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The By-Elections

The attitude of the government in bringing on the by-election in Prince Albert city is in sharp contrast with the manipulation of the District seat and the change of method is quite commendable.

Notwithstanding that two years have passed away since the Scott government took office, not one issue of that election has lost its importance to the people of this province, and the same questions must be raised in the by-election campaign in Prince Albert.

The contest in the northern city will not lack interest as the work of two sessions of the legislature will be canvassed and the ministers will be constantly on the defensive. Mr. Calder will no doubt take the earliest opportunity to deny to the people of Prince Albert that he ever made the statement reported in the proceedings of the legislature about the uselessness of the land a few miles north of the city.

Breeders Knocking

An issue has arisen between the stockbreeders association of Saskatchewan and the city of Regina respecting the establishment of stockyards and sales stables at the exhibition grounds here. The history of the movement to turn the stables at the exhibition ground to a productive use is well known to many readers in the city and district.

It was some time ago when the question was first brought up at the board of trade, and through them to the city council, but recently the commercial interests again renewed their efforts in the matter and appointed a delegation to wait on the council with regard to the subject.

Robert Sinton, president of the Saskatchewan Stock Breeders Association, was on the board of trade delegation and was in hearty accord with the mission of the deputation up to the last moment, but for some reason he suddenly switched and opposed the proposal before the council, much to the surprise of his associates.

Elsewhere we publish a minute of meeting since held by the stock association executive backing up Mr. Sinton in this matter. The reasons advanced by the association are far fetched and lack a sound basis of contention, for with regard to disease resulting from the constant use of the stables, surely the stables

would be under proper inspection and there need not be any apprehension of danger to the fair or fat stock show.

Notwithstanding the protestation of the stock breeders' association, it looks as if some of the members have been actuated by ulterior motives, and if self-interest has dictated their attitude the sooner we know it the better. The general feeling of the citizens against the position taken by Mr. Sinton was expressed by Mr. Cooper, the president of the board of trade and Mr. Lawson the secretary. It does appear that Mr. Sinton used bad judgment in being a party to the mission of the board of trade delegation and afterwards taking a negative position. His usefulness to any public project is questionable when his personal interests are at stake.

We believe however, that notwithstanding the attitude of the Saskatchewan Stock Breeders' association, the citizens should bring every influence to bear upon the city council to take steps to have the stock yards and sales stables project carried out. This will be a big industry for Regina and we are not disposed to fall down for the consideration of any private interests.

The scheme which the government proposes with regard to heavy sires is all-right, but it has nothing to do with the stock yard project and we trust that the department will go ahead with their scheme and we will go ahead with ours. Mr. Ketchum's endorsement of one scheme and condemnation of the other has weight only with the government proposition. He has nothing to do with the proposals of the Regina citizens in establishing a stock mart here and the most consideration he can expect is that we will pardon his intrusion.

The Coal Question

Elsewhere we publish from a Lumsden correspondent some interesting facts in regard to the coal situation there and if the mines have not been able through the summer months to do better for other points than they have for dealers in the valley town the conditions are not reassuring. It certainly looks as if the mines have been playing to the galleries in proclaiming what they were willing to do by way of assisting the coal merchants to stock up for the winter. If cash orders from Lumsden have been ignored it is reasonable to assume that the company has not been in the sacrificing business at other places. What applies to Lumsden is no doubt applicable to Disley and Bethune, for we believe that the Lumsden dealers handle the coal business at the other two points. There is no doubt that the situation may become serious and if there is a repetition of last years troubles the people will know where to place the responsibility.

This coal question must be handled shortly by the Dominion Government and handled in a manner satisfactory to the people of the prairie province. This is one of the questions which the people will look to Mr. Borden to solve and he ought to make an announcement of policy with regard to it after acquainting himself with the conditions here. Of course he has already stated that he will hand over the coal lands to the provinces and that will give local control, but the Dominion government should

make the mine operators maintain a certain output or the government ought to step in and confiscate the property.

The coal situation should not be controlled by private monopoly.

Protecting the Chickens

Notwithstanding the restrictions of the act which the Saskatchewan legislature placed on chicken shooting in this province by the provisions of the game act, it is perhaps unfortunate that the House did not go all the way and prohibit, as Alberta did, the shooting of chickens for at least one year. It is noticeable that while in a few districts the familiar bird, which, is after all, bound to the country by sentimental ties because they never leave us till exterminated by the huntsman, the prairie chickens are almost as plentiful as ever, yet in other well known breeding grounds they are becoming very scarce. It is a common thing to take a drive of several miles through the country and see only a few coveys where a few years ago they were quite plentiful.

The regulations now are that no one sportsman is allowed to kill more than ten in any one day nor more than one hundred in any one season, yet the Qu'Appelle Progress will be commended for giving a warning signal in saying:

This district has always been considered a good breeding ground for prairie chickens and partridge but unless a check is placed upon the reckless slaughter of these birds they will soon be a thing of the past. Last year's hunting combined with this year's wet weather have already made the birds scarce. There may be a few portions of the province where they are still plentiful, but the government will gain the commendation of all true sportsmen by declaring a close period for two or three years. It is but a few years since twenty to fifty chickens could be found almost any morning feeding around the elevators in town. Now anyone riding fifty miles will scarcely find twenty birds.

PRESS COMMENTS

(Toronto News)

Some of the western Liberal papers are attacking Mr. Borden's proposal to give the new provinces their lands and ask what call there is for Mr. Borden or any other disinterested advocate the abandonment of the present Dominion lands policy, and the relaying to three or more legislative houses a trust upon the careful political handling, upon which depends the fortune of the Dominion. At first it seems natural to say that it is easy enough to make such statements but upon second thought it is seen not to be so easy, even now, with growing trouble in Saskatchewan over the direct land tax of one cent per acre, imposed because the provincial revenues were not sufficient. And if it is difficult to detect the action of the Dominion government now, what will it be in coming years, when the strain upon Saskatchewan's resources will be extremely heavy? And all Saskatchewan Liberals must see what a position they will be in once a Conservative government gets into power at Ottawa.

The gigantic political organization which belongs to the federal government through its possession of the lands, mines and forests with the army of inspectors, agents and rangers, will be inevitably turned against the local Liberals. In depriving the western provinces of their lands the federal government and the Liberal party did the provinces a great wrong, and that wrong will inevitably react to its lasting injury. In the face of present happenings in Saskatchewan, such arguments as quoted above are, it may be believed, simply tunes whistled to keep up the party courage.

(Montreal Gazette)

Mr. Aylesworth, the minister of Justice, was the principle speaker at a Liberal meeting at the town of Dundas the other day. Among other things he referred to was the contribution made by Mr. Hugh Graham, of Montreal, to the Conservative party, to the campaign funds in 1906. The matter has been the subject of considerable newspaper discussion for some time by critics not above suspicion as being moved as much by business envy as by partisan zeal to discredit an opponent and an opponent's party. What was said did not deserve much attention. Mr. Aylesworth a leader of the government taking it up and repeating it, gives it an importance it was otherwise hardly deserving. Everybody knows that in Canada as in England and the United States, election funds are raised and expended. It is regrettable that they should be necessary. It will be well when an enlightened and more energetic public opinion put an end to them, and representatives in parliament owe nothing to any one

outside of the constituencies that elected them. Meantime, with things as they are the question of interest is not so much who contributes to a fund as what is done with it after it is raised. In the case of the fund to which Mr. Graham contributed a considerable sum it is not asserted that it was illegally used. Some \$25,000 was sent to the Quebec district, which was equal to about \$1,000 for each constituency. More than such a sum might readily be expended in legitimate preparation for polling day, arranging lists, canvassing expenses, outlays for meetings, etc. It is not said by Mr. Aylesworth that it was otherwise expended and though the Laurier government lost seats in the Quebec district no one came forward to allege in the courts that the fact was due to the illegal use of money in behalf of the successful Conservative candidates. There have been election funds distributed in other ways. It was not because of the proper use of election funds that Mr. Aylesworth's colleague Mr. Fielding, unseated last year as member of parliament for Shelburne and Queens. It was not the proper use of election funds that led to Mr. Brunet and Mr. Gallery being unseated as representatives in the House of Commons of Montreal constituencies. It was not the proper use of election funds in London that made Mr. Hyman, another minister, a political outcast. It was not the proper use of election funds that made the Brockville and Huron election notorious for Liberal corruption. Neither is it known who contributed the money that was so misused to disorganize the party in which Mr. Aylesworth is a leader. Mr. Aylesworth might find something really worthy of his steel if he took up these cases. Meantime, as the situation stands, Mr. Graham contributed to help a political cause in which he was interested. He did not graft the money through a public contract or a land deal or a bogus supply agency. It was not alleged that it was devoted to debauching voters, or paying ballot switchers, or making crooked ballot boxes, printing false ballots, or suborning perjured election officials, or for any of the discreditable devices with which Laurierism has become associated in the public mind. When legally asked, he told all about it, and was not ashamed. Until Mr. Aylesworth and his fellow-workers can do tell as much about the funds they have raised, or profited by in a political way, it might be well for him to leave such references as he made at Dundas to men in his party whose words do not merit so much attention.

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