



# DISTRICT NEWS

## FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

Thomas Shipley, of Vegreville, renewed old acquaintances in the Fort this week.

Gordon Butler, manager of the Merchants' Bank, has been off duty for a couple of days this week, owing to indisposition.

Mrs. George Watt, of Edmonton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Paul, for a few days this week.

Miss Winnifred Paul, of the post office staff, is taking a short vacation in Edmonton, the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Watt.

Preparatory service was held in the Presbyterian Church on Friday night last, preceding the communion, which was dispensed on Sunday evening following.

R. E. Staples left on yesterday's local to attend Vegreville fair.

George Kimball has moved his stock of general merchandise from Dennis avenue into his own store on Government street.

Rev. A. A. Holzer, of Beaver Hills Church, took charge of both services in the Methodist Church here on Sabbath last, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Howard, who was preaching at Tofted.

Mrs. Depprose, formerly of Brighton, England, but now of Edmonton, is spending a few days in the Fort, the guest of Mrs. Wall.

Rev. J. B. Harcourt, missionary at Mihov, Central India, addressed a meeting in the Presbyterian Church here on Thursday evening last, in the interests of foreign missions.

As a result of Mr. Harcourt's address, a foreign mission study class will be formed immediately, and systematic contributions will be made by the people of this church towards work in the foreign fields.

Mr. Harcourt will very shortly return to their foreign field of work.

A council meeting was held on Thursday night, Mayor Daniel and Councilors Montgomery, E. Simmons, Foster and Betts were present.

The usual routine business was disposed of. The free site applied for by the C.M.R. for armories was guaranteed by the council, and a special meeting was called for Monday, the 7th.

Fort Saskatchewan, October 5.

## VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

A very successful concert was held by the ladies' aid of the Methodist Church, Thursday evening, the program well rendered by the following local talent: Solo, Mr. Mylrea; duet, Mrs. McNeill and Miss Worth; male quartette, Messrs. Fraser, Halliday, Magee and Campion; duet, Messrs. Mylrea and Fraser; reading, Miss E. Thompson; ladies' chorus, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. J. Worth and Misses Wright and Worth; recital, "How Old I am," Mrs. Johnstone; tableaux, "Morning, Noon, Night," Misses Missetman, Thompson and Smith; recital, "An Old Grandmother's Story," Mrs. McNeill. The Citizens' Band was in attendance and gave six selections.

The hall held in the hall over the new Observer office was a decided success. The music was furnished by the Lynch orchestra, and the able management of Mr. Charles Lynch.

Threshing has commenced, and though the yield is not so great nor the quality as good as last year, the farmer is better off than at first reported.

Vegreville, October 5.

## WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

The presence in the city of several charming visitors has been the reason d'être of several enjoyable evening parties this last week. Mrs. Beairto, on Tuesday, Mrs. Compton on Thursday, Mrs. Kubera on Friday, and Sacville on Saturday evening entertaining in the visitors' honor.

Miss Davies, of Fernie, B. C., is the guest of Mrs. Compton, who entertained in her honor at an enjoyable card party on Thursday evening last. Miss Davies is the niece of Hon. Louis Davies, Ottawa. She goes to Sedgwick this week for a visit to her friend Mrs. Mills of that place.

Miss Lou Legge, late of Montreal, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Stanley street, leaves this week for the Coast where she will continue her professional career.

Mr. Girard West returned Friday evening from an extended visit at the Coast.

Rev. Mrs. Hogg is at present entertaining friends from Toronto.

Miss T. Christie, late of the staff of Alexandra school, arrived on Thursday evening from Kamsel, B.C., where she has been acting as secretary of the Kamsel Lumber Co. After visiting Mrs. Dobson Friday and Saturday, she left for a few days' visit in Strathcona, after which she leaves for her home at New Carlisle, Que., where she intends to remain. She will visit Winnipeg, Ottawa and Montreal en route.

The natural gas illumination, the project of some fertile brain, was not more in evidence, Saturday evening than any other. A flame of a few feet in height may be seen almost any time by the curious and much greater pressure is anticipated as the well is down but 600 feet.

Coyotes are unusually plentiful in the district this autumn, and that too, despite the non-appearance of the usually abundant rabbit, due to the prevalence of the plague this year. Ten of these prairie scavengers were noted in less than two hours during a tramp of a few miles recently.

Mrs. McManus did not return with her husband, the C.P.R. station master here, the purpose being to visit in Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie before returning to the district. Many are saying stock to feed for market on any damaged grain, which, however, will be only a small per cent.

Wetaskiwin, October 7.

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Miss Alma Roun, who has been visiting her home here, has returned to Calgary, accompanied by her brother, John.

J. W. McKinley is in the Capital on legal business.

Lawyer H. B. Henwood and Mrs. Henwood have returned from an extended visit in the East.

F. W. Ruttle was an Edmonton visitor the last few days.

Miss Ethel Wold, of Camrose, who took a high stand at Standard VII teachers' examination last July, and is attending school here, visited friends on Wednesday of this week.

Rev. Mr. Wold and family are moving to Edmonton, where they expect to enter one of the Alberta College business courses.

R. L. Borden will give an address in the opera house on Tuesday evening next. The officers of the Conservative Association recently elected are: President, W. J. Loggie; vice president, Freeman Kelley; secretary-treasurer, E. A. Bailey; executive committee, Mayor MacEachern, J. F. Fowler, W. J. Stephenson, R. M. Angus, E. D. McLaughlin, J. Bruce, L. Rix, F. P. Spencer and W. H. Eggleston.

The flow of natural gas at the town well is attracting considerable attention. When not plugged it bursts forth several feet into the air, though the well is drilled as yet only about 600 feet. An unlimited supply of gas is not merely a probability, but almost a certainty. What this means for this rapidly growing centre, few dare estimate.

Stationmaster McManus and wife have returned from a long visit in Winnipeg and different cities of old Ontario, where they were accompanied by the following agent: Whittlock returns to Bankhead.

Mr. N. C. Legge, accountant, is acting manager of the Merchants' Bank here, during Manager Todd's absence.

D. W. Warner, ex-president of A. F. A., a prominent farmer of the Edmonton district, stayed awhile here on his return from a visit to the States and Ontario. He says the crops of the West are doing better than in the East.

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Wetaskiwin, October 3rd.

## WHITE WHALE LAKE.

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The picnic announced for Sept. 10th but postponed owing to inclement weather took place on Friday the 26th inst.

The kindness of Mr. A. E. Pettison, form instructor on the Reserve, placed at the disposal of the settlers a portion of the land formerly belonging to the Stonies but now surveyed for a townsite. Close to the Narrows between Dunn's Bay and the main body of Lake Wabaman, about a mile from Dunn's store and the proposed summer resort, with a large stretch of grey sandy beach and a glorious view of the lake westward, it is indeed a beautiful place for a picnic. One of Alberta's best sunny days smiled on the event and everything passed off well. About 50 or 60 persons were present, many being kept away by the hazy morning. Dinner and tea served by the ladies on tables under the friendly shade, children's games, athletic events for both sexes and all ages, football and other amusements were the order of the day. The lake shore with its cool water was a delight alike to both children and adults. The Rev. C. F. Hopkins, formerly Methodist Missionary here, now of Athabasca Landing was present, being out on a short visit to his mother.

The Rev. P. A. Bowen, the new missionary, and family, were present. The management was in the able hands of Messrs. W. K. Simpson, H. H. E. Ford and Mr. Bowen and the sports were arranged by a committee consisting of Mr. N. F. Friedley, the assistant missionary, Messrs. Arthur Hopkins, Ernest Hopkins, E. Carthew and Hamilton Jackson.

Messrs. Sept. 23.

## OLDS.

Bulletin News Service.

If this old-time sunshine continues it will be appropos to hear about Alberta's Italian type of weather. The season of mildness is certainly being taken advantage of by the sturdy farmer, fall ploughing being another of the pursuits demanding his attention.

Wesley Buchner's oats, just threshed, and which were pronounced to be no good after the frost, just went 40 pounds to the bushel, that's all. Many alarmist reports of crop damage due to the bark being worse than the bite.

A large gang of workmen are at work on the city hall, and the work will likely top the first story by Saturday night. This is to be a spacious structure, modern in every respect, and one which, in addition to its usefulness for housing the fire-fighting appliances, council chamber, etc., will add greatly in appearance to the general make-up of the town's buildings.

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Among the visitors from Innisfail yesterday were B. McMillan, P. F. Goulter and wife, George Lundy, W. R. Wilson.

W. F. Cockshutt and son, of Brantford, Ontario, were in town yesterday. There was a large crowd at the station to meet Hon. R. L. Borden last night, but the cheering was conspicuous by its absence.

J. M. Fagg and Wm. Goype, of Coalbanks, have been in town for the past few days.

W. Dunlop, of the Stettler Independent, was in attendance at the Borden meeting.

George F. Root, of Erskine, is spending a few days in the city.

H. Raikes and son came in from the Lake yesterday.

S. P. Frays, of the Innisfail Province, was in town yesterday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Frays and Miss Ingovson.

P. Hanson, the Stettler hotel-keeper, has been in town for the past few days.

Dr. G. G. Membray, of Innisfail, came down on last night's train.

The Massey-Harris hall proved entirely inadequate to hold the crowd attendant at the meeting last night. Many were turned away long before the doors were opened.

H. M. Williams, of Edmonton, was in town yesterday.

J. M. Macdonald, the High River rancher, is staying in Red Deer for a few days.

A. J. Creighton, of Culham, is in the city.

R. F. Sanderson came up from Olds in yesterday's noon train.

James Edie, of Valley City rancher, is a guest at the Alberta.

T. J. Carcalson and J. G. Clark, of Calgary, have been in town for the past few days.

Lawyer Jackson, of Ponoka, was in town yesterday. He came up for the Borden meeting.

Rumors and mutterings of graft are floating around town these past few days.

J. H. Menzies returned from Stettler on Wednesday night.

The C.P.R. have commenced driving piles for the large coal shutes to be erected here this fall. They are also grading a lot more track. We are informed that the plans are drawn for a \$25,000 depot at this point, and that the building would have been erected this year but for the scarcity of labor.

"A Messenger Boy" was the attraction at the Opera-house on Saturday night and put on a very good show to a very good house. The specialties between the acts were excellent, but there are portions of their after-concert that could be cut out without detriment to the whole.

The band and orchestra were first class. E. T. Mitchell, of Sedgwick, has been spending the last few days in town.

Captain W. H. Cottingham and Miss Cottingham returned from Stettler on Saturday.

Dr. H. J. Denovan's household goods were sold by auction on Saturday.

Mrs. R. W. Greeve entertained her friends to a 500 party on Saturday afternoon.

Excitement was caused Saturday afternoon when C. Cruickshank's bakery wagon ran away, the driver, Mr. F. J. Farnham, was thrown from the van, one of the wheels passing completely over him, and the horse dashed up Ross street, and ran into the wall, trying to gain an entrance to Hall's dry goods emporium. It then kicked loose from the van and ran out of town. Mr. Cruickshank was not seriously hurt.

Mr. Parker, of Pincher Creek, has declined to accept the call tendered him by St. Luke's Church. We understand he is going east on account of his wife's health.

R. L. Borden speaks tonight in the old Massey-Harris hall.

It is reported that the old Massey-Harris building is to be renovated and made into a first-class opera house. The building is plenty large enough, and with a little fixing should make a first class hall.

F. Tallman has been taken ill with an attack of tonsillitis.

L. DeRuburn, of Philadelphia, Pa., who has been in town for the past few days, left for home yesterday.

Red Deer, October 8.

## STURGEON.

Bulletin News Service.

Harvest has been practically completed, and a few have threshed some. The yield will be much less than has been reported some past.

Mr. Patullo, who has taught at Namoo since January, has resigned and gone to Edison. The trustees were fortunate in securing a teacher at once—Mr. Bernard—who is fast winning respect both in school and in the neighborhood.

The Namoo Coal Company, which has recently opened a shaft on Mr. D. Craig's land, put on a traction engine to drive the output to Oliver, but it broke down on the way, and is likely to be out of commission for some weeks.

The people generally regret the departure of Rev. Mr. Gourlay, who has had charge for nearly a year of the Presbyterian congregations in the district.

The union choir of Belmont lately gave a very enjoyable and edifying song service at Bethel church.

Sturgeon, Oct. 8.

## RED DEER.

Bulletin News Service.

F. Perckett, of Vancouver, B.C., is a guest at the Alberta Hotel.

K. S. Maccoona, was in town for the Borden meeting, last night.

The town was full to overflowing last night, people being turned away from every hotel.

George Lundy came up from Innisfail in his automobile yesterday afternoon.

A brilliant meteor was seen passing to the north of town about 1 a.m. It made everything as light as day for a few moments, and left a streak in the sky for nearly half an hour.

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STRAYED—To my premises, 16th April last, bay horse, weight about 500, small star on forehead, left hind foot, right fore foot white, branded "L.R." on right side. Owner can have same by paying expenses. J. C. Boncaveville, Willow Dale Farm, Horse Hills, Alta.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1907.

**THREE IMPORTANT SUBJECTS.**

One subject which Mr. Borden cannot escape if he expects to appeal to the public intelligence of his Edmonton audience is the school clauses of the autonomy bills. It is only some two years since the party heads were endeavoring to stampede the country with the cry that some undefined and unspecified rights of the people of Alberta and Saskatchewan were being trampled in the dust and the people themselves were being shackled and manacled. Yet in his lately promulgated platform is the word of school clauses, of trampled rights or shackled slaves. From that platform no man could conclude that a school question had ever disturbed the sweet serenity of Mr. Borden's repose, much less surmise that it was the sand bank on which only two years ago he hoped to maroon the Government. Has Mr. Borden forgotten the school clauses? Has he receded from his former position, and is he now prepared to admit that he was wrong and the Government right? In the same connection, where is his worthy assistant, Dr. Sproule? This honorable gentleman was to marshal the hosts of the order which he presides in the cause which Mr. Borden then espoused. If Mr. Borden has not wavered in the course or flagged in ardor, why does Dr. Sproule mope in North Grey and the Orange Sentinel lament the faithlessness of Mr. Borden while Mr. Bergeron tours with Mr. Borden?

The land settlement of the autonomy bills must also claim a share of his attention. A plank in the newly contrived platform deals with this subject. In his Ontario speeches Mr. Borden interpreted this plank pretty openly as meaning simply a proposal to chop our subsidies in two and let us get revenue from our lands as best we might. This is the point Mr. Borden must elaborate in Edmonton if he addresses himself to the knowledge and judgment of his audience. Hazy and meaningless allusions to our equality with the people of other provinces will do no good here. Mr. Borden must get up to details and demonstrate in dollars and cents where we would get off with the proposition he need expect little sympathy from the people of Alberta with his proposal.

The tariff, too, demands attention from Mr. Borden. This is a subject in which the people of the West are vitally interested. It is a subject which is dealt with in Mr. Borden's platform. So far as ordinary judgment goes there appears to be only a difference of phraseology between Mr. Borden's policy and the policy of the manufacturer who wants a tariff as high as Haman's gallows. The interpretation agrees admirably with the preaching and practising of Mr. Borden during the past few years. If this interpretation is wrong it is up to Mr. Borden to give the correct reading of his tariff riddle.

**THE LINES HAVE FALLEN IN PLEASANT PLACES.**

Hon. R. P. Roblin, premier of Manitoba, thinks, or thought, the treatment of the new western provinces very generous. He said in a speech at Boissevain, Manitoba—  
 "How differently they treat Alberta and Saskatchewan. Manitoba gets \$100,000 a year for her lands. What do Alberta and Saskatchewan get? There is a provision by which they get one and a quarter millions for all time to come. That is an evidence of the differences in the principles upon which the Provinces of the Northwest are dealt with. In addition to this what do we find? We find that in lieu of their public lands they are to get annually for five years \$93,750 for public buildings. Surely the lines of our sister provinces have fallen on pleasant places."  
 Manitoba's terms were, of course granted under the former, not the present, Federal Government.

**PRECEDENTS.**

A contemporary census Mr. Oliver for participating in a by-election in Edmonton two years ago, and Hon. Geo. P. Graham for participating in a provincial by-election in Brock-

ville, Ont., and argues that these precedents warrant Mr. Borden butting into the provincial by-election in Prince Albert.  
 That Mr. Oliver took part in a by-election here is true; seeing that he was a candidate in the by-election it is difficult to see how he could be expected to do otherwise. That Mr. Graham is participating in the Brockville contest may be true; if true he is only doing what every other voter in the constituency is entitled to do—including Conservative candidates or would-be candidates for both provincial and federal honors. How either circumstance provides precedent for a Federal member butting into a provincial contest in a constituency in which he is not a voter, it remains for some ingenious calculator to figure out.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE PUBLIC LANDS.**

In his statement at the Conference of Provincial Premiers, Premier McBride, of British Columbia, dealt with the relative advantages of handling the public domain under provincial auspices and of getting in lieu of this a money grant from the Federal treasury. His dealt with concrete example, an example with which he was thoroughly familiar and his statement is therefore worthy of attention. He said—  
 "Comparing the terms conceded to British Columbia and to the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, it is found in effect that when these provinces are in receipt of the total allowance to which they will be ultimately entitled per annum, the amount in round numbers will be \$2,250,000, while the total of British Columbia's allowance when it has reached its maximum will be less than \$500,000. It is not contended that the new provinces have received too much but that British Columbia has received far too little. Alberta and Saskatchewan contain large, compact, arable areas, presenting no physical difficulties or obstacles to development. While it may be said that in their case the lands are minerals belonged to the Dominion if we take the case of British Columbia, with its public domain in its own right, the average of its receipts for the past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235,000 per annum, from which must be deducted the cost of administration, not less at the present time than \$100,000 per annum. It is submitted further that the readjustment of the subsidies every two and a half years, according to the increase of population ascertained by census taking, in our estimation, is another important advantage which the new provinces have over British Columbia. They obtain almost immediately in increased population the benefit of increased taxation, while British Columbia, in which the increase of population is also very rapid, has to wait ten years for readjustment. There is therefore only one of two conclusions to be drawn from a comparison of the terms in the two cases; either the new provinces have been too generously endowed by the Dominion which is not alleged—or British Columbia has received very inadequate consideration of its requirements."

**BUTTING INTO PROVINCIAL POLITICS.**

The appointment of Hon. J. H. Lamont to the Supreme Court bench in Saskatchewan has necessitated holding a by-election in the provincial constituency of Prince Albert, where Mr. Ferguson, the new attorney general of Saskatchewan is being opposed by Mr. Bradshaw.  
 So far as the outstanding feature of the campaign has been the resolution of the Prince Albert Conservatives to throw off the mask, fight the election along party lines and run the Conservative candidate as a Conservative. Heretofore they have paraded as non-partisan champions of the cause of provincial rights, knowing no other allegiance than their undying attachment to the cause—and when not on parade have worked like nailers for the success of the Conservative party, altogether regardless of the province and its rights.  
 The open abandonment of the disguise and the avowal of the party to which they belong, for which they have labored, and for whose success they adopted the disguise, is a movement toward sincerity on the part of the Saskatchewan Conservatives altogether commendable in itself. But the sincerity is belated and the fact that it is belated robs them of any credit they might ordinarily have claimed for exhibiting it. While deception paid, seemed likely to pay, or capable of being made to pay, they practised deception and avoided candor; even when they reaped the reward of their deception they clung to it and it is only when they think they see an advantage in being honest greater than that of being dishonest that they resolve to pursue the way of virtue.  
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without cause, nor for any cause more commendable than the hope of bettering their political position. They profess no change of heart and bring forth no fruits of repentance. The despatch that records their resolution also records the reason for the resolution. That reason is nothing more nor less than the fact that Mr. Borden is to address a meeting in Prince Albert on the eve of the by-election and in the hope of securing to themselves Mr. Borden may have the Prince Albert Conservatives are to call themselves Conservatives. Not only do they confess to having perpetrated a fraud on the electorate in the past but testify that they are abandoning the fraudulent course simply because the course of candor promises to pay them better. Their testimony is that they intend to become honest because they consider honesty the best policy at present.

It is easy to fancy what a wall of terror would go up from the Conservative press if Sir Wilfrid Laurier came west and addressed meetings in the constituency of Prince Albert on behalf of the candidature of the attorney general. His conduct would be declared beyond all precedent and reason—an unwarranted attempt to influence provincial electors by the prestige of the Federal Premier. From this it would be argued that a deep dark design was hatching somewhere to infringe on the rights of the province and the electors of Prince Albert would be adjured as they valued their freedom to resent this intrusion by electing the Opposition candidate. The parallel argument would be that as Mr. Borden is doing the intruding the electors should show their resentment by turning down his candidate. But there will not, we fancy be any great objection raised by the Liberals of Prince Albert to Mr. Borden's excursion into their local affairs. Western people are not disposed to be discourteous and Mr. Borden will doubtless receive in Prince Albert the same manner of treatment that would be accorded any other sojourner from a distant province who took upon himself the duty of instructing the people of that constituency how they should vote in their local elections.

But there is another excellent reason why the Prince Albert Liberals should receive Mr. Borden kindly and deal with him indulgently—he is not likely to do them any conspicuous harm. Mr. Borden has had a hand already in some elections during his present trip. In St. John for example he insisted that Mr. Pugsley must be opposed and defeated. Mr. Pugsley was returned by acclamation, succeeding a Conservative member. In Ontario Mr. Borden denounced the Government and all its works and while he was doing it a member of the Government was returned by acclamation in the normally Conservative constituency of Brockville. There is no very great cause for apprehension in these electioneering performances of Mr. Borden, that the Liberals of Prince Albert should dread his coming.

More than this, the subjects on which Mr. Borden is likely to bestow his attention and the circumstances under which he will appear make it probable that the Prince Albert Liberals will get much more amusement than damage from his expedition. Speaking in Saskatchewan in a provincial by-election Mr. Borden can scarcely escape addressing a few remarks to the electors on the school clauses. But if he does so what will our old friend Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron have to say about it? He is Mr. Borden's travelling companion and is not of a disposition to be muzzled for the time or on that particular subject. When he rises to elucidate the remarks of Mr. Borden by a few sentiments of his own there should be fun for the selectors of Prince Albert.

The land settlement with the new provinces, too, will naturally be discussed by Mr. Borden and if he has the courage to do so he will tell the electors of Prince Albert that he would chop their provincial subsidies in two and turn them loose to seek revenues how best they could get them with the burden of administering the public lands also thrown on the provincial treasury. In this Mr. Bergeron will also have a say. He agrees with his leader that the provinces get too much money and goes rather farther than Mr. Borden in lecturing them on their extravagance. Here is what he said in the House of Commons last session on the subject of provincial subsidies—  
 "Why should we take money out of the federal coffers, money that belongs to the people of Canada and give it out piecemeal to these local governments encouraging them in lack of initiative and making it unnecessary for them to find money where it should be found—within the province itself? It is a dangerous policy; we are opening a door which may let in great evils into the Dominion, and particularly into the province from which I come."  
 If the people of Saskatchewan think they get too much money from the Federal treasury Mr. Borden and Mr.

Bergeron will inform them how to get rid of the too-liberal allowances.

**MR. BORDEN'S FIRST DUTY.**

The leader of the Federal Opposition will address a meeting in the Thielink this evening. That it will be a well-attended meeting and an orderly meeting may be taken for granted, and a meeting quite prepared to do full credit to Mr. Borden if Mr. Borden does credit to the position he occupies.

To do so, the course Mr. Borden must pursue is not wholly of his own choosing. Ordinarily a speaker may select the theme of his discourse; a party leader selects the subjects to which he invites the attention of his audience. But there are times and circumstances in which this freedom of choice is limited and if it is exercised can be exercised only at the cost of public regard.  
 Unfortunately for Mr. Borden these are the circumstances which surround his choice of whether or not he will hound him throughout his tour and which will continue to surround him until he meets them frankly, admits his error or defends his course.  
 The first duty Mr. Borden owes to his hearers in Edmonton, as to the Canadian public at large—is to undertake the defence of Mr. Foster and his associates for the conduct laid bare by the Insurance Commission. The choice of whether or not he will assume responsibility for defending that conduct no longer rests with Mr. Borden. He has already made his choice, has defended the conduct in the House of Commons and on the platforms of Ontario. Having defended it where of less importance, on what logical grounds can he decline to defend it in that section of the country most deeply concerned? Whether he does so or not he cannot expect to escape being held responsible for having essayed its defence in other places.

However distasteful the subject may be to Mr. Borden this is the subject on which the people of Edmonton and of the West want and expect him to speak, above all others. Rightly or wrongly the public are convinced that that conduct was improper in itself and especially unbecoming for men in public life. Mr. Borden thinks otherwise. The public, therefore expect him to make good his defence or try to do so, and incidentally, it will take a man better defence than he has yet offered to persuade the public that they have misjudged his conduct. If Mr. Borden does not design to offer defence how else can this be construed than as an admission that defence is impossible? And if the lieutenants are beyond defence what of the leader who maintains them as lieutenants?

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It may be an unpalatable truth, but it is a truth that Mr. Borden is on trial before the country and that up to date he has done little to exonerate himself. There is an excellently founded belief very freely shared by those who support Mr. Borden, that the Halifax platform is a makeshift structure erected to deflect public attention from the paramount issue that confronts Mr. Borden—whether or not the party he leads will continue to trim its sails to the winds of corporate influence and the interests of political lobbyists. The longer Mr. Borden evades this issue the stronger will become the public conviction that he is wanting either in inclination or courage to tackle it. For the leader need not deceive himself with the notion that he can divert attention by imputing evil to others or discussing matters of secondary import. While Mr. Borden talks the public gaze is fixed on Mr. Foster and his disgraced followers will be pardoned for muttering the ancient query: "How long, O Lord, How Long?"

**"CORPORATION CONNECTIONS."**

Mr. Borden comes to Edmonton sponsored and ushered by worthy representatives of those under whose auspices he visited the west some five years since, by whose influence he was then surrounded and in whose behalf he was then laboring.  
 On his right is Hon. R. P. Roblin, by courteous consent of the Grain Exchange and the benediction of the Beef Trust, Minister of the Canadian Northern Railway for the Province of Manitoba. On his left is Hon. R. McBride, premier of British Columbia by virtue of having given the Canadian Pacific Company a land grant for a railway they had not built.  
 On his previous expedition Mr. Borden was accompanied by a band of speculative minds from the House of Commons. They went through the land seeking what they might capture through the friendship of these two railway companies and by the employment of other people's money. They were successful—so successful that Mr. Borden dare not bring them out to the West again. Wherever he is accompanied not by his Parliamentary lieutenants, but by a brace of his provincial allies.  
 The change is a change of companions but not of companionship. The individuals are different but their presence bespeaks the same influence and signifies the same alliances. The representatives have been changed, but they peddle the goods of the same old firm. The former agents were found out, could no longer be used to deceive the public and had to be abandoned. If their successors are accepted as representing anything better or anything different, the public will be most thoroughly deceived.  
 What is the significance of the leader of the Opposition travelling always in the society of the political lieutenants of the railway corporations? Mr. Borden claims for himself the respect due to disinterested public service. Yet he maintains a political companionship that belies his professions of disinterested service. If his service is disinterested why does he throw doubt upon it by choosing for companions in arms those whose service is notoriously otherwise? Mr. Borden understands the alphabet of politics; would he subject himself to the suspicion of being in alliance with the corporations if he were not so? Or would he openly flaunt his friendship for their political lieutenants if he were under no obligation to them?  
 Public confidence in Mr. Borden's independence was badly shaken by the revelations made before the Insurance Commission. Despite his protestations of freedom from the cor-

poration dickering of his travelling companions the public will not and should not forget the letter in which Mr. Foster urged Mr. Ferguson to tell Mr. Borden the splendid things the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern were doing for them. Why the urgency to tell Mr. Borden if Mr. Borden had neither part nor lot in the transaction?  
 This hard-earned confidence promises to be shattered into atoms by Mr. Borden's conduct of his present tour. In Eastern Canada, where interest in the former expedition is less keen the members of that expedition have been Mr. Borden's companions on his present tour. But when he entered Western Canada, where the dealings of these gentlemen are known of every man the disgraced ones were left behind. Mr. Foster and his friends were left behind not because of what they did, but because they were found out. Their assistance was welcomed and utilized wherever their presence was not likely to recall their records too vividly. And where it was necessary to dispense with them they have been replaced by others of the same ilk.  
 Mr. Borden comes to us as the ally and defender of the Foster-Fowler-Pope-Bennett-Lefurgey combination. That they are not personally with him is because he dare not bring them. But their places are fittingly occupied by two gentlemen who owe their political positions to the loyal service they have rendered the corporations through whose friendship Mr. Borden's former companions enriched and disgraced themselves, discredited their leader and humiliated their party.

**WHAT ABOUT MR. FOSTER?**

Mr. Borden does not appear to be meeting with any unprecedented success in his efforts to whip the party into line for the defence of the Foster-Fowler-Bennett-Pope-Lefurgey outfit or if he is meeting success it is of a curiously quiet kind.  
 Perhaps his failure is in some measure due to a lack of information as to what the party thinks of these gentlemen, or at least what the party organs have said they think.  
 As accommodation to a man in need of help, and a fit of modesty or of failing memory should prevent his local friends informing Mr. Borden on the point the Bulletin reproduces a few editorial extracts from the Edmonton Journal of a year since—  
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 ment, a pavement adopte  
 peg. The work was filed  
 A petition was received  
 walk on Vermilion av  
 street west. The petiti  
 to the commissioners for  
 A petition to which ov  
 were attached was receiv  
 ing against the city. The  
 claiming that the condit  
 in the by-law should l  
 Alderman Gartepp moved  
 be laid on the table. I  
 wanted to look into t  
 the advisability of amendi  
 law to make it inoperativ  
 winter months. The mot  
 ried.

**Cold Storage Plant B**  
 The Edmonton Pro  
 received their applicati  
 oil for certain concessio  
 the establishment of a  
 to cost not less than  
 to be located within the  
 This company's applicati  
 sent to the city engineer  
 ago, was not endorsed. In  
 of the application the  
 exemption from taxation,  
 the last by-law. The ma  
 the concessions asked for  
 water, light and power for  
 thirty years.  
 Ald. Gartepp wanted an  
 clause included in the by  
 Ald. Picard gave express  
 important point, when he  
 the request for free water  
 power be made specific as  
 to title required.  
 Ald. Manuel asked if it  
 necessary to make some p  
 meet such an event as the  
 city's public utilities. Ass  
 at some future date the wa  
 electric light and power,  
 the city were disposed  
 such a clause making pr  
 the freeing of the city fro  
 bility, the company might  
 city for the cost of the w  
 and power.  
 The question also of th  
 being required to bear th  
 submission of the by-l  
 was discussed.  
 The commissioners, Cit  
 Bown and A. F. Ewing,  
 the company, notified at th  
 and amended the by-l  
 for the regulation of th  
 free power. This was plac  
 five horsepower. Any pow  
 above that amount is to  
 at minimum rates.  
 The by-law was given it  
 second readings, and wou  
 given its third reading and  
 to the people but for Ald  
 ul's motion. The by-law  
 clause be inserted in th  
 was shown that such a cl  
 be, of any value, they th  
 man Manuel the bit. Unde  
 a by-law cannot be give  
 readings without the unan  
 sent of the council, and it







