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The Weak Spot.

(Calgary News.)

The weak spot in the Liberal administration at Ottawa, as it was at Toronto, during the Mowat-Hardy-Ross regime, is the nepotism of the members of the Cabinet and the supporters of the government.

Every member of the cabinet who has had relatives has had a number of them farmed out on the public preserve, regardless of qualification. All that was required of the appointed one was the ability to answer the roll call when the pay car passed his way.

Another crying evil has been the manner of selecting members of parliament or ex-members to fill public positions for which in many instances they had no qualifications.

The auditor-general's report, published annually, makes good reading along this line and proves conclusively that under existing conditions the easy path to government office is by way of having represented a constituency, and that the best test is to be a relative of some member.

This was the foolish policy that was pursued by the Ross administration, where relatives of Ross, Dryden, Gibson and the rest were put into positions to the detriment of more competent and more deserving members of the Liberal party. And this was one of the features of misgovernment that wiped out that government when they faced the people, when but two members were elected on polling day, and these only by the skin of their teeth.

There is only one way for governments to continue to secure the support of the people, and that is by the efforts of a strong premier who will not hesitate to crowd out of his cabinet any member who looks upon public office as anything but a public trust.

When a member of parliament or a cabinet minister looks upon the public domain as a private preserve to be exploited in the interest of himself and family, it is full time for the premier to step in with the date properly filled in on the accepted resignation of the gentleman who has forgotten what he owes to the people of this country.

The Liberals should see to it that there will be no more scuttling of the government ship along this line, as was done by Ross and his fellow-buccaners, and the Tories should find in this hint good fighting material during the session.

And the auditor-general's annual report is a mine of wealth untold to the seeker after truth in the matters above referred to.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Drink and the gang drinks with you; swear and you go it alone, for the bar room bum who drinks your rum has a querulous taste of his own. Feast and your friends are many; fast and they cut you dead; they'll not get mad if you treat them bad so long as their stomachs are fed. Steal if you get a stomach, for then you can furnish bail; it's the limit thief who gets out on leave while the little one goes to jail. Advertise and the dollars come rolling; quit and they fail to arrive; for how are men who have money to spend to know that you are still alive.

One of the evidences of the waste of money of the Liberal government is shown in the granting of \$15,700 for a wharf near a small town in Eastern Ontario—Colborne. The town of Colborne is over a mile from the lake. There is another wharf in a much more suitable position as regards protection, only a mile west. The new wharf will be built right in the open lake without any protection whatever, and after it is built nobody will ever use it but the boys in the swimming season. Colborne has about as much need for a wharf as Medicine Hat has for an underground railway.

A special Christmas number was put out by the Edmonton Bulletin. It is by long odds the best this year. It is made up in large magazine style, printed on heavy coated paper and with a special cover. It contains Christmas stories and local descriptive articles, with exceptionally good cuts.

The Cranbrook Herald also got out two extra large issues on its special book paper. The Herald carried an ad. for every place in town and did a lot to show that Cranbrook is very much alive. The Saskatchewan Phoenix and Lethbridge Herald used Christmas covers, highly lithographed, after the style of the Christmas Times.

Just while we're on it, this Lethbridge Herald is producing a fine daily, a most readable eight pages, although it is only a couple of weeks old.

Woods, who formerly ran the Canadian Grain and Stock Co., which had a branch in Medicine Hat, is getting further bumps in the States. The Federal grand jury is after the Wisconsin Grain and Stock Co., of which Woods is head. The company is accused of similar crimes to those proven against the Canadian Company.

The Times subscription lists have always been open to advertisers. All you have to do to convince yourself is to call at The Times office. And of the size of The Times circulation it is all LIVE, LOCAL circulation—no unsorted or ordered out names, no big list of far off circulation dead to the advertiser. The Times has never sought a circulation useless to the advertiser. That's why advertising in The Times pays.

The Times believes the aldermen should work under the same conditions as those under which they were elected. That's why it does not seem right to pay them this year. This reason may be more "obscure" than is the reason of The News for thinking it "obscure."

Now, that 1908 is upon us it might be a good idea to talk less about the "glad hand" and work more along that line. A local woman in commenting publicly upon The Times editorial of some issues ago, said that she had recently been calling in the interests of a local institution, and had found two women on one street who had been here some time and had never had one woman speak to them. Let the newcomer feel he or she is wanted.

There are a hundred reasons why Medicine Hat should reach the top

for growth in 1908, and they are becoming better known every day. The personal touch which will be given the inclinations of manufacturers by the visit to the east of John T. Hall should mean a lot to the city for this year.

Medicine Hat is not the creature of chance, nor of boost, but has most of the qualifications which make it a desirable place in which to locate industries. Medicine Hat simply needs to be known as it is.

Already the real estate men are looking forward to March as the beginning of the 1908 rush. They have every confidence that the city will make good, as it did in 1907. In fact Medicine Hat will be the gainer by the falling off in speculation. She has the opportunities for investment and there is sure to be a lot of money free this year that will be placed in such safe places as Medicine Hat and not risked in towns where the buying is of a purely speculative nature.

The decision of the ratepayers to build a spur line to the free factory sites granted by Beupet & Hamilton will place the city in the best position for starting the big industrial expansion we know is coming in 1908. In Industrial Place factories will have the greatest facilities for manufacturing.

That British capital is looking to Canada more than ever is evident from continental and British reports. It is mostly British money that has bought in Canadian bonds. To the British investor Canada is a gold mine, compared with the returns from his local investments.

To say that Medicine Hat will receive its share of all the capital placed in the west is only giving credit to the good judgment of men with money.

The Manitoba government has purchased the Bell Telephone System for \$8,400,000. Public ownership is being recognized the world over.

WHAT IS DONE WITH GOLD FROM EUROPE.

Buying \$10,000,000 worth of gold from the Bank of England is no more complex a transaction than buying a piece of real estate, says George W. Major, cashier of the United States sub-treasury at New York, in the New York World. Whatever difference there is in the two is in favor of gold purchase. In it you are pretty sure to get the value of your money.

Much of the gold bought by the large banking houses of New York and other American cities is purchased from the Bank of England or the Bank of France. Its purchase is arranged by the English or French agents of the bank that wishes to secure the piece of real estate.

The price that will have to be paid depends largely upon the demand. At the present time, when every dollar of gold that can be secured is being eagerly sought by bankers here, the price is as high as 5 and 6 per cent.

The shipment of gold is accompanied by comparatively few extra precautions. An extra detective or two from Scotland Yard, perhaps and as many other private detectives employed by the Bank of England furnish all the protection needed.

All gold imported into this country comes in one of two forms. It is either in gold bars or in coin. In coin it is usually American money that has been sent abroad in some previous year, for a comparatively small amount of foreign gold is brought here.

Whether in bar or coin, however, it is all shipped in small steel cases. The bars are of an exact length so as to permit them being packed tightly in the cases, while the coins are in bags, irrespective of denomination, that just hold 500 ounces. The arrival of a gold laden ship at her pier in North River is no different, so far as precautions for the gold itself are concerned, from that of any other vessel. There are always government officials, city police and private detectives to meet each ship, and the arrival of a ship with \$10,000,000 in gold aboard will result in no more than one or two extra men being present to ride on the waggon carrying the gold away from the pier.

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The final act of the purchase of gold differs in time of panic and ordinary times. At the present time, when the necessity for gold is so great that every moment is precious its real value in relieving a situation such as we have been going through recently comes only when it is piled high on the counters of the banks and trust companies awaiting the demands of the creditors of those institutions.

The gold that arrives in bars goes direct to the assay office. Before any attempt is made to analyze it and ascertain its real value the purchaser receives a certified check from the assayer for 98 per cent. of the value supposed to be contained in the bars. The check can be converted into cash immediately and the delay of two or three days necessary to make a complete assay of the shipment is avoided. Whatever additional sum is due the purchaser after the assayer's report is made he receives in a day or two.

Much the same process, so far as expediency is concerned, is gone through with the gold coins. They, instead of going to the assay office, go direct to the sub-treasury. Each "bag" is weighed, unopened, and its contents of 100 ounces of gold worth \$9,900 in cash is immediately advanced.

That process saves many hours, for each bag has to be opened, the coins assayed to their several denominations, counted and weighed for loss from abrasions. After that is done the money is returned to bags containing \$6,000 each and the balance due to the purchaser, whatever it may be, is forwarded him.

The only other class of gold shipment that has to be handled is foreign coins. They are not even counted, but are immediately placed in a crucible, melted and then sent to the assay office, where they are treated as though they were the gold bars.

The extra time necessary to secure actual American money for the gold coins of foreign nations is the chief reason for the small amount of gold imported in that form.

It is between shipping gold in coin or bars there is little preference. It is said that the motion of the ship causes a loss of about \$200 in every shipment of \$1,000,000.

It is a fact, however, that the coins do lose considerably more in weight than the bars.

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