come in both Misses' and Ladies' sizes. Regular prices range from \$23.00 to \$35.00, the majority of values being \$25.00 and \$32.75. Sale Price \$15.00

Week-End Grocery News of Interest

A concise list from this Pure Food Grocery that brings savings of an unusual character, and that are not to be had elsewhere.

Make comparison if you will.  
**DEMONSTRATING THE GOODNESS OF HUDSON'S BAY TEAS.**  
No. 4 Blend, of exceptional value. Try a cup of this delicious Tea at the Demonstration Booth. Per lb. 40c

**All "Gold" Fruits—California**  
Peaches, Pears and Apricots, per large tin 25c  
**Pineapple—Hawaiian; 2 tins 55c**  
Grocery Phone 6131.

**PROVISION COUNTER**  
Hams—Whole or half, per lb. 21c  
Bacon—side or half, per lb. 23c  
Pork Pies—Melton, Mowbray style, Each .....20c and 35c  
Sausages—All pork; per lb. 25c  
Olives—Bulk; per pint .....30c  
A selection of Meats sliced to your taste—Ham Loaf, Veal Loaf, Ox Tongue and Corned Beef.

SALE OF MEN'S SHIRTS



Paris Hats Half Price

HERE'S the news that dozens of Calgary ladies have awaited with keen interest—the sale of Paris Millinery. It is one of the most important sale events of the season, for it involves all those exclusive French creations of noted Paris artists. Hats personally selected in Europe by our own milliner for the initial display in the New Store. Want of proper display space prompts this sale. Make the most of it. We mention three models as examples:

**Paris Model by Pouyenne**—In a large leghorn shape, trimmed with coque de roche flowers and maline. A stunning summer creation. Reg. \$55.00. Sale Price .....\$32.50

**A Dashing Little Mushroom Shape by Pouyenne**—In Nackasaki green, beautifully trimmed with velvet panels in beautiful shades of brown, green and yellow. Reg. \$52.50. Sale Price .....\$31.25

**\$10.00 to \$12.00 HATS AT \$5.00**  
We are also offering a specially trimmed line of pretty Hats in the season's newest shapes, beautifully trimmed with satin and velvet ribbon, flowers and mounts. Hats that would sell in the regular way at from \$10.00 to \$12.50. Sale Price .....\$5.00

Up to \$27.50 Men's Suits \$16.85

FORTUNATE men to the number of suits there are in this sale are going to solve the new suit problem quickly and satisfactorily, and at a great saving either today or Saturday. They are going to pay \$16.85 for a stylish cut, well built suit with surprising willingness, for the very good reason that they will see just as soon as they clap eyes on them that we haven't exaggerated in the least in the above statement, that regular values range up as high as \$27.50.

We bought heavily with the idea of being over in the big new store before this. The consequence is we are far too crowded here and must sacrifice.

**500 SUITS AT A FRACTION OF THEIR ORIGINAL VALUE**—These are stylishly built suits in the season's best styles and most approved ideas. They come in the very newest patterns and weaves as well as plain mixtures of browns and greys. Beautifully shaped on graceful lines and carefully tailored both outside and in. The greatest value this popular men's store has announced in a season. A complete range of sizes from 35 to 44. Regular values up to \$27.50. Sale Price .....\$16.85

Men Will Snap up a Half Dozen of These Dollar Shirts at 65c Each

The desire to eclipse the big Shirt business done on the corresponding day of last year, has prompted our shirt buyer to offer in a two-day's sale values that warrant record shirt selling. And even though men may have a goodly supply of shirts on hand, these are exceptional buying and worth tucking away for future wear.

**50 DOZEN MEN'S WELL CUT COLORED NEGLIGEE SHIRTS**—In the very best and newest creations of the season in an immense choice and in every size from 14 to 16½. Regular standard values at \$1.00. Sale Price .....65c



A Pair of Splendid Hosiery Values

This store has long been famous for its Hosiery values; and Calgary ladies have shown their appreciation in our efforts to bring here the very best qualities at the lowest prices consistent with these qualities. These two lines represent exceptionally good value.

**"RADIUM" SILK HOSE**—In black, tan and white; pure Milanese silk leg with double liele suspender top and liele feet; reinforced heel and toe. All sizes. Regular \$1.25 pair. Today .....\$1.00

**LADIES' BLACK AND TAN COTTON HOSE**—Suspender top; triple heel and toe; seamless feet. Today, 7 pairs .....\$1.00

Week End Treat at Candy Counter

Finest Assorted Chocolates—Reg. 60c and 75c lb. Week-end Special, lb. 50c  
"Loriot" Toffe—in small squares. A delicious sweetmeat. Week-end Special, lb. 40c  
Mazipan Mixture—Regular 40c lb. Week-end Special, lb. 30c  
Stuffed Dates—Regular 40c lb. Week-end Special, lb. 35c  
Robertson's Nut Bars—Week-end, 4 for 15c  
Callard & Bower's Nougat—Boxes 10c and 20c  
Callard & Bower's Raspberry Nougat—Boxes 10c and 20c

Prices Shrank in Bath Towels

Housekeepers have learned through the happy medium of experience that this store invariably gives the best values in towels. And, all things considered, it is only natural that we should. Here is a better-than-usual opportunity.

**50 DOZEN PAIRS TURKISH BATH TOWELS**—Size 42x20, and regular 50c pair. Today .....35c

**50 DOZEN PAIRS STRIPED "LINOL" TOWELS**—Size 44x22. Regular 50c pair. Today .....35c

\$9.00 to \$13.50 Boys' Suits in a Record Sale at \$7.65

Our selections of Boys' Suits were never better than they are right now, and regular Hudson's Bay prices never more generous in the giving of value. Calgary mothers and the boys themselves will be more than delighted with such news as this.

These are all-wool imported Tweeds in smart double breasted styles, and in the newest patterns, in shades of brown, green and grey mixtures. Just 66 Suits in the lot, ranging in sizes 28, 29, 30 and 31, for boys of ages 9 to 13 years. Regular \$9.00 to \$13.50. Today and Saturday \$7.65



FRUITS

Oranges—Fancy "Sunset" Navels, 75c 50c dozen ..... 50c  
Lemons—Fancy—California, large, reg. 50c dozen ..... 40c  
Apples—Fancy "Rome Beauty" 8 lbs ..... 25c  
Box 50 lbs ..... \$1.95  
Grape Fruit—Fancy Florida, reg. 10c, 12½, 17c  
Cucumbers, Head Lettuce, Leaf Lettuce, Parsley, etc.

Sweet Potatoes—3 lbs ..... 25c  
Rhubarb—Fancy, 5 lbs ..... 25c  
Strawberries—Fancy, box ..... 25c  
Pineapples—Each ..... 25c  
Spinach—Fresh stock, 4 lbs ..... 25c  
Cauliflower—Large white heads, 25c & 30c  
Bananas—Ripe, dozen ..... 30c

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