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THE NATURAL RESOURCES

When Premier Sifton was commissioner of public works in the old North West Territorial legislature, he with F. W. G. Haultain, then premier, framed a model bill for the new province or provinces about to be created. In that bill he provided for the control of the natural resources by the province. Mr. Sifton became chief justice of the supreme court before the provinces were created.

As soon as Mr. Sifton re-entered public life, he again took up the question of the control of the natural resources by the province. He introduced a resolution into the provincial legislature upon the first opportunity, declaring in favor of the provincial control of the public domain.

He went further, and pressed upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier the need of such a change. He succeeded, and secured from the late premier a promise that the change would be made.

Mr. Borden, when in opposition, made the provincial control of the natural resources the plank in his platform which he used most frequently in western Canada. He promised, without qualification, that if successful he would give the natural resources to the new provinces.

Premier Sifton called the attention of the new premier to the situation shortly after Mr. Borden took office. Here is a copy of the letter which he sent:

Edmonton, November 8th, 1911.

Dear Mr. Borden,
Enclosed please find copy of letter sent Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the 20th of March last, pursuant to resolution of the legislative assembly of Alberta, copy of which resolution is set forth in the letter.

It will be unnecessary to enlarge at present upon the argument contained therein in regard to granting the province of Alberta of the natural resources within its boundaries. But I must better to draw the matter specifically to your attention before your session opened, as the question might be under discussion, and to assure you, as I think I may on behalf of the legislature, that there is no difference of opinion between the members of the country in regard to the desirability of following out the suggestion contained in my letter.

I was pleased to see that your own views as reported are very much along the same lines, and I would be pleased to arrange for an interview at Ottawa on the subject at any time it may be convenient to you.

Yours very truly,
Hon. A. L. Borden,
Ottawa.

Alberta's premier received the following curt acknowledgement:

Ottawa, November 14, 1911.

Dear Mr. Sifton,
I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing a copy of resolution of the legislative assembly of Alberta. The considerations which are thus set forth will receive our attention.

Yours faithfully,
Hon. Arthur Sifton,
Premier of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alta.

That is the last that has ever been heard of the resolution of the legislature. The leader of the opposition in Alberta and his friends have discouraged Premier Borden from carrying out his promises.

If the leader of the opposition had made one strong remonstrance, public or private, insisting that he should keep the sacred promise that he had made to the people of this country, we would have had our natural resources at this time. If the Laurier government had not been defeated, we would have had our natural resources now.

That is the history of the struggle that Premier Sifton is making to secure our natural resources.

REPEATING THE SLANDER

Rev. S. Bacon Hillocks declines to apologize for the slanderous tale he is telling about Premier Sifton. On the contrary, he repeats it.

The Albertan has positive knowledge that the story is untrue.

The Albertan challenges Mr. Hillocks to prove his statements. This paper will give him all the space he desires for that purpose. If he does not prove his statement, he has no grievance if he is described as an untruthful scandal monger, who upon no evidence at all is prepared to blacken the character of an opponent.

We are anxious to hear from Mr. Hillocks.

Editorial Notes

An evening contemporary refers to the Albertan as a "witness," which is a very respectable deep sea animal. Name calling is not in our line, but we cannot refrain from saying that we would rather be a witness than a lobster.

Mr. Michener's platform is a series of interjection marks, and the voter will know on wondering why he should vote for a party without a policy and no record of any performance.

The public is appreciating the front page articles exhaustively and dis-

A VILE ATTACK

In dilating upon the outlook for the election of a certain Liberal candidate not far from Calgary, a Herald staff correspondent says that "the riding is split from end to end on the subject of alleged too frequent indulgences of liquor" of the Liberal candidate. Such an attack as that is as vile as it is cowardly and, in this instance, as untruthful as it is vile.

If The Herald desires to make a campaign like that an issue in this election, let it start in at the beginning and go through with it. It is true that candidates, successful and otherwise, Liberals and Conservatives, sometimes fall from the water wagon. But in singling out one man for an attack and branding itself to similar shortcomings on the part of its own friends, The Herald shows the spirit that animates it.

If The Herald desires to make an issue on the abominableness or indulgences of the different candidates, it is at liberty to do so. It might start in at Calgary and work outwards.

That sort of thing has not been raised in any election in Calgary before, but if The Herald insists upon raising it, let it try to be fair.

In this particular instance The Herald's attack was not justified. It was without foundation and The Herald was wise enough to guard itself by the ancient but very useful and always cowardly "alleged."

QUICK CHANGE ARTISTS

ACT I. Time: March 1909; Place: Red Deer Constituency. Edward Michener, Independent candidate, announces that he is a supporter of the Rutherford railway policy, which includes the A. & G. W. legislation, passed in the previous session.

ACT II. Time: February 1910; Place: Provincial Legislature. Edward Michener, leader of the opposition, very bitterly opposed to the A. & G. W. legislation, supports a resolution introduced by Members Boyle and Warnock, favoring the cancellation of the agreement, making use of the money in the Royal bank for building the road to Fort McMurray and the balance for building permanent roads and bridges throughout the province.

NOTE—Between Acts I. and II. Mr. Michener was appointed leader of the opposition.

ACT III. Time: February 1911; Place: Same as in Act II. Edward Michener denounces the government for cancelling the A. & G. W. agreement, calls the act confiscation, and insists that the money cannot be diverted for roads and bridges as the government has attempted to do. He says that the government should have used the money of the people "to fix" some person who could have called the suit off.

NOTE—Between Acts II. and III. R. B. Bennett, the royal behind the opposition, has become solicitor for the Royal Bank, which takes up the legislation for the A. & G. W. He declares that he knows the man who could "fix" things.

When Duncan Marshall, in his own able way said that no rooster on the roof of a barn could turn quicker to east, west, north and south to meet the wind, than the opposition in its A. & G. W. policy, he was well within the truth.

The history of the whole affair is given above. First Mr. Michener favored the legislation. Then, when elected, he opposed the agreement. Then, after Mr. Bennett got the big brief with the Royal bank, Mr. Michener opposed what he had favored in 1910.

There is nothing to indicate that Mr. Michener will not right-about-face or wrong-about-face at the next session of the legislature, if he should be elected to that body.

ELEVATOR TRUST IN THE FIELD

The strongest opposition that is being offered the Sifton government in this contest is R. B. Bennett, the elevator trust of Alberta.

He is in Alberta fighting with all his energy, the government that has passed legislation enabling the farmers of the province to free themselves from the grip of that monopoly.

He is a dominant factor in Alberta politics. Does any person suppose that Mr. Bennett would permit a government to create opposition to him, if he had the power to prevent it?

The big issue in this election is the agricultural legislation. The big fight is between Mr. Bennett, the elevator trust, on the one hand, and the Sifton government, which has taken its life in its hand by passing the elevator bill.

The price of grain was never as low as at the present time. Farmers are selling their oats for 15 to 19 cents a bushel, which is less than the cost of production. Across the line, in Great Falls, the farmers can get 50 cents a bushel for oats not so good.

The government is doing its utmost to change conditions.

R. B. Bennett is the elevator trust. Admittedly the elevator trust is making this keen, bitter fight against the government which is assisting the farmers to break the trust, and get some fair competition to "my elevators."

This is of interest, not only to the farmers, but to the merchants and professional men. It is of direct importance to every elector in Alberta.

Do we want to be ruled by the trusts or by the trust busters?

Rev. S. Bacon Hillocks got up on Saturday night in a public place and declared that only one of the two railroads coming into Calgary had their bonds guaranteed by the Alberta government. Of course, he was wrong. Is that the kind of a man who should be sent to the legislature?

Gleichen Liberals made a good selection when they chose J. P. McArthur for their candidate. He is a well-known farmer of the district. He is a strong, able, conscientious man, who has lived long in the district, and should give a good account of himself in the elections. With C. W. Fisher, J. P. McArthur, George Lane, C. S. Plande, Hon. C. R. McArthur, and three

Pains Have Vanished

Neuralgia Completely Cured.
The cure of Mrs. H. L. Barrett, of Calgary, P. Q., is another victory for Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine has succeeded in many cases where others have utterly failed. Mrs. Barrett says: "I suffered intensely from neuralgia in the head, face and shoulders. I had used various medicines without relief. I heard of Hood's Sarsaparilla and decided to try it, and I have the day I did. It took it several months and now feel well. All my pains have vanished."

Good Liberal candidates in Calgary, the government should get a very high record of the seats on the main line of the C. P. R., if not all of them.

R. B. Bennett, the elevator trust, moved into Calgary on Wednesday of last week and immediately announced the issue to be the A. & G. W. railway. That shows who is boss in the opposition. But while the elevator trust is fighting the government that is treating the farmers from the elevator monopoly, the elevator question will be the big issue in the contest.

The important issue in this election is R. B. Bennett and the elevator trust. R. B. Bennett, the elevator trust, has taken over the leadership of the party, and is doing his utmost to defeat the government which is providing competition for his elevators.

The Poet Philosopher

By Walt Mason

MOVING ON

We foolish folk are discontented with things where'er we chance to dwell. "The air," we say, "is sweeter scented in some far distant date or land, and so we pull up stakes and travel to seek the fair and promised land, and find our Canada is but grey wilderness of rocks and sand. 'Across the hills the fields are green,' we murmur, 'and the view more fair; the water of the brooks is cleaner, and fish grow larger over there, and so we leave our pleasant valley, from all our loving friends we part, and o'er the stony hills we sail, to reach a land that breaks the heart. 'There's gold in plenty over yonder,' we say, 'and we shall seek the mines.' Then we reach our cheerful homes we wander, far from our fireplaces and our vines; a little while our dreams we cherish, and think that we can never fail; but, first at last, we drop and perish, and leave our bones upon the trail. How happy is the man whose nature permits him to enjoy his home, who, in paths afar to roam! There is no region better, fairer, than that home which you know; there are no zephyrs sweeter, rarer, than those which through your valleys blow."

Ideas of a Plain Man

By Dr. Frank Crane

THE FANATIC AND THE IDEALIST
What is the difference between the fanatic and the idealist? Simply this, that the fanatic is a "maniac," and he fails to connect his knowledge of what ought to be with his knowledge of what is.

The most beautiful of fanatics is probably the anarchist. I do not mean the depraved creature who has no idea of what anarchy really is, and who borrow the word to cover his irresponsible instincts; they have no more right to the name of anarchist than the bloody incantations of the year 1200, pouring molten lead into a heretic's ear, had a right to call himself a Christian.

I mean the apostles of the vision that the ideal condition of the race is that of having no outward law, each man being a law unto himself. This will undoubtedly be mankind's millennial prophecy that the days shall come when the laws shall no more be written upon tablets, but the Lord shall write them upon our hearts.

As long as one has this vision, believes it, and works toward it, yet recognizes the facts and imperfections of human life as it really is to day, and seeks to connect his dream with actual conditions, he is an idealist, and does us all good.

But when he is so drunk with his vision that he tells us to smash all existing society, and that we are utterly rotten and hopeless, he is a fanatic. He forgets that while the future of the race is to be must grow out of the present.

Vest Pocket Essays

By George Fitch

ECONOMY
Economy is a sort of stretching dollars and magnifying pennies. Without economy a dollar will only do for a ten minute ride in a taxicab. With the help of economy a dollar will buy a first class car fare, or ten years' heat.

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We Have Prepared a Grand Special Showing This Week for Calgary's Most Fashionable Event---The Horse Show

More women and misses are buying Snell's New Spring Suits and Coats this season than ever before. There is something so fascinating about the style, quality and price of a Snell Spring Suit or Coat that our daily sales are running from 10 per cent. to 50 per cent. in excess of any previous record. It is impossible to adequately put the reason in writing. It lies in the subtle influence of the garments themselves. We will resort to one of the oldest advertising phrases in existence: "They must be seen to be fully appreciated."

We know that fabulously priced originals from Paris, Vienna and Berlin have been modified and reproduced here at prices that enable the Calgary woman to be faultlessly attired for a moderate sum.

And we call attention to the fact that we have just received for this eventful week some of the most elaborate and exclusive styles it is possible to procure in Western Canada. See Window Display.

These New Spring Suits Correct in all Details

Are wonders of style and quality. The newest and most popular materials are plain and broadened eponge, Bedford cords, whipcords and serges; also imported tweeds are much in favor.

The Coats show the new Russian blouse effect, with regular or elongated waist lines, also cutaway, modified cutaway and straight front. The Skirts show various draped effects and new straight line. The favored trimmings are the new Bulgarian, Persian and plain satin effects. We invite you to a splendid showing this week. The prices range from..... \$15.00 to \$45.00

A Splendid Assortment of New White Suits

Materials of whipcords, Bedford cords and serges; many elaborate; also plain tailored styles, including the cutaway and Norfolk effects; trimmed with black satin and moire. Prices range from \$17.50 to \$35.00

Distinctive New Spring Coats

A grand showing of elaborate and exclusive styles, new novelty fabrics, plain and broadened eponge, whipcords, serges, etc., in the newest plain and draped effects; plain and Bulgarian trimmings. Guaranteed satin linings. Prices from..... \$13.50 to \$50.00

For Horse Show Week Spring Hats Newer Still

Conceived in Taste Artistic and Wrought in Workmanship Flawless

Something becoming for everybody will be the happy result of the wide scope of the season's varieties. Never did so many shapes have full style approval. Wonderful range and much liberty has been given to the great artists by the Oriental and Bulgarian colors, which are correctly conspicuous in millinery, even more than in garment trimmings. Special values at \$2.50, \$7.50, \$9.00, \$10.00 to \$40.00.



Horse Show Glove Specials

Right now is the time to buy Spring Gloves. The newest Gloves are displayed now in assortments that never were more complete. Here are a few striking examples of the values we're offering. Get your gloves for your new Spring Suit.

DUSTLESS CHAMOIS GLOVES—The famous "Perrin's" make, guaranteed. Natural shade, all sizes. Special per pair..... \$1.25
"PERRIN'S" FINE DRESS KID—Nice soft kid, well finished; shades of black and blue guaranteed. Special, per pair..... \$1.25
"FOWNE'S" VINITE KID GLOVES—A splendid glove in the new Spring shades of pastel, grey, dove, tan, navy, myrtle, black, white, etc. All sizes; guaranteed. Special, per pair..... \$1.25

"PERRIN'S" SUEDE GLOVES—Extra quality, in black and grey; all sizes; fully guaranteed. Special per pair..... \$1.50
LADIES' DOGSKIN GLOVES—Shades of tan, brown, etc. Nice soft, heavy gloves; all sizes; guaranteed. Special, per pair..... \$1.25 & \$1.50
CHILDREN'S DOGSKIN GLOVES—Shades of tan and brown; best makes; nice soft gloves; sizes from 2 years to 10 years; guaranteed. Price Special, per pair 75¢ & \$1.00

New Wash Goods at Decisive Savings

Just glance through the list; you'll recognize all the New Spring and Summer Fabrics, but the prices will be absolutely new to you. They are made possible by several big purchases.

FINE COTTON VOILES
All the newest shades including fawn, sky, navy, grey, green, champagne, etc.; all new fancy designs; also a nice variety of stripes and spots. Three special prices, per yard..... 35¢, 50¢ and 65¢

MERCERIZED POPLIN
A splendid material in many new shades, including tan, brown, navy, Nile green, old rose, black, etc. Priced specially at, per yard..... 50¢

NEW MERCERIZED FOULARDS
Of excellent quality with a splendid lasting finish, new bordered effects and fancy designs; also stripes and spots, all the newest shade effects. Three special prices, per yard..... 25¢, 35¢ and 45¢

NEW FANCY DIMITY MUSLINS
Many dainty and attractive designs; also checks and stripes, best qualities. Priced special at, per yard 12½¢, 15¢, 25¢, 35¢, and..... 50¢

NEW MERCERIZED SUITINGS
A splendid and complete assortment of all the new shades, including tans, brown, navy, grey, sky, green, white, etc.; excellent quality and finish. Two special prices, per yard..... 30¢ and 35¢

A HORSE SHOW WEEK SPECIAL SHOWING New Cream Suiting Serges

A splendid variety to select from, just the right weight and weave for spring or summer wear, best qualities. Special prices at, per yard..... 65¢, 95¢, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.75

All Wool French Delaines

Special at PER YARD 80¢
Lovely, fine, all wool materials, in elegant new designs, including Paisley effects, with or without borders. Many dainty light shades. Also dark effects, stripes and spots. Many plain shades, with fancy borders in contrasting colors. Very special, per yard..... 60¢

SNELL'S THE HOUSE OF QUALITY Underwood Block 1st Street W. and 13th Ave.

Sidewalk Sketches

By Howard L. Rasm

THE ELOPEMENT

The elopement is an abrupt system of introducing somebody into the family circle who couldn't break in otherwise without a burglar kit. It is also used as a substitute for the ring service, and when followed by the parental blessing saves the cost of a church wedding and a four-course dinner.

Elopements are usually planned by young people who would like to exchange mother's cooking for the plain and simple diet of love in a four-room flat, where there will be no disturbance from the neighbors. He put the cord, and his body was blown to pieces.

Soldier's Awful Suicide

By Howard L. Rasm

Berlin, April 5.—An infantryman committed suicide at a military camp at Gratz today. He fired a cord to the firing mechanism of a machine gun and stood in front of it. He pulled the cord, and his body was blown to pieces.

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When the Zepellin passenger airship company officer at Frankfurt-on-the-Main sent word to the Kaiser at Hamburg last evening of the day's events at Lunéville, his majesty's first inquiry was for the names of the officers on board. It is declared that the French intelligence department has gained information for which it would have been probably willing to pay an immense sum of money.