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# OPENING OF FINAL SESSION OF FIRST ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

His Honor Lieutenant Governor  
Bulyea, Amid Imposing Ceremonies, Opens the Fourth Session.

A FEATURE OF OPENING IS THE  
PRESENCE OF FARMER DELEGATES

Speech From the Throne Forecasts  
Tremendously Important Legislation for Consideration  
of House.

Railway Policy of Government is  
Broadly Referred to as a Development of Transportation Facilities in the North Country, and the Establishment of Railway Competition in the Southern Portion of the Province—Act For Protection of Children, Uniform Municipal Bill, Election Act, Bill to Establish Asylum, and Redirection Bill Are Named as Subjects Which His Majesty's Government Will Bring to the Attention of the Legislature.

The fourth session of the first legislature of Alberta was opened at three o'clock by His Honor Lieut. Governor Bulyea.

The speech from the throne, delivered by his honor as representative in this province of His Majesty the King, forecasts several important legislative measures. These include the extending of railways in the province, providing for the registration of voters, Children's Protection bill and the establishment of an asylum for the insane. Thanks to Almighty Providence was expressed in the speech from the throne.

His Honor Lieut. Governor Bulyea.

throno, for the prosperity which has attended the province during the past year. Reference was made to the misfortune which befell the neighboring province of British Columbia in the destruction by fire of the city of Fernie.

The Lieutenant Governor in the full Windsor uniform, with Captain Worley, A.D.C. of the R.W.M.P., and Lieut. Col. Bell, C.M.G., and Major Jamieson, of the 19th A.M.R., in attendance, left Government House at 2:45 o'clock. The procession proceeded up Third street to Jasper avenue.

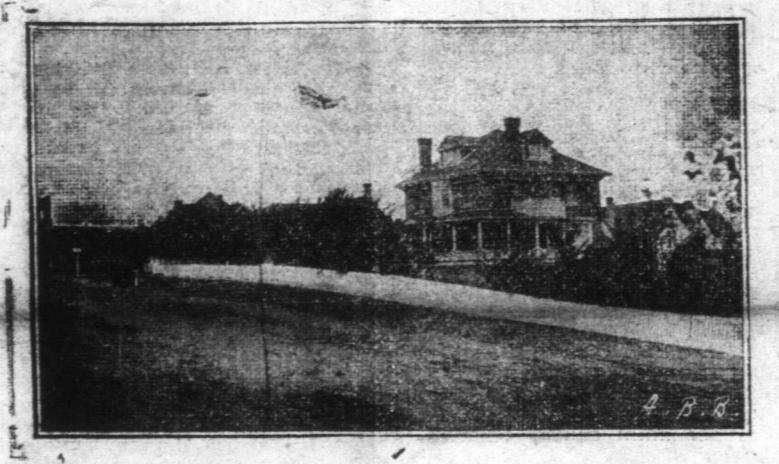
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Government House, Where His Honor and Mrs. Bulyea Will Receive This Evening.

Occupying seats on the floor of the House to the right of the speaker were Mrs. Bulyea and the Government house party and the wives of the cabinet ministers. A feature of the large gathering was the attendance in a body of the United Farmers of Alberta, who are in convention in the city.

His Honor, accompanied by his aide, and attended to the hall by the military escort, took the speaker's chair, and then the speaker, in a formula that the constitutional privileges of this House would be recognized, opened the Legislature for the dispatch of public business. His Honor then read the speech from the throne, embodying the prospective legislation for this session. It was as follows:

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## PREMIERS ON ELEVATORS.

Winnipeg, Jan. 14.—Premier Roblin stated this morning that the reply of the premiers to the Grain Growers' executive committee had been drafted satisfactorily and that he would sign it at once. It will then be sent to Regina for Premier Scott's approval and signature, and thence to Edmonton to Premier Bulyea, who will present it to the Grain Growers' secretary at Calgary.

## SUFFRAGIST ATTACKS THE WIFE OF MINISTER

Woman in Evening Dress Beards President of British Board of Trade, Bury, and Mrs. Churchill Interferes and Suffragist Becomes Violent.

London, January 13.—Mrs. Winston Spencer Churchill had a decidedly unpleasant encounter with the British suffragettes tonight. Since the pretty Miss Clementine Hester, she became the bride of the President of the Board of Trade in the British Cabinet, she has taken an active interest in her husband's political activities.

**New Election Bill.**  
An election bill substitutes arrangements more in line with the new provincial life than were provided by the territorial ordinance which worked sufficiently well in a sparsely settled country, but the machinery of which was unsuited to modern conditions.

**Still After Roosevelt.**  
Senator Bacon Argues Congress' Right to Government Documents.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Senator Bacon today on the question of the subpoena of Congress to direct witnesses, made a vigorous attack upon the administration's policy of withholding government documents.

## COCK FIGHTING AS A NATIONAL SPORT

New Cuban Congress Holds First Session Since its Independence. Intervention of More Than Two Years—Legislation Proposed.

Havana, January 13.—Members of the new Cuban Congress assembled this city today, marking the restoration of Cuban independence after more than two years of American intervention.

The relations of Canada with the United States show continued improvement and a desire on either side of the line to cement the friendship necessary to both. The good offices of His Majesty's ambassador at Washington, the Right Honourable James Bryne, have been of the greatest service in this regard.

**Establishment of Asylum.**  
In a previous session it was provided that the care and maintenance of the insane should not be thrown entirely on the public, but that the estate of the patient should contribute equitably.

**Ontario Freed From Liability.**  
Toronto, Jan. 14.—Hon. Col. Matheson, provincial treasurer, has been in New York several days, taking part in the arrangements by which the affairs of the Canadian Improvement Company and the Soo Corporation are being settled.

**The Toronto Saloons Must Go.**  
Toronto, Jan. 14.—The action of the chief legislative committee in approving of the license reduction bylaw and forwarding the same to the city council, has been promoted to the position of general freight agent for this district.

**Prohibition in Tennessee.**  
Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 13.—The bill to prohibit the sale of all intoxicating liquors in Tennessee passed the lower house of the general assembly tonight by vote of 62 to 36.

**Burton Succeds Foraker.**  
Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 13.—Theodore E. Burton was today elected by the general assembly in joint session to succeed Jos. B. Foraker in the United States senate.

## MAKE REDUCTION OF 25 PER CENT.

Order-in-Council Passed Effecting Reduction in Provincial Telephone System Rates.

An order-in-council was passed on Tuesday putting into effect reduced rates in the provincial government telephone system. The reduction will average 25 per cent. The new schedule does not affect a 35 per cent. reduction on the former rates in every instance.

**FELL VICTIMS TO CHARMS.**  
Female Spy Seizes German Naval Secrets.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—The Leipzig Supreme court has commenced the secret trial of Miss Peterson, a female spy who is accused of selling to France and Russia some of the most valuable German naval secrets. While the government is unwilling to disclose the extent of the information which Miss Peterson sold, it is admitted that she has furnished the foreign powers with the secret signal and details of the operations of the submarine fleet, including the location of submarines, mines and charts of the utmost value to the enemies of Germany.

**Penny Cable Pallace in Ruins.**  
Says Melbourne Argus—Thinks Hester's Scheme Impracticable.

Canadian Associated Press. Melbourne, Jan. 13.—The Argus says of the penny-word cable proposal that at the first breath of expert criticism Hon. Hester's vision of a penny-word system would be ruined.

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**WOULD BID FOR I.C.R.**  
If Government Would Lease Intercolonial C.N.R. Would Get After It.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 13.—D. Macfarlane, vice-president of the C.N.R., denied today that negotiations for the acquisition of the Intercolonial Railway were under way.

**A PECULIAR CASE.**  
Brother Charged With Circulating Scandalous Stories of Sister.

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.—A peculiar case is pending in the provincial court before Magistrate McFadden. J. C. Sturt, of La Riviere, became possessed of some anonymous letters containing scandalous stories of his daughter, Margaret, and invoked the aid of the provincial police. The latter after investigation charged the brother with the offence.

**IS GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT.**  
John Halstead Promoted to His Position by C.P.R. at Calgary.

Calgary, Jan. 13.—John Halstead, assistant general freight agent in this city, has been promoted to the position of general freight agent for this district. Calgary, now having a general freight agent, has the same commercial status as Vancouver and Winnipeg.

**Difficulty in Securing Jury.**  
San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 13.—No jury has yet been passed for secured in the case of Patrick Colburn, charged with bribery. It develops that nearly all the citizens have lined up on one side of the case or the other.

## STOCK JUDGING SCHOOL PROGRAM

Department of Agriculture Will Hold Schools For Stock Judging in Central Alberta.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture gave out the information today that a travelling stock judging school will make a circuit of the central portion of the province this winter. Two years ago the stock judging school was so well received by the farmers of the southern part of the province and the results of the school were so beneficial that the Hon. W. T. Finlay, minister of agriculture, decided to inaugurate the same advantages this year for the farmers along the C.N.R. line and the branches of the C.P.R. running out from Wetaskiwin, where there has never been a school in operation.

The places and the dates in which the school will be in operation are as follows:

- Lloydminster, Jan. 26, 27.
- Vermilion, Jan. 28, 29, 30.
- Vegreville, Feb. 1, 2, 3, 4.
- Fort Saskatchewan, Feb. 4, 5 and 6.
- Morrisville, Feb. 8, 9, 10.
- Edmonton, Feb. 12, 13, 14.
- Ludzie, Feb. 15, 16, 17.
- Camrose, Feb. 18, 19, 20.
- Daysland, Feb. 22, 23, 24.
- Stevick, Feb. 25, 26, 27.

The department has arranged that a car and a half of stock will be secured representing the choice animals from the herds of Cardston, Magrath, High River, Devon, Calgary, Red Deer, Lacombe, Wetaskiwin and Edmonton. This stock will be taken from place to place with a three days' stop at each station. The live animals will be brought into the class room for demonstration purposes, and a certain number of men will be in attendance at each meeting to give instruction as to desirable and undesirable conformations in the different breeds of horses and cattle. Lectures will begin at 10 a.m. sharp. A large round tent will be used as a class room.

This will be fitted with circus seats and will be conducted as follows:

- First Day
- 10 to 11, Percheron mares.
- 11 to 2:30, Percheron stallions.
- 1:30 to 3, Clyde mares.
- 3 to 5, Clyde stallions.
- Second Day
- 10 to 11 Herefords.
- 11 to 12, Shorthorns.
- 1:30 to 3, Saddle horses.
- 3 to 4.5, Hackneys.
- Third Day
- 10 to 12, Jerseys.
- 1 to 3, Ayrshires.
- 3 to 5, Holsteins.

The School Staff.  
A tourist car will be attached to the train and a staff of seven live stock experts will be in attendance. The following men will comprise the staff: C. M. McRae, Duncan Anderson, Ottawa; W. H. Hutton, Lacombe; E. C. Hallman, Airdrie; Bryce Wright, Devon; W. F. Stevens, live stock commissioner; H. C. Craig, superintendent of fairs and institutes, Edmonton.

The superintendent of fairs and institutes has many other arrangements for the accumulation of the stock. The classes and breeds of live stock to be the subjects of inspection in school are as follows:

- Horses—Clydesdale stallions, Clydesdale mares, Percheron stallions, Percheron mares, Holstein stallions, Holstein mares, Dairy Stock—Holstein stallions, Jersey stallions, Jersey mares, Shorthorn stallions and cows, Hereford stallions and cows, beef shires.
- Cattle—the only province of the Dominion where the stock judging schools are a feature of the Farmers' institutes work. The school is inaugurated at considerable expense, but the Alberta government considers that money spent in the interests of agriculture is money well spent.

**Wreck on C. P. R. Near Lanigan.**  
Saskatoon, Jan. 13.—A C. P. R. train, eastbound, last night met a slight accident just this side of Lanigan. A broken rail caused the baggage car to jump the track. No one was hurt, but traffic was blocked. There being other equipment east of where the trouble occurred, a train was made up and the passengers transferred. The train from the east, due this morning, was unable to get past the place where the accident occurred, till noon.

**C. N. R. Toronto to Buffalo.**  
Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 13.—It is reported that the Canadian Northern, which controls the charter of the Toronto and Hamilton railway, has decided to build a steam, instead of an electric, railway from Toronto to Buffalo, across Hamilton Beach, and that the work of construction will be started early next spring.



### THREE GREAT SYSTEMS WILL FIGURE IN RAILWAY POLICY

E. W. Thompson, the Best Informed Newspaper Writer on Canadian Subjects in the United States, Forecasts in Boston Transcript Alberta Government's Railway Policy. Comprehensive Review of Accomplishments of Provincial Government in 40 Months.

E. W. Thompson, writing in the Boston Transcript, says, "The Government of Alberta is about to begin a new railway policy which will directly affect the C.P.R. and which may have important results for the Hill system of American railroads. Perhaps it is not necessary to tell Transcript readers that Alberta is the Canadian province just eastward of British Columbia, on which it stands alone in the Rocky Mountain region. It is rich in coal mines, cattle ranching grounds, gas fields, forests, it possesses what is declared by American experts to be the greatest petroleum areas in the world. But its lands are mostly agricultural. They include the vast unoccupied regions called the Peace River country. That is in North America. Many settlers have moved into the region, since there the prairie trends quickly toward the Pacific Ocean, from which it is separated by a comparatively low chain of the Rockies. The Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern are both doing construction to within what may be called sight of that enormous fertile area, now largely retained by the banks, though it is thirty years since it was first cleared. It is nearly 400 miles north of latitude 49, or the United States boundary, showing the best wheat exhibited at the World's Fair.

To Develop the North. "To bring that almost virgin North under civilization is part of the task set for the government by its more progressive government, and people for the people there are peculiarly anxious to see it done. It is to be explained soon. They intend, at the coming session of the Provincial Legislature, to formulate a financial plan by which branches of the Grand Trunk Pacific and of the Canadian Northern will be added to run northward from Edmonton to Peace River Crossing, and from Edmonton to Fort McMurray, on the Athabasca. These main branches will be each some 150 or 160 miles long. Their northern termini will be separated by some 200 miles, with the Peace River branch between them. Short feeding branches will necessarily be thrown out as the country receives settlers. Thus will come an immense farming tract be opened up, and also petroleum fields, gas, coal, bedded to a northward of the Peace River, that will be brought within easy reach.

Competition in South. "In Southern Alberta, mainly a prairie region of grazing and fall wheat farming, the C.P.R. has long held a monopoly of the railway traffic. It is an energetic, public spirited, well managed monopoly, but that does not imply that it holds any sort of monopoly that the people need, nor that they would not be better with competition. All along the Peace River, it is doubted that the people will gain profits as well as contentment, besides the blessing of not being subjected to the dictation from any one set of railway magnates, by the new railway promotions which Alberta will undertake. The Grand Trunk Pacific and the C.N.R. both design early extensions southward to Calgary, while the C.N.R. will run further south to Lethbridge, the bituminous coal-mining centre, and to Graveland, the live stock raising and ranching regions. From these extensions, which will be each many hundred miles long, branches will promptly be spread by the promotion policy soon to be detailed by Alberta's government. All these new lines will promptly be spread by the promotion policy soon to be detailed by Alberta's government. All these new lines will promptly be spread by the promotion policy soon to be detailed by Alberta's government. All these new lines will promptly be spread by the promotion policy soon to be detailed by Alberta's government.

Province With Revenue. "Alberta is in a position to push this active railway policy, because the province has handsome revenues, does not owe one cent, and is enabled to spend a lot more money through creating new sources of provincial revenue by internal development. The new branch lines, in so far as aided provincially, will be essentially provincial assets or investments, yielding revenues indirectly, but none the less surely to the Edmonton treasury. "How is it that a province which began political existence less than 40 months ago almost without roads, bridges, ferries, telephones and other large conveniences now has all these good things in uncommon abundance, yet owes nothing, and is able to start out on a magnificent, yet very sane railway scheme? The answer cannot be but of large interest to all students of politics. They have talked and have been told over and over again, ad nauseam, that all the advantages that come not but accrue from uni-party or no-party government. Well, that is what the sensible people of Alberta learned in September, 1905, when they began political existence practically unbelieved by an organized, rigid, party system. The people had not then been really divided into two hostile and mutually cursing camps. Efforts to so divide them failed in the specified year. They had come, mostly people of the great races (American, Canadian, British, Scandinavian, German, French, Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic), from all their various native regions, and they were required to choose men to manage the public affairs suddenly given over to their control by the Ottawa government. They took the common sense course of choosing the best men in sight. It happened that the men were called Liberals, and the Liberal party is therefore entitled to claim credit for the good results. But, in fact, the people set up uni-party or

### THE OPENING OF FINAL SESSION

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ing this work. Many public buildings have been completed or are in the course of erection. A good beginning has been made of the future-home of this assembly upon the hill above us. The revenues of the province have been handled by the treasury with economy and accuracy. Education has been facilitated all over the province. A large number of the public schools have been organized and the interests of higher education have been materially advanced. The agricultural department has available itself of the machinery placed at its disposal by various acts and hasatorily acted in the development of the wealth of the country. Co-operation both in the production and marketing of agricultural products has brought substantial returns to the pockets of the farmers. The fight against weeds, fire and other pests has been carried out unflinchingly to the general good. Administration of justice has been facilitated and simplified. The Supreme and District Courts acts. Many who had previously to make long and expensive journeys to the provincial courts have now their affairs now have courts held periodically almost at their doors. The railway department has everywhere the new provincial line which is stirring so strongly around us has been quickly and fostered. The measures which I have mentioned, together with others which may be introduced, will receive your most careful consideration and that your deliberations will continue, as in the past, to the prosperity and well being of the province.

### SECOND DISASTER IN MINE IN ONE MONTH

Terrible Explosion in Mine of Pocahontas Coal Company in West Virginia Believed to Have Resulted in Death of Over One Hundred Miners—Difficulty of Obtaining Details.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 12.—Over one hundred miners are believed to have lost their lives today as the result of an explosion in the Lick Branch mine, of the Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Company at a point about 15 miles from Bluefield, West Virginia. The explosion, which is reported to have occurred in the mine about 8:30 o'clock this morning, but owing to the impossibility of the mine it has been impossible up to the present to obtain accurate information as to the cause of the explosion or of the number of fatalities. It is believed that at least 100 miners were killed, and that the explosion occurred at a point where the mine was being worked. The mine is owned and operated by the Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Company, and is one of the largest coal mines in West Virginia. The explosion occurred in the Lick Branch mine, which is one of the largest coal mines in West Virginia. The mine is owned and operated by the Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Company, and is one of the largest coal mines in West Virginia.

### ESQUIMALT IS CANADA'S

This Naval Base Was Transferred to Canada Three Years Ago.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Major General Sir Percy Lake, military adviser of the Canadian government in England, stated today that the Esquimalt naval base, which was transferred to Canada three years ago, and he had not heard of any proposals to transfer it to another country. It may be said, that there has been some confusion of ideas in London as to the matter. The Esquimalt naval base, which was transferred to Canada three years ago, and he had not heard of any proposals to transfer it to another country. It may be said, that there has been some confusion of ideas in London as to the matter.

### U.S. TRUNK LINES PROTEST.

New York, Jan. 12.—The members of the executive committee of the trunk lines met in conference today with the traffic officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at the office of the Canadian Pacific Dispatch Line, which has been getting a good deal of the traffic which, until recently, went to the trunk lines. The conference was held without definite action. Another meeting will be held in February. The occurrence of the New Haven in the Canadian Pacific Dispatch's differential rate, and the fact regarding the extent to which the traffic was diverted from other lines, were recently made the subject of inquiry by a special committee of the Trunk Line Association. It was found that a considerable amount of the traffic from the New York and southern New England districts, which was formerly most west over other lines, had been obtained by the New Haven and Canadian Pacific by reason of the lower rates charged by the Canadian Pacific Dispatch.

### Offered Bribe to Break Pledge.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—The Republican state senators say that without the past 24 hours they have been offered bribes to break their pledge to vote for the candidate for the United States senate who was the choice of the preliminary caucus. This candidate, a Governor Chamberlain. To one pledged Republican the offer of \$15,000 was made provided he would not vote for Chamberlain. This offer, the senator says, was made by a man he has known for years and who has been considered an eminently honorable man.

### Saw Off in Newfoundland.

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 12.—It is understood that all the election petitions have been abandoned by mutual consent. On February 4, when it is thought the legislature will convene, the parties will be tied.

### FOSTER'S WEATHER FORECAST.

Ho—Predicts Great Cold Wave and Blizzard at End of Month. Washington, D.C., Jan. 12.—Last bulletin gave forecast of disturbance to cross continent 7 to 11, warm wave 6 to 10, cool wave 9 to 13. This disturbance was expected to cause a great rise in temperatures, the warm wave reaching meridian 95 about 9, to be followed by rain or snow and falling temperatures but not a cold wave. Next disturbance will reach Pacific coast about 11, cross Pacific slope by close of 12, great central valleys 13 to 15, eastern states 16. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about 11, great central valleys 13, eastern states 14, cool wave will cross Pacific slope about 14, great central valleys 16, eastern states 17. This disturbance will come during a period of moderate temperatures, but other weather features will be severe. Temperatures will go above the normal in west and below in east. A great cold wave will not reach Texas, Utah and western Colorado but it will reach Manitoba, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Illinois and the country lying east of these states. A cool wave and possibly some light rain, followed by northern Texas about 17 but temperatures will soon go up again. The Ohio valley and all the states and provinces east of a line drawn from Winnipeg to St. Louis will get a bad cold wave, a little later than the one which the Winnipeg, St. Louis line. This disturbance promises heavy rains or snow within 500 miles of the coast. The great planet Jupiter has been in control of our weather since the first time to end of February, but Mercury and Venus will have something to do with distributing Jupiter's electric energy.

### EFFECT OF DEPRESSION.

Exports to and Imports from Britain Show Fall Off.

London, January 13.—Following are the values of exports and imports from Canada during December, with totals for the year 1906:

	Amounts.	Value.
Wheat (cwt.)	1,115,782	£180,210
Sheep (heads)	150	239
Butter (cwt.)	1,207,865	536,584
Pork (cwt.)	1,098,460	110,086
Beacon (cwt.)	20,650	8,887
Pean (cwt.)	45,580	118,840
Butter (cwt.)	13,477	37,457
Hams (cwt.)	81	203
Cheese (cwt.)	88,008	265,523
Hogs, gt. 100's	14,369	7,240
Horses	21	850
Cattle (cwt.)	12,167	19,439
Sheep (heads)	14,442,175	5,911,173
Wheat (cwt.)	1,175,532	80,730
Pean (cwt.)	168,110	76,617
Button (cwt.)	1,004,126	2,518,222
Hams (cwt.)	321,463	836,184
Pork (cwt.)	47,477	206,807
Cheese (cwt.)	1,541,692	4,555,751
Eggs	50,354	24,786
Horses	187	8,915
Grand total value of imports from Canada was \$299,140,723, a decrease of about \$25,000,000, compared with 1907. Exports to Canada amounted to \$377,219,579, a decrease of about forty-eight millions.		

### C.P.R. SECURES WISCONSIN.

Report That Canadian Railway Has Acquired U.S. Road. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 13.—The Examiner prints the following tomorrow, having obtained the information from its sources regarded as absolutely authentic: "The Wisconsin Central Railway changed ownership today. The option which a well-known broker and not less-known financier had on a purchase of the company's capital stock has been exercised, and the road will be turned over to the Canadian Pacific, which had employed the two negotiators referred to. The deal, details of which will be given out officially soon, guarantees the four per cent dividend on the preferred stock of the Wisconsin Central for the further advance in the preferred stock. On the day of the dividend announcement the stock of the Wisconsin Central was thought to be the maximum for an unseasoned dividend payer. But the Canadian Pacific's guarantee explained the further rise. The stock was one of the few exceptions to the weakness that prevailed in the market till the close of last week. In the morning the professionals seemingly had a free field and Wisconsin Central rose from 78 3/4 to 79 1/4."

### KING ALFONSO TO FLY.

He Wants to Be First monarch to Navigate an Aeroplane. Paris, Jan. 13.—Alfonso, the King of Spain, has acquired one of the Wright models and is soon to become a pupil of Wilbur Wright. Alfonso has an ambition to live in history as the first monarch who ever navigated the air as pilot of his own aeroplane. When he has finished his course of instructions under Wright he means to travel about the immediate neighborhood of Madrid in an aeroplane instead of an automobile. Representations made by court officials respecting the risk of his life have been of no effect upon him, as the King takes much pride in being up-to-date in matters of sport.

### Winnipeg's Power Problem.

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.—The civic power committee met this morning, on the request of the board of trade, to give the street railway company a final opportunity for putting in an amended offer of power, it being stated that this was not acceptable. The committee has adjourned until Saturday, when the case for the company will be presented to the board of trade. William McKelvie, who will arrive from Toronto for that purpose.

### AMALGAMATION OF 'FARMERS' ASSOCIATIONS CONSUMMATED

Under the Name the United Farmers of Alberta, the Society of Equity and the Alberta Farmers' Association Join Forces. The Minister of Agriculture Present to Cement Union. The New Organization Has Membership of 5,000.

Under the name of "For they are jolly good fellows," the delegates to the S.P.A. convention, welcomed the Canadian Society of Equity delegates in McManis Hall, Thursday morning and successfully consummated the long-looked-for amalgamation. With a total membership of 5,000 farmers, the most important organization in the great central valleys 16 eastern states 18. This disturbance will come during a period of moderate temperatures, but other weather features will be severe. Temperatures will go above the normal in west and below in east. A great cold wave will not reach Texas, Utah and western Colorado but it will reach Manitoba, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Illinois and the country lying east of these states. A cool wave and possibly some light rain, followed by northern Texas about 17 but temperatures will soon go up again. The Ohio valley and all the states and provinces east of a line drawn from Winnipeg to St. Louis will get a bad cold wave, a little later than the one which the Winnipeg, St. Louis line. This disturbance promises heavy rains or snow within 500 miles of the coast. The great planet Jupiter has been in control of our weather since the first time to end of February, but Mercury and Venus will have something to do with distributing Jupiter's electric energy.

### Vote Made Unanimous.

The poll was announced with great enthusiasm and on the generous motion of D. Warner of Edmonton and Thos. Wolford of Cardston, the vote was made unanimous.

### Mr. R. C. Owens made a warm speech as a member of the amalgamated organization, to promote organization work.

The election of officers was then undertaken. Votes by proxy were not allowed and nominations of the officers were unlimited. James Bower, of Red Deer, was elected president and Roy Sheward, of Strathcona, vice-president. The remaining officers will be appointed when the convention meets again for regular business. This afternoon the invitation of Premier Borden read a communication from Secretary Thayer of the C. S. of E. requesting that a committee of three be appointed to look into the possibility of meeting a similar committee from the sister organization to arrange for the joint conventions. This was done and the committee was given instructions to meet the other committee on the following morning at eight o'clock and arrange for the joint meeting which will be held this morning at nine o'clock.

### Discussion on Amalgamation.

The question paramount in the minds of the A. F. A. delegates at the afternoon and evening session on Wednesday was that of amalgamation with the Canadian Society of Equity. The convention had the first constituent body and every delegate came from the various societies with the intention of supporting it on general principles, but on the other hand many were hardily delegate who did not have instructions to object to certain clauses of the proposed constitution. The result was that when the question came before the convention there were the most diverse opinions as to how it should be handled. President Fletcher or had a most unenviable task in his efforts to keep control of the meeting. Anticipating a strenuous session he pleaded at the outset for self-restraint and self control on the part of the delegates and for the most careful consideration of every possible phase of the question. It cannot be said that the first part of his plea was heeded. At times three motions and numerous amendments were before the meeting at one and frequently the three and four delegates claimed to have the floor at the same time. The first point made was the unanimity of the convention in accepting general principles. Then

### Secretary's Annual Report.

The annual report of the secretary was laid before the convention as follows: "Gentlemen: Your officers have to report a very successful year in the history of the society. Several important matters have been taken up and are now before the public. The annual convention delegates passed a resolution relating to the government pork packing system. This was laid before the convention as follows:

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Every facility afforded to farmers and others for the transaction of their banking business. Sales notes will be cashed or taken for collection. Accounts may be opened by mail, and monies deposited or withdrawn in this way with equal facility.

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**LADIES' HEAVY WOOL RIBBED HOSE 25c.**  
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**LADIES' FINE BLACK CASHMERE HOSE 25c.**  
Reg. 35c. value

## Most Attractive Underwear Values of the Entire Season.

Every Edmonton man and woman knows that this a most reliable underwear store, and none but the best wearing, best fitting and absolutely most dependable kinds are sold here, and when prices are lowered as they are in this case, there's sure to be a big crowd at the underwear counter, and even though the quantity is large, the values are so extraordinary that we anticipate some quick clearances, so come as early as you can.

Ladies' Vests and Drawers, regular 75c value for **50c.**  
Good winter weight garments in natural color, very cheap at the sale price.  
Ladies' Fleece Vests and Drawers, regular 90c. value, for **60c.**  
Very heavy winter weight garments, heavy fleeced, very warm and unshrinkable.  
Ladies' Drawers, regular 35c. value, for **25c.**  
A special line, and excellent value at the regular price, natural color only.  
Ladies' Vests and Drawers, regular \$1.25 value for **\$1.00.**  
Fine finish, soft and warm, white only, vests buttoned front, drawers two styles.  
Ladies' Vests and Drawers, regular \$1.50, for **\$1.20.**  
Extra fine quality garments, pure wool and unshrinkable, white only.  
All other lines at corresponding reductions.

Men's All Wool Underwear, regular \$1.25 value, for **87 1/2c.**  
Heavy weight Scotch knit, pure wool and unshrinkable, shirts and drawers to match.  
Stanfield's Underwear, regular \$1.50 value, for **\$1.10.**  
Remarkably cheap for such excellent qualities, guaranteed pure wool and unshrinkable.  
All Jaeger and Wolsey Underwear for Men and Boys at **20% off.**  
Men's Flannel Shirts, regular \$1.50 value, for **\$1.20.**  
Plain Blues and greys and fancy striped Shirts, unusual good values at \$1.50.  
Men's Flannel Shirts, regular \$1.75 value for **\$1.40.**  
A splendid assortment of most desirable lines, specially reduced for the sale.  
All other Lines at Corresponding Reductions.

## BUSY DAYS ALL OVER THE STORE

A most successful clearing sale—Satisfying assortments and values absolutely unbeatable.

It is an established custom with this store to hold a clearing sale of seasonable merchandise semi-annually, and they are planned on broad lines, offering assortments that are hard to equal and values absolutely unbeatable; but never before during any season, have we found trade conditions so advantageous for remarkable values as for this year's clearing event. All through the winter stocks you will find prices sharply lowered—scores of instances where you can buy the very things you want at a saving of one-third and some in which prices are exactly half regular.  
Each assortment listed here has been carefully examined and the verdict rendered that the quantity in each will stand the pressure of extraordinary selling. We therefore advise everyone to put aside all obstacles and attend—at the most convenient time during the week of course—for we have enough to supply a big demand and to fully justify us in promising that you'll not be disappointed.

JUST A HINT OF THE SAVINGS AND NO MORE.

## Out Goes the Bedding—Splendid Chances to Save.

It's an exceptional occurrence to have such comfortable bedding reduced to the extent this is now, and at the coldest season too—when these very blankets and comforters are in greatest demand. But it's clearance time, and no matter what demand there may be for any article in the store, none are given preference now—nothing will be put on the inventory sheets that we can find other owners for before that time—the advantage is yours.

**White Wool Blankets \$2.45.**  
Closely woven and splendid to wear; size 60x80. Regular \$3.50 value.  
**White Wool Blankets \$3.10.**  
Very warm and serviceable; size 60x80. Regular \$4 value.  
**White Wool Blankets \$3.45.**  
Every thread Wool, excellent quality, size, 64x80. Regular \$5 value.  
**White Wool Blankets \$4.85.**  
Extra soft, finely combed, size 64x84. Regular \$6.50 value.  
**Light Gray Blankets \$2.60.**  
Heavy weight, blue borders, size 60x76. Regular \$3.25 value.  
**Flannelette Sheets \$1.10.**  
10-4 size, Regular \$1 value for **.95c.**

11-4 size, reg. \$1.25 value, **\$1.10.**  
12-4 size, reg. \$1.50 value, **\$1.25.**  
**Comforters \$1.00.**  
Covering of printed Cheese Cloth, size 5x6. Regular \$1.75 value.  
**Comforters \$2.45.**  
Covering of red chintz, washable, size 5x6. Regular \$3.00 value.  
**Comforters \$5.90.**  
Covering of excellent quality satin, frilled and ventilated. Regular \$8 value.  
**Comforters \$13.75.**  
Made of satin, plain and floral designs; sizes 6x6. Regular \$18 value.  
Other lines at Corresponding Reductions.

## Don't Miss This Shoe Sale

With values like these to compel your attention, it is little wonder that these days are bringing record selling in the Shoe section; and that the Sale Prices are remarkably Low needs but a glance at the shoes themselves selves to convince you.



Better values never were offered—not in Edmonton. Many Men and Women have bought their footwear supply as far ahead as this time next year. They are wise buyers—for such an opportunity comes but seldom. Men's Heavy Winter Boots, regular \$5.00 value, **\$3.65.**

Men's German Wool Slippers in various sizes, very special **85c.**  
Ladies' Fleece-lined Boots, felt sole, Dongola uppers, regular \$4.00, special **\$2.90.**  
Beaver Cloth Overgaiters in various sizes and qualities, special **75c.**

## The Fur Section Offers Its Most Enticing Values

Of all the splendid bargain opportunities we have offered in the fur section, this is one of the best, if indeed not the best. That certainly means news extraordinary for men and women with tact and forethought—those who appreciate good bargains—the kinds that offer money-saving opportunities without causing a deterioration in the high quality of the goods offered.

The deep price cutting that prevails makes it decidedly to your advantage to supply future as well as present needs, even if it be to buy and lay away till next fall and winter. The savings are large enough to warrant doing so and the coats are those kinds that will be as much in evidence then as now.

Women's Astrachan Coats, regular \$50.00 values **\$35.00.**  
Women's Coon Skin Coats, regular \$65.00 values **\$49.50.**  
Women's Squirrel Lined Coats, reg. \$50.00 values at **\$38.75.**  
Women's Hamster Lined Coats, regular \$50.00 values **\$41.50.**  
Women's Fur Lined Coats, sable collar, reg. \$75.00 value **\$59.75.**

Men's Wombat Coats, regular \$50.00 values **\$31.50.**  
Men's Black Dogskin Coats, regular \$25.00 and \$30.00 values **\$19.50.**  
Men's Coon Coats, regular \$75.00 values **\$50.00.**  
Men's Rat Lined Coats, regular \$75.00 value **\$49.50.**  
Men's Imitation Lamb Coats, regular \$23.00 values **\$16.00.**

## 15c Closing Out Handsome Kimona Velours 15c Close to Half Value.

Worth up to 25c yd. Displayed in the Window.

Whether you need these now or not, you'll need them later on, and don't you think it a wise investment when you can save almost half their regular value on the prettiest patterns in fine Kimona velours in qualities as good and desirable as these? But likely as not you can use them now, they're as necessary now as at any time during the year, which makes such an offering of unusual importance. Get your share.

Good weight, splendid quality—nice and warm for house wear, they come in a big range of handsome colorings—light, medium and dark—pretty patterns in plain and fancy stripes, also floral and scroll designs. They're a lovely lot, fast colors every one of them and excellent value at the regular price. Some five hundred odd yards to choose from.

All the Boys' Clothing and Underwear at **20% off.**  
Two special lots of Fine Embroidery at **half price and less.**  
LOT NO. 1 **10c.**  
LOT NO. 2 **15c.**

Remnants, ends in many useful lengths at about half price.  
Table Napkins, \$1.50 value, per doz. **\$1.00.**  
Nice fine Damask in good weight, evenly woven, size 20x20, hemmed and ready for use.

## 50c 75c Keep Your Hands Warm, Mr. Man, it Costs But Little. Worth up to \$1.00

This news of generous savings in men's heavy wool lined mitts will come to Edmonton men just at this time, as a bit of extra good fortune. For if a man can't keep his hands warm these days he can do little, if he has outside work to look after. And there's no earthly reason why you should suffer unnecessarily when these splendid warm mitts can be had for so little.  
They're two splendid lots, among some of the best values we have had this season and well worth the money, if you paid us the regular price. You'll say so yourself when you see them. These prices should effect a quick clearance, and will, if values count for anything.

Heavy German Prints, regular 18c and 20c. values, for **15c.**  
A good range of neat patterns, all guaranteed fast colors.  
All Ladies' Waists, Whitewear and ready to wear garments, at **20% off.**  
Heavy Wrapperette, regular 15c value, for **10c.**  
Navy and black grounds, extra heavy, 29 in. wide.  
All children's dresses and bearskin Coats at **20% off.**

## The Bargains From the Grocery Section Are Immense.

Here's saving news that will bring the thrifty housekeepers out bright and early, if values count for anything—and they surely do to the average woman at all times, but especially right now. Listen and keep in mind that the high standard of quality maintained by this store is strongly apparent in every item mentioned.

As quantities disappear new lines will be added to keep interest growing from day to day. Read carefully:  
Huntley & Palmer's Biscuits, regular 40c. value, per lb **25c.**  
Schilling's Cream Tartar Baking Powder, regular 90c. value, **65c.**  
**JEWELL EXTRACTS**  
15 ounce bottle, 50c. Regular 75c. value.  
8 ounce bottle 30c. Regular 40c. value.  
2 ounce bottle 10c. Regular 15c.  
**MEATS**  
Canned Pigs Feet 25c. Regular 30c. value.  
Canned Tenderloin 22 1/2c. Regular 30c. value.  
Canned Rabbit 20c. Regular 30c. value.  
**FISH**  
1 lb. Cherry Stone Oysters 25c. Regular 40c. value.  
1 lb. Canned Salmon 12 1/2c. Regular 15c. value.  
Fish Balls and Bouillion 12 1/2c. Regular 15c. value.

Bishop's California Fruits, glass, regular 65c value, for **50c.**  
Condensed Chocolate and Milk, etc, regular 15c. value, for **10c.**  
**SOAPS**  
Richard's Pure, regular 5c each **30 for \$1.00.**  
Eclipse, regular 5c each **30 for \$1.00.**  
Box Infant's Delight, regular 40c. **25c.**  
**SAUCE**  
Armour's Catsup, regular 30c. value **20c.**  
White's Worcestershire, regular 20 value **10c.**  
Prunes, per box, special **\$1.75.**  
**Royal Crown Washing Powder,**  
3 lb. package, regular 25c. value **20c.**  
1 lb. package, regular 10c. value **8c.**  
Other Lines at Corresponding Reductions.

## A Great Clothing Sale!

That a trip to our clothing Department these days is well worth while is putting it mildly. Men who have come here just to get posted on what's what in this much talked of Saving Sale of clothing, have been more than well pleased with the splendid assortment, and remarkably little prices quoted and have bought liberally, not only for the present, but for some time to come.

Today we wish to emphasize more strongly than before, if possible, the great saving in store for men with an eye to thrift, who shop here now. Just a few hints here; space forbids mention of more. Come, 'twill pay you well.



**Men's Suits**  
Men's Suits, regular value \$6.00, Sale price **\$4.50.**  
Men's Suits, regular \$8.00 value, special price **\$6.00.**  
Men's Suits, regular \$10.00 value, special price **\$7.50.**  
Men's Suits, regular \$12.00 value, special price **\$9.00.**  
Men's Suits, regular \$15.00 value, special price **\$11.25.**  
Men's Suits, regular \$20.00 value, special price **\$15.00.**

**Men's Overcoats**  
Men's Overcoats, regular \$8.00 value, special **\$6.00.**  
Men's Overcoats, regular \$10.00 value, special **\$7.50.**  
Men's Overcoats, regular \$12.00 value, special **\$9.00.**  
Men's Overcoats, regular \$15.00 value, special **\$11.25.**  
Men's Overcoats, regular \$18.00 value, special **\$13.50.**

**Men's Suits**  
Men's Suits, regular \$18.00 value, special price **\$13.50.**  
Men's Suits, regular \$22.00 value, special price **\$16.50.**  
Men's Suits, regular \$25.00 value, special price **\$18.75.**  
All other Suits at 1/4 off.

**Men's Overcoats**  
Men's Overcoats, regular \$20.00 value, special **\$15.00.**  
Men's Overcoats, regular \$22.00 value, special **\$16.50.**  
Men's Reefers, regular \$6.00 value, special price **\$4.50.**  
Men's Reefers, regular \$10.00 value, special price **\$7.50.**  
Men's Reefers, regular \$12.00 value, special price **\$9.00.**  
All other Men's Clothing 1/4 off.

**Men's Pants**  
Men's Pants, regular \$1.00 value, special price **.75c.**  
Men's Pants, regular \$1.25 value, special price **.95c.**  
Men's Pants, regular \$1.50 value, special price **1.15.**  
Men's Pants, regular \$3.50 value, special price **\$1.90.**  
Men's Pants, regular \$2.00 value, special price **\$1.50.**  
Men's Pants, regular \$3.00 value, special price **\$2.25.**

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J. B. HOLDEN MEETS FARMERS  
J. B. Holden, M.P.P., for the constituency address of the Local Canadian Society of Edmonton, January 6th. He expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the society and discussing with them questions of importance to farmers. He hoped the society's demands for legislation in their behalf would be met in the course of a petition and the resolution to meet would be met. He found that the majority of his constituents were farmers and that they were not only well informed but also well equipped with government assistance. He pointed out to him to be a member that the British policy had become a trust monopoly, and that the farmers were victims of our banking system because of lack of finance and industry could stand the reduction of 8 or 10 per cent. interest, where increase of wealth by actual production would yield average 7 per cent. but if the government issued currency—medium of exchange—of its own finance, as well as industry, it liberate the government as well as industry from such exploitation and not be called upon to build up plants.  
At the meeting Elmer Hallberg, chosen delegate to represent the C.S. of E. convention to be held in Edmonton, Jan. 19th and the joint convention of A.F.A. and C.S. of E. Jan. 14th and 15th. He was instructed by his constituents for amalgamation. Karges, vice-president of the society occupied the chair.

## SHORT COURSE IN AGRICULTURE

In view of the fact that the agricultural college in the province at present, and in view of the fact that there are several men in the province who desire to take special work in agriculture, provincial department of agriculture will establish a short course in culture at Lacombe extending over a period of two weeks from March 1st to March 13th inclusive. The school will be transferred to Lacombe buildings will be used for rooms and some of the stock will be held in the experimental buildings adjoining.  
The agricultural societies and bitton associations of the province will be asked to appoint two men to attend this course. It is expected that fully one hundred students probably more will be in attendance. Hon. W. T. Finlay, minister of culture, has indicated that the cost taken in this short course of instruction will go a long way toward determining how long it will be for the province of Alberta will an agricultural college of its own. In the present there are several sons and daughters of Alberta farmers who are studying in agricultural colleges in the east. The department pays railway fare and the non-resident tuition fee.  
The subjects to be discussed in a short course school are as follows:  
1. Livestock (a) Judging (b) History of Weeds; (c) Stock Breeding; (d) Feeding, Care and Management; 2. General Agriculture (a) C. C. (b) Grain Judging; (c) Soil (d) Cultivation; (d) Studies in Weeds; 3. Dairying; 4. Poultry; 5. Forestry; 6. Veterinary Work; 7. Horticulture.  
The tutorial staff will be composed of the following well known agriculturists:  
C. M. MacRae, Ottawa; W. C. Killican, Canada; H. R. McMillan, Ottawa; G. H. Hutton, Lacombe; G. H. Anderson, Ottawa; L. Newman, Ottawa; T. B. Hodge, Dept.; H. A. Craig, Dept.; W. A. Field, Lehigh Experimental Sta.

## THURSDAY'S GRAIN MARKET

Winnipeg, Jan. 14.—The wheat market today has been dull but with a gradual moderate advance towards the close, closing prices at the highest figures of the Liverpool closed 1/4 to 3/4 higher, continental markets showed change. United States markets 1/2 to 3/4 cent lower, 3 cent lower, then held steady and dull, but became firmer and more active closed 1/2 to 1/4 cent higher than yesterday.  
Our Winnipeg market, under influence of the United States, advanced and closed 1/2 cent higher than yesterday. Prices are—No. 1 Northern, 36 1/2; 2 Northern, 32 1/2; No. 3, 28 1/2; No. 4, 24 1/2; No. 5, 20 1/2; No. 6, 18 1/2; feed wheat, 60 1/2; No. 1, 30 1/2; No. 2, 28 1/2; No. 3, 26 1/2; Futures—January, May 1.01 1/2, July 1.02 1/2. Oats 1/2 to 3/4 higher—No. 2 Canadian, 35 1/2; No. 1 feed, 33 1/2; No. 2, 34 1/2. Futures—January 37 1/2, 41 1/2.  
Barley steady—No. 3, 46; No. 4 43 1/2; feed barley, 40 1/2. Flax 41; No. 1 Northwestern, 124 1/2; Manitoba, 120 1/2; rejected, 110. Futures—January 124 1/2, May 120.

## REPORT ON SHEEP INDUSTRY

According to the report of the sheep breeders' association, the livestock industry in Alberta has much on the decline and the decline is regular and rapid.  
Last year there were only 129,389 sheep, compared with 129,389 in 1908.  
About 90 per cent. of the sheep in the province belong to the south district. The figures for the west and southern districts during the four years are—  
1905 123,763  
1906 122,500  
1907 121,300  
1908 120,100  
Much attention will be given in the future to this sheep industry, an effort will be made to check its decline. For this purpose a...



