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railway tracks from the downtown area--a grand design for reshaping Calgary's urban core. In 1964, amid bickering and a failed negotiating

process, the project came to an abrupt end. What caused this

promising partnership between the nation's leading corporation and the burgeoning city of Calgary to collapse? What, in economic terms, was perceived to be a win-win situation for both parties fell prey to a conflict between corporate rigidity and an unorganized, ill-informed, and over-enthusiastic civic administration and city council. Drawing on the private records of Rod Sykes, the CPR's onsite negotiator and later Calgary's mayor, Foran unravels the fascinating story of how politics ultimately undermined promise.