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## Alderman Dybhavn Has Final Word on the Bylaw to be Voted on Tomorrow

The following is the final appeal by the chairman of the City Finance Committee in regard to the G. T. P. agreement and bylaw:

Editor Daily News:

Re G. T. P. Agreement and Bylaw, will you kindly allow me space for the following: In this connection I think it essential that the ratepayers review the conditions of today as they confront us. The Railway Company holds certain property in our city; chiefly waterfront and strips of land adjoining the waterfront, and these properties are held for railway purposes generally. For civic purposes the city has assessed these properties at about \$2,600,000.00; the balance of the townsite represents a rateable assessment of about \$6,000,000.00. This amount includes the assessment on the G.T.P. Development Co.'s lands, Sections 3, 4, and 9 and certain undivided parcels, to the extent of about \$700,000.00. The proposition when you consider this, an unreasonable assessment, is whether the demands we have placed before the Government? What I those of the Railway Co., in that hope to see is that the present they are held for speculative Government will be able to purposes and the Development bring about a change for the better. The whole affairs of the Railway Co. are now in the hands of the Dominion Government and is being operated through the Canadian National Railway System. Last year this system had a deficit of about seventy-million dollars.

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## Change of Control

Since last December a new Government had been in charge of affairs, a Government which we believe to be more friendly toward this city and its problems than their predecessors in office. We firmly believe that conditions will change for the better as far as this city is concerned in relation to it being the terminal of a trans-continental railway. About a month ago we sent a strong delegation to Ottawa to present our needs and desires before the government and although no final report as to the ultimate results of their mission is at hand as yet, we have every reason to believe that the government has given our delegation all reasonable assurance of their intentions to carry out the original principles of the G.T.P. In view of the enormous deficit last year, it is hardly to be expected that the new Government after about two months in office can be prepared to say as yet just to what extent they are prepared to go. As reasonable men and women we have got to give the minister of rail-

ways a chance to ascertain where he is at.

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