

D. R. FRASER IS SIXTH ALDERMAN

Elected by Majority of 21 over Two Opponents. Gas By-Law Defeated.

By a majority of 217 over Col. Edwards, and 225 over John Galbraith, Mr. D. R. Fraser, lumber merchant and ex-alderman of Edmonton, was elected at the head of the poll yesterday in the municipal bye-election.

The contest was a keen one, and a large vote was polled, but from the early part of the day it became apparent that Mr. Fraser was going into the lead, and when the poll closed at five o'clock he had piled up a plurality of 141 over the total of both his opponents.

Col. Edwards put up a good fight especially among the west end residents and in the part of the city west of First street he came out with 60 majority over the elected candidate, Mr. Galbraith did not poll a large vote, the east end going largely in favor of Mr. Fraser, to his corresponding loss.

Gas By-Law Defeated. To the surprise of many the gas by-law failed to obtain the requisite two-thirds of the total vote and was thus defeated. The number of ballots cast was large, 1,218 being in favor and 643 against. It thus failed by 22 to obtain the requisite number of supporters. Its defeat was a great disappointment to its supporters, and the members of the company, who worked hard during the day in bringing voters to the booths.

The voters were well handled during the day by Returning Officer Harbottle, and though the law provided only one poll, there was no congestion, the ratepayers from the east and west ends being directed to different rooms, where there were sufficient deputies to handle them without delay. The details of the vote is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: For Alderman, West end, East end, Total. Rows for Fraser, Edwards, Galbraith.

For the by-law, 611 over 1,218. Two-thirds was required by the by-law 1906. It is thus defeated by 22 votes.

FAMOUS LIBEL TRIAL CONTINUES

Physician to Prince Bismark Testifies in Harsh Trial. Von Moltke on Stand.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The deposition of Professor Schweinigen, famous as the personal physician to the late Prince Bismarck, was the leading feature of today's session in the trial of Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft.

Schweinigen, in his deposition which was taken in Munich, said he met Harden first on introduction of Prince Bismarck. Harden on these occasions met the hereditary Princess of Saxe-Meiningen, sister of the Kaiser. She was under his (the doctor's) treatment at that time. The Princess spoke to Harden about Count Von Helldorn and his friends. Even in Schweinigen's opinion, the report current about him but added that practices such as he was alleged to be guilty of were carried on in even the highest circles as was well known.

Dr. Schweinigen testified further that Frau Von Helldorn, Countess von Helldorn's divorced wife, in conversation with him (witness) made against her husband the charges she had advanced in her evidence. Witness considered her perfectly healthy at the time, and showed no signs of mental poisoning. Tritonal, it is explained, is a white crystalline compound used as a hypnotic.

Witness introduced Frau Von Helldorn and Harden at the request of the former. He had heard rumors concerning Prince Zu Eulenberg and his friends. Even in Bismarck's time they had been spoken of as dangerous and irresponsible advisors to the Crown. He had himself related to Harden, Bismarck's opinion of Zu Eulenberg, whom Bismarck considered unfit to act as the confidant of the emperor. He could not say whether Bismarck had acquired his knowledge about Zu Eulenberg. The Chancellor, he said, expressed the opinion also that a certain imperial adjutant whose name was not mentioned, had more influence upon the decisions of the emperor than did the chancellor himself.

Bismarck's Declaration. Bismarck declared, according to Prof. Schweinigen, that if the members of the Camarilla were so foolish as to permit their influence to be used by the emperor, the Camarilla would immediately cease to exist. The witness also testified that he had not met Harden to Frau Von Helldorn. He considered her to be trustworthy. Harden's private character, he testified, was not his affair public in the interests of the Emperor, and as a personal matter.

Another interesting feature of the day was testimony of Count Kuno Von Moltke who declared the aspersions cast upon his private character by Editor Harden's articles caused him so much worry that he had been unable to sleep for a long time. He being felt that change under the circumstances might shake confidence in Canadian certificates.

As a compromise, however, the chief inspector at Winnipeg was authorized to attach a certificate that the assignment was the highest and best quality of "feed wheat" of the crop of 1907. The matter is now being dealt with by the Liverpool corn exchange. An interesting incident of dispute is that a considerable drop in the price of feed wheat occurred between the placing of the order and the delivery of the grain in Liverpool.

1907 A BANNER BUILDING YEAR

Permits Issued, Exclusive of \$1,000,000 Packing Plant, Exceed \$2,250,000.

The year of 1907, closing today, is the banner year in the building history of the city of Edmonton. The first half of the year was more than equal to that of 1906 and the figures then reached were considered at that time a marvellous one. Building operations have exceeded two and a quarter millions and this does not include the expenditures on many large undertakings, such as the million-dollar pork packing plant in the east end of the city, and the C. N. R. and C. P. R. recently constructed freight sheds, etc.

Much Work Curtailed. Much of the work has been curtailed or postponed on account of the financial stringency, but despite all this the marvellous building activity of the city, showing as it does probably a larger percentage of increase than any other Canadian city, is the astonishment of the visitor and the pride of the resident of Edmonton.

The money stringency, the closing down on credit advances by the banks, has staidied the rush of realty speculation, but has failed to materially affect the city's growth. The dwellings erected in various parts of Edmonton this summer are not built on the speculative principle, they are the homes of bona fide citizens, not thrown together for quick sale, but substantially and neatly constructed. The business blocks spell nothing but optimism and firms who have watched Edmonton grow and who can predict from past experience what proportions it will assume in the future are the strongest in this showing their faith in the city.

Decrease in Recent Figures. That stringency has greatly curtailed recent operations during the latter half of the year is evident when one looks at the figures. But despite all this the total is well in excess of 1906, when many of the larger cities of Canada have on the other hand shown big decreases.

Table showing building statistics for 1907 compared to 1906. Columns for 1906, 1907, and Total.

These figures indicate prosperity, and a steady increase in 1908 and faith in the future. If the figures are doubted a drive over the city will supply convincing evidence of their accuracy.

The following comparative statistics were prepared by the city engineer, showing some idea of the growth of the city.

RESCUE OF ENTOMBED MINERS HAZARDOUS

Discouraging Progress Attending Efforts to Release Three Prisoners in Nevada Mine—May Have to Go Hundreds of Feet.

Ely, Nev., Dec. 31.—About two feet of wreckage and dirt was removed from the Alpha shaft of the Giroux mine today. The rate of progress is discouraging. To-day's work of rescue was attended by great danger. Evidently the original slide caused by the loosening of the dirt was much farther down the shaft than had been reckoned upon. The rescuers must work slowly, and it is necessary to be extremely cautious. No solid mass has yet been encountered in the work of excavation, and the depth of the debris filling the shaft may yet be hundreds of feet. At the present rate it will be many days or weeks before the entombed men can be taken from their dangerous situation. Constant dread of another slide of earth into the shaft attends the work. In this case it may be impossible to rescue the men at all. The three prisoners remain in cheerful spirits, and say they are not discouraged over their delayed prospects of rescue.

Sweep British Columbia Coast—Worst in History. Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 30.—The worst storm that has ever occurred on the northwestern British Columbia coast within the memory of the oldest settlers, and the last Monday, when a series of cyclones swept over the mainland and the northern end of Vancouver Island, cutting down an average hundred feet of forest in the heavy forests. Several large steamers were caught and gale force winds, with heavy rain, did the most damage where thousands of trees were mowed down. The greatest damage was apparent. The steam tug Lenora, of Vancouver, was left anchored while her crew went ashore at Mission. The vessel was sunk so quickly that when the captain and mate hurried down to the shore not a vestige of it was to be seen and her hull has not even yet been located.

1,200 CANADIANS RETURN. From the United States—Many Come to Northern Alberta. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—W. J. White, inspector of immigration agencies in the United States reports the return to Canada of about twelve hundred Canadians, about the same number as last year. Mr. White notes the fact that notwithstanding the reputation of the Canadian Northwest for severity, considerable numbers of people from Indiana, Iowa and other states have gone to northern Alberta and Saskatchewan to spend the winter with friends who are settling there.

Eloping Parson Discovered. San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The call today published an interview with Jern Knudde Cooke, formerly pastor of St. George's church, Hempstead, L.I., who it is claimed, left his wife eight months ago, eloping with a seventeen year old betrothed named P. Whaley, claiming her as his affinity. The pair were sought all over the country. They were occupying a flat here, the rector working as a painter and decorator. A child was born during the elopement. Inquiries at the flat developed that the couple had fled with the child.

BOMB WRECKS STOCK EXCHANGE IN HOME. MANY WERE KILLED. Rome, Dec. 31.—Many persons were killed by an explosion in the Stock Exchange here today. Twenty-five were wounded. Several have been taken from the ruins, and many more are in the building. The entire roof of the Stock Exchange fell in, carrying with it many persons who had rushed to the scene after the explosion. A dynamite bomb was thrown from the gallery.

PETTIBONE IS DYING. Official of Federation of Miners May Cheat Gallows Even if Convicted. Boise, Idaho, Dec. 31.—Even should Geo. A. Pettibone be convicted of the murder of ex-Governor Shumway on trial, he probably will cheat the gallows. It was learned today that the physicians held out no hopes for his recovery from a disease from which he has been suffering for six months. He has only a few months to live. Pettibone was taken to the hospital last night in a critical condition. His health is much improved. He is unable to appear in court.

THREE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Dynamite Explosion Blaw Up Three Muckers at Field.

Field, B.C., Dec. 28.—Three muckers named Maretti, Paulo and Duffy, were blown up and killed in an accidental explosion of dynamite in the MacDonnell and Gowd's graving contract near here. The explosion was due to stray gelignite that got mixed with dirt. Several gangs working in the vicinity had a narrow escape from falling rocks, which were hurled in all directions.

Law Again Arrested. Toronto, Dec. 30.—Frank Law, who was in trouble over the Highland Mary mine a few weeks ago, was again arrested last night on charge of fraud in connection with the Blue Bell mine. Being unable to secure bail for his release, he was committed to jail. Bail was fixed at \$10,000.

PINKERTON EXTRACTS CONFESSION OF GUILT. James O'Brien Murdered Le Clair at Gravel — Deed Done With Hatchet. Neche, N.D., Dec. 30.—James O'Brien, the youth arrested on suspicion for the murder of Le Clair, made a confession to Detective Crawford of the Pinkertons. He had considerable trouble, and the sixteen year old youth only gave up when confronted with his bloody clothing, hatchet, and dead oak leaves. Coming back the second time he was both quarrelling about who was the best man. Le Clair said he could lick three O'Briens, and I felt mad. When we left O'Brien's shop, I made excuse to go out to the closet and get a hatchet, and we started for the rink. When we got there he made some remarks about fighting me and put his foot behind me and threw me over. I got up and he hit me, and I hit him with the hatchet. After I had seen what I had done I hit him again, and took his pocket book and threw it in the river. I got the hatchet from behind the house, where the ice was kept. I threw the body over the bank and followed it down. I think I had hold of him by the collar and dropped him in at the head of the dam in the river. The confession is doubly attested. When told of his son's confession, Custom Officer O'Brien broke down. By playing on the expense to his father in carrying on a hopeless case the detective finally induced a confession.

Stole \$2,800 from Street Car. Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 31.—Two men stole a chest containing twenty-eight hundred dollars from a street car standing in front of the Main street car barns this morning, and got safely away in an automobile. The stolen money represents the earnings of the Rochester Railway company on what is known as the eastern division. The conductor and motorman of the car had gone into the barns for a moment and returning found the chest gone and automobile tracks in the snow.

Stock Broker Suicides. St. John, N.B., Dec. 30.—It was learned late today that William Barker, a leading stock broker of a prominent family here, whose death was announced this morning, really committed suicide. Efforts were made to keep the matter quiet, but they were only successful in delaying to a close the coroner's jury found that he came to his death by his own hand in a fit of temporary insanity.

Stock Market Strong. Montreal, Dec. 3.—The stock market closed yesterday with a strong tone but dull. Advances took place in the Montreal Street Railway to 181 and Montreal Power to 87, but the latter lost half a point. The Canadian Pacific, which rose to 104 1/2 yesterday, was stronger again but dull. Other favorites were—Winnipeg City at 86, Lake of Woods 71, Rio 25 1/2 and Detroit 34 1/2.

ONLY ONE TRAIN A DAY EACH WAY

C.P.R. has Cancelled Afternoon Train from Calgary and Strathcona. Calgary News.

Bulletin Special. Calgary, Dec. 31.—In addition to the C. P. R. cancelling one train coming and going from Calgary daily from the east, it has also been decided to cancel after January 4 the trains leaving Strathcona and Calgary in the afternoon. This will only be until Mar. 1. This action is taken on account of the light traffic. The trains south from Calgary will remain the same, as the traffic in that part of the province is reported better than ever before.

Arrangements are now being made for a ball game on New Year's day between American and Canadian fans. The annual report of the Calgary building inspector shows that building permits issued in Calgary during the year amounted to \$2,254,000. Of these 494 were for dwellings, totalling half of the amount, the remainder was made up of factories, warehouses, public buildings and the new C. P. R. depot.

The city council tonight at the final meeting of the year gave thirty days notice of dismissal to City Engineer Speakman and the members of his staff. The annual report of the municipal power and light plant shows a profit of \$28,000 for the year. This is in spite of the 25 per cent. reduction in the price of light and over fifty per cent. reduction in the price of power, and keen competition by an old and well established private company. The movement to protect the election of Ald. Sallis was abandoned today.

PROVIDING FOR FUTURE. C.P.R. President Says Canada's Progress Requires Improvement by Road. Montreal, Que., Dec. 30.—At the special meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company held today, a resolution was passed authorizing the issue of \$28,300,000 additional common stock in such amounts and at such times as the directors may determine. In moving the adoption of the resolution, the president, Sir Thomas C. Shaughnessy expressed the confidence of the directors that Canada would continue to progress and stated that the company must therefore continue the works of improvement of and additions to its property to provide for future traffic, at the same time he gave a decided denial of the rumors that have recently appeared in the public press to the effect that the company had been negotiating for the purchase of the Boston and Maine and other railway lines in the United States. At a subsequent meeting of the board the directors decided to issue \$24,530,000 of said stock forthwith and to offer the same at par to the shareholders of the ordinary capital stock of record on 13th January next, when the transfer books will close for the purpose, in the proportion of twenty per cent. of their respective holdings, as shown by the company's stock registers of that date.

The Manchester House (Established 1886) Stock-taking December 26th to January 14th During Stock-taking we will offer very special bargains on all lines of Furs, Fur Lined and Cloth Coats, Children's Coats, Etc. Remnants Splendid bargains in Remnants. W. Johnstone Walker & Company 267 Jasper Avenue East.



D. R. FRASER.

Elected to Fill Aldermanic Vacancy in City Council in Bye Election, Monday, by Majority of 141 Over His Two Opponents. Mr. Fraser is an Edmonton Old Timer and a Successful Lumberman.