

Around the City

J. R. BOYLE ON THE TELEPHONE
POLICY
(Saturday's Daily)



Mr. J. R. Boyle, M.P.P. for Sturgeon, when the orders of the day were called were called yesterday moved the adjournment of the House to give him an opportunity of expressing his approval of the government's telephone policy. Mr. Boyle was unavoidably absent from the House on Thursday afternoon when the minister of public works brought down the policy of the government.

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In his speech on the question yesterday he spoke as follows:—

Mr. Speaker, in rising to move the adjournment of the House I desire to take the opportunity to make a few remarks upon a very important announcement of policy by the administration with regard to the telephone system of this province. As this is a subject on which I have been very much interested for years and one that I have given considerable study to, I am convinced that nothing the administration could do will so advance the interests of the people. Mr. Speaker, we are making a precedent for others to follow.

I do not belong to that school which believes in absolute government ownership, but I think the telephone is a utility that it is in the interest of the state to control. I believe that many of the so-called public utilities are not in their nature capable of being successfully owned and controlled by a provincial government. The Dominion government have a much wider field of opportunities in this regard than the provincial. The telephone business, however, is one peculiarly suited to provincial ownership. It is very analogous to the postal service, excepting that it is more local. The limit of distance for telephoning as a commercial proposition is at present from two hundred to three hundred miles. The public may be protected from monopoly in many other classes of franchises, such as railways, by competition, but this is a business where competition aggravates rather than relieves the situation. It is therefore in my opinion a business that should be owned and controlled by the government in the interests of the people.

In a few years under this system we shall see publicly owned telephones in every city, town and hamlet in the province. And, Mr. Speaker, I hope to see the telephone in every farm house within a reasonable radius of every telephone exchange. Nothing that I know next to reading will have a more educative value among the people. One feature that may be criticised in the establishment of government telephones, and that is I believe, the money should be borrowed on the credit of the province, and not taken out of the ordinary revenues. We should always have a provincial debt corresponding to the value of the telephone system at any time in operation in the province. The users should be charged a rental sufficient only to cover interest, operation and depreciation of plant. The cost should not be paid by any one particular generation.

It is not a plank in the Liberal platform to incur any debt, but a debt of this kind is justifiable because there is always an asset to provinces will heartily endorse this show for it. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I believe the people of the policy and that Alberta, the first to undertake it, will become a model for every province in the Dominion.

GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE THE
COURSE
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The principal features of the session

of the legislature yesterday afternoon were Mr. Cushing's bill with respect to local improvements which passed its second reading, and the notice of the premier that he will shortly introduce two bills one dealing with the taxation of corporations and the other a bill to tax corporations and others.

Mr. Finlay introduced his bill to amend chapter eight of the ordinance regulating public aid to hospitals. The change increases the payments of public money to the hospitals and especially on account of non-paying patients under the new regulation the money paid increases directly with the charity patients. The hospital will receive 25 cents per day for each day's actual treatment and stay of every patient in the hospital; also twenty-five cents per day for each non-paying patient.

The bill relating to the Noxious Weeds act was read and passed a first time.

PRIVATE BILLS
In the absence of Mr. Simmons (Lebridge) the bill relating to the Red Deer Railway and Power Co. was introduced by Mr. Rosenroff (Wetaskiwin) and read a second time. He explained that the application for the charter was according to the principal laid down by the house last session. The bill was passed and referred to the committee on railways.

In the absence of Mr. Riley (Gleichen) the bill relating to the Calgary and Kneehill Coal Co. which had been reported from the Committee on Standing Orders.

PETITIONS
Mr. Cross presented the petition of E. L. Grice et al for an act to amend the charter of the City of Macleod. Mr. Finlay presented a petition on behalf of the Medicine Hat General Hospital.

In the absence of Mr. Riley, it was moved by the premier that the petition of the Calgary and Kneehill Railway Co. be received and read.

Mr. Cross presented the petition of the Elbow and Medicine Hat Railway Co. which was taken up by clause in the committee of the whole and reported without amendment.

The act incorporating the Grand Lodge of Alberta of I.O.O.F. passed through the stages of the committee of the whole and reported without amendment. The amendments were carried. Both bills passed the third reading.

The House adjourned until Tuesday at 8 p.m.

AN INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH FOR EDMONTON
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Edmonton, the original and vital city of the west, which has already taken the initiative in many municipal and social enterprises, is soon to make a progressive and radical step in Christian work.

Within the next twelve-month there will be established in this city an institutional or open church, costing at the lowest estimate \$60,000, and having all the appliances thereto to be found in such edifices in metropolitan centres.

In some of the larger cities in the United States the open church has done much toward bringing young men into closer duty with the minister and the congregation.

Such is the main object of the open church that is soon to be a reality in Edmonton.

The scheme originated with Rev. C. H. Huestis, pastor of McDougall Methodist church, who, during his recent visit to the east, made a study of a similar institution in Chicago. The result is the decision to erect the new building on the magnificent site overlooking the Saskatchewan where the Methodist church now stands.

Work will be commenced early in the spring and rushed to completion. H. A. Magson is already engaged in the plans, which call for a brick and stone building 112 feet square, three and one half stories, with basement. The main entrance will be from the first floor side.

In the basement will be a cafe, capably managed, and open to anyone, adherent of the church or otherwise. Adjacent to the cafe will be a drill room for the boys' brigade, but no gymnasium will be installed as the new Y. M. C. A. covers this sphere already.

On the ground floor will be the main auditorium with a seating capacity, including the horseshoe gallery, of 1,075. It will be fitted with opera chairs and the choir loft will have accommodation for 80 chorists to which number the regular choir may be augmented on special occasions.

Around the main auditorium and the gallery on the second story will be a large number of rooms or devotional and social work class rooms for Sunday school directors, offices, library, etc. The auditorium will be crowned by an immense dome which will shed abundant sunlight on the interior.

On the third floor and the half story above will be accommodation for forty men in double and single

rooms. These will be mainly for members of the congregation, who will be given the preference in their selection and will be used as a leverage to the Christian work in the congregation. For the social hours, billiard rooms, reading rooms and other recreation quarters will be provided.

Another convenience will be rest and recreation quarters for lady patrons of the cafe. This branch will be in charge of an experienced lady who is to come from England.

Speaking to the Bulletin this morning Mr. Huestis said:—

"The open church is one whose ministrations are constant, where the place is open daily from early morning till ten or eleven o'clock at night, during all the weeks of the year; where recreation is provided for the body, nourishment for the mind, sympathy for the heart, salvation for the whole life. This church aims to look after the whole man, fit people not only for death and heaven, but for life; to get heaven into people rather than get people into heaven."

"This will be the first Open or Institutional church in Canada built and adapted purposely for such work."

"It will not conflict with the Y. M. C. A. as its field will be wider than that of young men. It is a religious workshop rather than an ecclesiastical monument or a sectarian shrine. It will afford a permanent centre for the religious activity of the congregation, but it will extend its work beyond the congregation and will endeavor to minister to the life of the city."

In his sermon tomorrow night Mr. Huestis will outline the plan and purposes of the new institutional church.

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The Alberta Hotel is erecting a large electric sign on the top of the building.

A number of the Medicine Hat hockey boys visited the legislature yesterday afternoon and were warmly welcomed by Mr. Finlay.

Mary Kilgus who was mentioned in a report in the Bulletin yesterday as a Bohemian woman and not a German as stated in the report.

McEwen will close his highly successful engagement at the Edmonton Opera House this evening. He announces tonight's performance as his last appearance in Edmonton for five years.

The Sijon family theatre in this point due book will be re-opened about March 1st under the management of W. W. McKinnley and his wife. Their first offering will be a moving picture and illustrated song show.

Mrs. T. Meredith, of Griesbach street, entertained about twenty-five of the young people at a dance at her home last night. Lunch was served about midnight, and the guests all report a first-class time.

Bob Edwards visited the legislature yesterday afternoon fraternizing with the members until the session began when he quietly took his departure for the annual of parliament routine being too prosaic for the versatile editor of the Eye-Opener.

The billiard match that was expected to take place last night at the Senate between S. J. Meier and L. Leonard, did not materialize. Leonard issued this challenge which Leonard promptly accepted.

Some thirty Edmonton young people drove out to the lake yesterday near Fort Saskatchewan, last night where they enjoyed several hours canoeing and water sports.

Mr. and Mrs. Gowan and Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of the young people, and all spent a delightful evening.

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C. Marsh, of Calgary, is registered at the Alberta.

K. Nelson, of Bon Accord, is at the Jasper today.

G. A. Werner, of Mundare, was at the Quenne's Friday.

Archie Hading of Calgary, was at the Castle yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lines were with Calgary friends, Thursday.

J. M. Farley, of Saskatoon, was a guest at the St. James yesterday.

A. M. Zuberbach, of Fort Saskatchewan, was in Edmonton yesterday.

Mayor Mills of Strathcona occupied a seat in the speakers gallery yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Butcher leave today for a month's holiday at Brandon, Ont.

Mrs. R. L. Craig, of Oils, is with Edmonton friends today. She is stopping at the Alberta.

W. C. Craig, of the firm of Craig Bros., general merchandise, Vermilion, is in the city at present.

W. I. Margach, government timber inspector for Alberta, is in the city. He is at the Alberta.

Dr. Cobbett who has been away at the camp for some weeks expects to be home before the end of the month.

St. H. Martin spent Monday in Calgary. Mrs. D. Ricket was visiting Calgary friends a few days early in the week.

B. W. Watson, manager for Cushing Bros. at Fort Saskatchewan, accompanied by F. Shipley, visited Edmonton yesterday.

Archibald M. Thompson, the Massey-Harris representative at Vegreville accompanied by Mrs. Thompson, are in the city today.

M. S. Daly, one of Oils' real estate agents, accompanied by Mrs. Daly, are in the city today. They are at the Windsor.

MR. ROBERT DELL.
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Under the caption of 'A Man Of The Day,' the Toronto Globe daily publishes a brief excellent sketch of some man prominently before the public.

The awarding of the Cullum Medal by the American Geographical Society to Dr. Robert Dell, chief geologist of the Canadian Survey, Ottawa, has drawn out interesting notice of the work of this pioneer of western surveyors, who is known to many old-timers here.

The effect of his work, it says, has been to remove from the map of western Canada the 'half-vacant' appearance which used to give the impression of an unknown wilderness.

OBITUARY
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Mrs. John Coleman, of Norwood, wife of a former homebased inspector, died this morning. Mrs. Coleman was forty years of age and leaves a husband and eight children to mourn their loss.

O'Neill Bourassa, son of Mr. Pierre Bourassa, Thirtieth street, died this morning. He will be buried on Monday afternoon with funeral service at St. Joachim's church. The deceased was nineteen years of age.

The funeral of Andrew Holden took place privately this morning from the mortuary of the Alberta Undertaking Company.

YOUNG DIXON WANTS A FIGHT
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Sporting Editor, Bulletin.
Mr. Young Dixon, a colored boxer now in this city is desirous of securing a bout in Edmonton with some good man who will weigh in at anywhere between 130 or 135 pounds.

He has done considerable sparring and claims the society did not believe he would box for a percentage of the gate receipts or for a purse as desired, but he would personally prefer the receipt of money. If you know of any man of the weight who would be willing to take him on please write to Young Dixon, Calgary, and state conditions.

Yours truly,
K. K. House, Box 276
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C. J. Robert yesterday disposed of his livery business on First street, known as the Windsor livery, to J. H. McKinnley.

Mr. McKinnley will remain with the Windsor livery, and his brother, E. B. McKinnley, will make an extended visit in the east before making up his mind on this point.

SUMMONED TO OTTAWA
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Mr. W. G. Cowell, deputy in the Dominion Land office at Red Deer has been summoned by wire to Ottawa for two months by the Deputy Minister of the Interior, Mr. J. H. McEwen.

Mr. Cowell is expected to leave for Ottawa on the 28th inst.

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Bargains! Bargains!

In case you were unable to come in during last week for some of those great bargains which we have been offering, we would just remind you that our big reduction sale is still on and although a large number of people took advantage of it we still have a lot of rare bargains in every department.

FREE LESSONS IN ART EMBROIDERY NEEDLEWORK

The Misses Lockwood, of the Corticelli Decorative Art Staff, who are particularly proficient embroiderers, having had a large experience in this work, are now giving free lessons in Art Embroidery in Hourston's Hall, Jasper Avenue, to which all the ladies will be cordially welcomed.

We carry a full line of the Corticelli Embroidery Silks, Stamped and Tinted Centrepieces, Cushion Covers, Tea Cloths, Etc.

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of the audience, not one person had any objections to offer to his views and when his address was concluded the usual membership fee of \$1 was handed to the secretary by every farmer present, with the exception of a few who were members of the American Society of Equity.

Mr. Fletcher in summing up the principles of the A. F. A. stated that it was not their aim to antagonize any existing interest, but on the other hand to solicit the assistance of the business and professional men and was proud to say it was always cheerfully given.

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only such books as are authorized by the Department. Mr. Eucalure stated in reference to this clause that many secretaries had been handicapped by a lack of proper books. The government would keep a stock of authorized books and supply them at cost.

The taxes shall not be below a quarter cent per acre nor exceed five cents per acre, and the taxes on any parcel of land that is less than fifty acres, shall be fifty cents.

DISTRICT INSPECTORS