EDMONTON NEWS

LOCALS.

Mr. E. Barry has resigned the managership of the Banque de Hochelaga, and will be succeeded by Mr. Y. Lamarre, of Montreal.

Mr. Davis, manager of the Merchants' Bank at Wainwright, who has been ill in the Public Hospital for a short time, is recovering.

Miss M. V. McCauley, who has returned from a trip to the British isles, will resume her duties on the public school staff at Fort Saskatchewan.

George H. Shaw, general traffic manager of the C. N. R., has written the city commissioners that the new station at the Griffin packing plant will be called North Edmonton as suggested.

W. A. Leonard, who has been connected with the Edmonton Express Co. for three years, and who was formerly associated with Potter & McDougall, has purchased the business of the Western Cartage Company, at 36 McDougall avenue, from W. H. Wiedrich.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Alberta Twin Cities Poultry and Pet Stock Association is called for Monday evening next in Mechanics Hall at 7 o'clock sharp. The regular open meeting will be held at 8 o'clock when dates and a judge for the forthcoming show in January will definitely be fixed.

Monthly weather report for November as compiled by Geo. A. Voyer, acting observer at Dominion Government Observatory, Edmonton, Alberta shows a mean temperature of 29; rain fall, .06 inch; snow fall, 8.50 inches; hours of bright sunshine, 101 thickness of ice, 6 inches, highest temperature, 62, on Nov. 4; lowest temperature, 1 below on Nov. 30.

Complete arrangements have been made for the holding of the second annual Alberta musical festival, which takes place in Edmonton on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4th and 5th next. The success of last year's festival was most gratifying both to the committee in charge and the contestants and visitors from all parts of the province. Every arrangement was well carried out.

Entwistle, the new town on the G.T.P. in the Pembina district, is to have its first drug store opened shortly. W. A. Marshall, at present with A. Archibald, Edmonton, leaves on Thursday for that place, where he will open a pharmacy. He is a '05 graduate of Ontario College of Pharmacy, and is among the recent new arrivals in the west.

C. K. Skaro, a merchant of Skaro met with an accident last week. He was driving home from Edmonton when his horses ran away and he was thrown out and had his arm broken. He was taken to the General hospital where the broken bone was set. This morning he was brought back again having broken the same arm again and is in a somewhat serious condition.

Notwithstanding the advent on Jasper avenue of the very modern trolley car, the "trail" for pedestrians up that populous thoroughfare of late has meandered as wantonly as did the trail of earlier days. In the present case the cause is just as obvious as then, although perhaps different in form. The snow storm of some days ago left drifts ennumerable on the sidewalks, many of which have been left to be dissipated by the weather or to be eventually trodden down by continuous traffic. Has Edmonton a snow by-law?

INJURED IN RUNAWAY.

A rather serious accident occurred on Saturday when Leslie Short, of Norwood, who was driving a dray in the east end of the city for Williamson Bros., meat merchants, Norwood, was badly injured in a runaway accident. The horses became frightened and ran away and Short was thrown forward when the dray struck a post. He fell between the horses and the wagon and the wheels passed over his face and shoulders. His lower jaw was fractured his nose broken, the top of his shoulder blade knocked off, and his face and head badly bruised. He was taken to the Public Hospital in an ambulance and is reported to be doing much better than was expected.

GOLD MEDAL FOR ALBERTA.

The most flattering comments that were heard from all quarters regarding the Alberta exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto last September, are being recalled by the communication which has been received by Premier Rutherford from Dr. J. O. Orr, secretary of the Exhibition. The letter, which can best speak for itself is as follows:

Hon. A. C. Rutherford,
Premier of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alta.

My Dear Sir:—I take great pleasure in informing you that we have forwarded today a gold medal awarded to the exhibit of the Province of Alberta at this year's Canadian National Exhibition.

Your exhibit was one of the most beautiful that I have ever seen. It reflects great credit upon those who prepared it and I wish also to add my personal recognition of the manner in which the exhibit was looked after by the employees of your government here. The exhibit I am sure will prove profitable to your province.

Yours very truly,
J. O. ORR,
Secretary.

The medal is of beautiful design and is daintily enclosed in a box lined with black velvet. It is most highly prized by Premier Rutherford and Hon. W. T. Finlay, as a reward for merit, and as a recognition of the splendid record that the province of Alberta is establishing for itself throughout the Dominion.

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PERSONAL.

A. Pri-coll, Dominion land surveyor, left Tuesday on the C.P.R. for Koloma, B. C.

Howard Douglas, of Banff, commissioner of Dominion parks, is in the city, a guest at the Alberta Hotel.

L. D. Bray, Dominion land surveyor, went east Tuesday on the C.P.R. to Windsor, Ont.

Hon. C. W. Cross, attorney general, left Monday on the C.N.R. for Winnipeg.

Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works, came up from the south Monday.

J. K. Burgess, solicitor for the town of Camrose, was in the city Wednesday, a guest at the Alberta Hotel.

The Misses McCauley returned last week from England, where they went on the teachers' excursion recently.

Miss Dubuc, who has been visiting for the past three weeks at Mrs. N. D. Beck's, left Monday for Winnipeg.

Dr. Tory, president of the Alberta C.N.R. Wednesday to attend a meet- university went east to Toronto over the ing of the Educational committee of the Methodist General Conference.

John Gordon left the city Tuesday on the C.P.R. for Scotland, sailing from St. John on the steamship Empress of Ireland on Dec. 11th.

Mr. G. Bonneau, of California, is visiting his cousins, J. N. Bonneau and Alex. Bonneau, formerly of the Edmonton Wine and Spirit Co.

DEATH OF WILLIAM WOOD.

The death of Mr. William A. Wood o'clock Wednesday afternoon, after a Victoria avenue, Edmonton, at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, after a long illness.

Mr. Wood was born in Brockville, Ont., in 1854, and came to Edmonton about two and a half years ago. For over twenty years he was on the C. P. R. office staff, but ill health compelled him to retire some months ago. His brother, James, is collector of inland revenue at Brockville, where also live three sisters, Mrs. G. Weatherhead, Mrs. Strong and Miss Laura Wood. Two other sisters are Mrs. S. Wilcie, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Kitchen, Vancouver, B.C. Another brother was the late Hon. John F. Wood, of Brockville, who was controller of inland revenue in the Dominion government under Premier Thompson, and minister of customs under Premier Bowell.

The late Mr. Wood was a Presbyterian and is survived by a widow who has the deep sympathy of many friends in her bereavement. The funeral took place Friday afternoon at two o'clock from the family residence to the Edmonton cemetery.

THE CAMROSE CANADIAN.

The latest venture in the Alberta journalistic field is the Camrose Canadian, a very creditable production both in reading matter and in advertising patronage, of which George P. Smith, who can be known to many men of this district, is the editor and manager. In its initial number the Camrose Canadian tenders its thanks for the splendid support it has received from the business men of the town makes an extended reference to the duty the press has to perform, and great responsibility. Of its political complexion the journal says: "It is not intended that the name should cover up in any way the political tendencies of the paper. The Canadian will discuss political questions from the Liberal viewpoint, but at the same time, it is hoped that those questions may be discussed in a spirit of fairness and tolerance that will make the paper readable by all Canadians of any party. Political meetings of both parties, will be reported fairly and truthfully. Comment, if any, will be reserved for the editorial page. This is, and always has been, our idea of how every paper should be conducted. By being fair and reasonable at all times we hope to justify our claim to the name we have chosen. The Camrose Canadian.

VISITED BRITISH SCHOOLS.

Misses McCauley, after touring the British Isles with the delegation of Canadian teachers, have returned to Edmonton. They express themselves as delighted with the reception that was tendered Canadians by the British educationalists and with the facilities that were offered of studying the British school system.

Of the Canadian teachers who made the trip under the direction of James L. Hughes, of Toronto, only four or five were from Alberta. Organization seemed to be lacking among the Canadian teachers, and it is doubtful if they derived as much benefit from the trip as they might have done. In this respect, the Misses McCauley state, they were in marked contrast to the United States teachers, who went more in a body and let nothing of importance escape them.

The teachers across the line had one distinct advantage, in that the expenses of the trip were paid and their salaries continued in their absence. The Alberta delegates not only paid their own expenses, but had their salaries discontinued during the two months of their absence.

The delegates from Alberta feel that the trip has been one of great profit to them. The result of their comparison of the educational systems of the two countries is that the Canadians feel they have a great deal to learn, while at the same time they realize that the British schools could profit by some of the features of Canadian schools. It was generally conceded that the singing, drawing and English literature branches of the curriculum in the British schools are most admirable.

In connection with the visit to one of the schools, an endeavor was made to acquaint the Canadian teachers with the general knowledge that the scholars had of Canadian geography.

"Name several of the leading cities of Canada," asked the teacher of the eager scholars.

"Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Saskatchewan and Alberta" were several of the answers received.

To the surprise of the Canadians, these answers were accepted as correct.

A NEW BUILDING BYLAW.

Immediately after the civic elections and during the three remaining weeks of the old council's term of office they will take up the question of a new building bylaw and will get in shape a bylaw that will be the most satisfactory possible both to the ratepayers and the fire insurance underwriters. The mayor and council of 1908 do not intend that the work of framing up a new bylaw shall be shouldered upon their successors of next year who take office on the first Monday in January.

MONTHLY STATISTICS.

The monthly statistics for November again indicate the continued march of progress of Edmonton and the district during the past month. Some of the figures are as follows:

Postal Service.

The following new post-offices have been established in the province of Alberta during the months of October and November:

Ben Lake; Sec. 18, Tp. 54, R. 13, W. 4; semi-weekly from Vegreville.

Larkspur; Sec. 30, Tp. 53, R. 13, W. 4, weekly from Ross Creek.

Lea Park; Sec. 4, Tp. 54, R. 3, W. 4; weekly from Tring.

McDonaldville; Sec. 36, Tp. 47, R. 3 W. 4; weekly from Kitscoty.

Stone's Corners; Sec. 6, Tp. 49, R. 2, W. 4; weekly from Lloydville.

The frequency of mail service in the following post offices has been increased:

Onoway, to twice per week, from Lac Ste. Anne.

Dewberry, to twice per week, from Islay.

New money order offices have been opened at Namao and Cardiff.

New street letter and parcel boxes in Edmonton have been placed at the following locations:

(1) Corner of Twelfth street and McKay ave.

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(1) Corner of Twelfth street and Jasper ave.

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(1) Corner of Sixteenth street and Jasper ave.

Parcel receptacles:

(1) Corner of Namayo ave. and Jasper ave.

(1) Corner of Twelfth street and Jasper ave.

(1) Corner of Third street and Jasper ave.

Land Office Returns.

In probably no public department is the great growth of Edmonton district more noticeable than in the Dominion land office records. The figures for November, 1907 and November, 1908, show a great contrast in favor of the present year. They are as follows:

	1908	1907
Homestead entries	525	269
Permits issued	275	103
Letters received	6171	2699
Letters sent	2967	2925
Applications for cancellation	136	93

Building Permits.

Building permits for the month of November amount to $140,000. This is in marked contrast to the same month last year, when the total was only $55,000. This year's permits have now reached over the two and a half million mark, the total being $2,587,840. These figures are the largest in Edmonton's history.

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Vital Statistics.

Vital statistics for the month of November are as follows: Births, 44; marriages, 36; deaths, 20.

Customs Returns.

The customs receipts for the month of November, 1908, totalled $45,806.28. For the corresponding month last year the total was $15,375.98. During the month there were 200 express parcels delivered and 554 mail parcels delivered.

CARS RUNNING TO STRATHCONA.

The street car line between Edmonton and Strathcona is being cleared today and a car was run over to the sister city Wednesday. Whether the regular service will be inaugurated tomorrow is now wholly dependant upon the electric power available. Supt. Taylor says he is all ready to begin the service at any time that sufficient power is available and if the repairs to the producer gas plant are finished by today he will likely start tomorrow morning.

At the producer gas plant the engineers of the installing company are still engaged in making the repairs consequent upon the explosion of last Sunday. Commissioner McNaughton states that the plant may be ready to supply power this afternoon but as it is still on the hands of the manufacturers he is not in a position to make a definite statement.

Supt. Taylor will, in the course of a few days, place an order with the Ottawa Car company for four more double truck street cars similar to those now in use. They will cost about $6,400 each, and will have some improvements on those now running in the way of larger vestibules and better brake arrangements. Mr. Taylor was last night given the option of selecting three or four cars as he thought advisable and as the probable demand will be greatly increased within the next few months it has been decided to secure four at the present time. It will be several months before the cars are delivered, as the manufacturers will not be rushed in their building and painting, in order that they may turn out the best possible material. At least one more of these cars will be placed on the Strathcona route, thus giving a three car interurban service before spring. Air brakes will also be installed on this service.

STRATHCONA MURDER TRIAL.

At the R. N. W. M. P. barracks Tuesday, the preliminary hearing of the charge of murder preferred against Thomas Oliver was begun before Inspector Worsley. The charge read that "Thos. Oliver of Strathcona did on the night of Monday, October 5th last at Strathcona murder Thos. Burns of the same place."

When Oliver, who is an old British army soldier, about seventy years of age, was brought down stairs from the guard room to the office where the trial was to be held, he appeared in feeble condition. From step to step he walked hesitantly and with apparent stiffness. The old gray-bearded man seemed deeply interested in the proceedings and followed every word of the evidence with the closest attention.

The evidence adduced this morning by the prosecution was of the slimmest character up to the present time. The strongest facts brought out were that the accused had been seen at Burns' shack on Saturday previous to the Monday night of the murder and that when he was arrested some days later spots were found upon his corduroy pants which were later identified as blood spots by Dr. Revell, provincial bacteriologist.

Up to the present time there is no evidence of his having been seen near the shack on Monday, though one witness met him going towards Strathcona on Monday afternoon, and another saw him entering the Commercial hotel in that city.

The Evidence Taken.

Andrew M. Campbell, who resides on the property immediately east of the shack where Burns lived in Fifth avenue South, testified that he was acquainted with the prisoner. He stayed with the deceased for some weeks in the shack, "baching" together. This was the latter part of July or in August. He only saw him there once again, that was on Saturday previous to the day that Burns was assaulted. The shack is owned by John Scott of Beaver Hills. He knew Thos. Burns pretty well. He lived alone, but said he had a wife and family in the United States. He had put in three gardens, and that was about all he did except small chores. Oliver had been employed for some time in sawing wood for Crawford & Weeks.

Witness said he was aroused a few minutes before twelve o'clock by a man, Mr. Bard, calling his name outside. He went over to the house of Burns and found him sitting on the floor with a nightshirt, drawers and stockings on. The bed had been occupied and on the floor near the door was a pool of blood near where his head would have been if he were lying down. His head, gray whiskers and hands were all covered with blood. Witness and Bard wrapped the deceased with clothes and the latter went for the police. Officers Meehan and Sharkey returned and Burns was removed to the hospital about three blocks away.

On Monday, October 5, witness saw Oliver and another man, a Galician he thought, come into the Commercial hotel about half past four. He appeared about as usual at that time. The last time he saw Burns before the assault was about half past eight that evening. For some time before that he had been getting his breakfast and supper at the house of the witness.

There was no cross examination.

Deceased Retired Early.

Mrs. Campbell, wife of the last witness, testified Burns had been digging potatoes at her house all the afternoon of October 5th. He left the house about half-past eight saying he was going home. Burns had said that a Mr. Young had dinner with him on the Saturday previous.

To Mr. Brenyan, she said she had seen this Mr. Young around Burns' place several times in the summer but had not seen him since.

Delmer Bard, whose house was directly west of Burns' shack, testified that while he was going home about midnight on October 5th he heard groans from the shack. We went in and by the aid of matches found him lying on the floor of the bedroom in a pool of blood. He raised him up and found his head and hands all covered with blood. Witness then called Mr. Campbell and afterwards notified the police. When he found Burns in the house he could not say that he was wholly conscious, but he kept exclaiming, "The Lord have mercy on my soul." There was no lock on the outer door, but when he entered there appeared to be a slight prop. The inner door was partly closed. Officer Meehan picked up an axe standing about a foot and a half from the door, in the vacant room. (The axe was produced and identified.)

Chief of Police's Evidence.

Chief of Police Meeghan testified to being called to the shack of Burns at midnight on October 5th. He went in company with Constable Sharkey, whom he met on the street. Burns seemed in great pain, and when witness made an examination he found several scalp wounds. Burns complained also of his back, even more than about his head. While Constable Sharkey was away to the hospital for a stretecher, witness made an examination of the room. The pool of blood on the floor was considerably clothed, showing the injuries must have been inflicted some time before. Outside the door he found an axe (produced) with blood stains upon it. The bed in the room looked as if the deceased had just rolled out. There was no smell of liquor upon him. Drs. May and Green were called in and dressed the wounds. He had seen the prisoner several times in Strathcona. He was present with the late Chief McCauley when he was arrested at the Edmonton City Coal Mine, on the north side of the river. He was found upstairs in a boarding-house there. The Chief told him to put on the same clothing he had on October 5th, and he put on a pair of corduroy trousers, a sweater and a brown overcoat (produced). These were removed when he got to Strathcona and the clothes handed over to Corporal Phillips, of the R.N.W.M.P., for examination.

To Mr. Brenyan, witness said that the prisoner made no attempt to change his name or hide his identity at the coal mine.

Blood Spots on Clothes.

Dr. D. G. Revell, provincial bacteriologist, was the next witness. He had been handed by Captain Worsley, of the R.N.W.M.P., some clothing those worn by Thomas Oliver on the 5th of October. He examined them and found blood stains on the lower parts of the legs and in the right hand hip pocket. Of fourteen of the stains examined ten were blood stains. He could not tell if they were human blood stains.

To Mr. Brenyan, Dr. Revell told of the different tests he had made of the fourteen stains. He had given them chemical tests, and of the ten blood stains three had been further examined under the microscope.

Captain Carstairs was the last witness before adjournment. He told of meeting the accused coming to Strathcona at the Saskatchewan bridge on the afternoon of the 5th about two o'clock and passing him again at the top of the hill about three o'clock. He was drunk at the time and wore the clothes produced in court.

The hearing was then adjourned till two o'clock, when the evidence of Drs. May and Green and a number of other witnesses will be taken.

Tuesday afternoon, the preliminary hearing, before Inspector Worsley, of Thomas Oliver, charged with the murder of Thomas Burns at Strathcona on the night of October 5th last, was concluded, and he was sent up for trial at the next sitting of the Supreme Court. The strongest evidence of the forenoon was of the blood stains afterwards found upon his pants, and in the afternoon the strongest evidence was that of a witness, who saw the accused shortly after seven on the evening of the 5th near the Oddfellows' Hall, two blocks from Burns' shack, going in the direction of the shack. Another witness saw him about an hour after daylight the next day coming out of the brush a quarter of a mile west of Burns' shack and appearing as if he had slept outside all night.

Mike Kruzka, bar-tender at the Commercial Hotel, testified that Oliver had come into the bar between four and five on Monday, October 5th, with Jack Ordyez, a Galician, and had a number of drinks.

William Hilliar, who boarded at the Windsor Hotel, saw the accused about a quarter to seven in the hotel. He left about three-quarters of an hour later.

George Gilliland saw the accused between a quarter and a half after seven near the Oddfellows' Hall, two blocks away from Burns' shack, and going in the direction of the shack.

Alex. Bush saw the accused on Monday afternoon about four o'clock near the Saskatchewan bridge, going to Strathcona, and he saw him again on Tuesday morning, about an hour after daylight, quarter of a mile west of Burns' shack. He appeared as if he had slept in the woods all night.

Steve Snellman, timekeeper at the Clover Bar coal mine, said that Oliver came to the mine about eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning and was given a job. He did not go to work till the next day. He worked there until the 20th, when he was arrested.

This ended the evidence. Inspector Worsley stated that the evidence was sufficient to warrant a committal and he was accordingly committed to stand trial at the next sitting of the Supreme Court.

TWO DIFFICULT FIRES.

The Edmonton fire department had the first experience this season of winter fire fighting Monday night and early Tuesday, when they were called to two of the most troublesome blazes of the year. The first alarm came in at 7.15 o'clock last night for the Edmonton Steam Laundry, at the foot of the hill on Third street, and the second at 5.15 a.m. Tuesday for the C.N.R. perishable freight shed at the upper end of Fourth street. On each occasion the thermometer was below zero and the firemen were engaged in coping with the burning buildings were covered with ice.

The First Fire.

The alarm from the Edmonton Steam Laundry, a two-storey frame building came in over the automatic telephone on the No. 29 call, a passerby having noticed the flames inside the building. The West End and the Central Halls both responded, but when they arrived the interior of the building was in the grip of the flames and beyond control. Five streams of water were soon playing on the fire, which, owing to the dry material of the construction and a large ventilator in one end, making a strong draught, proved to be one of the fiercest of the year.

An Hour's Hard Fighting.

It was only after an hour's hard fighting that the fire was got under control. The efforts of the brigade resulted in the saving of the end of the building, in which the boiler and gas engine were located, and in preventing the explosion of the large gasoline tank in a shed at the rear. Today nothing remains but the bare walls of the structure, with the laundry machinery piled in a heap in the bottom.

The building and machinery is valued at $22,000 and the insurance is estimated at $12,000. The laundry was owned by a joint stock company of local capitalists, most prominent of whom are W. S. Gowan and T. O. McKay. In the laundry at the time was a large amount of washing, which had been gathered in during the forenoon.

The cause of the fire has not been ascertained. All the employees, including the engineer, left the building shortly after six o'clock, and there was no one in the building afterwards. Neither Manager Hart, of the company, nor the engineer have any idea of the cause.

Fire Early Tuesday Morning.

At 5.15 a.m. Tuesday the West end brigade was again called to the C.N.R. freight sheds for a blaze in the newly-constructed perishable freight building. The fire had been caused by coal from the stove burning through the floor. The fire then spread underneath and up between the double walls, the outer of which was covered with galvanized steel. When the firemen reached the scene a nasty conflagration was threatened but by hard work they got it under control. The loss is estimated at $150 or $200.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY BANQUET

The sons of the heather, and the daughters, too, to the number of 200 gathered in the Separate School Hall last evening to do honor to the patron saint of old Scotland. St. Andrew's Day has long been commemorated by Edmonton Scotsmen in song and story around the banqueting table, but Monday evening was the first on which the occasion has been graced by the presence of the ladies. All the lads declared that the innovation was for the better, and the lassies seemed to think so too, but some present, who had seen a dozen St. Andrew's celebrations in Edmonton, felt that the spirit of Bobby Burns must have felt a "wee bit lonely" before the gathering rose. The presence of the ladies, however, is assured at future St. Andrew's Day celebrations.

The full pipe band sounded a rousing skirl through the hall shortly after eight o'clock, when the haggis was placed on the table. George J. Kinnear, president of the society, officiated at the head of the table, and about him sat the guests of the evening.

Mr. James McGeorge, secretary, read communications from His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea, Hon. Premier Rutherford, Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. W. T. Finlay, A. Williamson Taylor, Mayor McDougall and others, expressing regret at being unable to be present, and greetings were received from the sister societies of Vancouver and Winnipeg.

Minister of Interioor Present.

After the toast to "Oor King an' his Representative," the Chairman proposed "Oor Konstitution an' Government," and coupled with it the honored guest of the evening, Hon. Frank Oliver and John A. Macpherson.

Mr. Oliver spoke of the pleasure it gave him to meet his friends on an even footing after the turmoil of politics had ceased. He referred to the part Scotsmen had played in the front ranks in the mechanical and financial world and how they have been called to rule the destinies of nations. The names of Sir John A. Macdonald, Geo. Brown, Sir Oliver Mowat, Alexander MacKenzie and William MacKenzie were recalled as the names of Scotsmen who have done great things for Canada in moulding the character of Canadians.

John A. MacPherson, M.P.P., spoke a few words of greeting on behalf of the provincial government.

Principal Rae, president-elect of the Caledonian Society, responded to the toast "Oor Homeland, the pride o' the world." He felt that St. Andrew's night was the occasion for glorifying Scottish saints and heroes. He recalled the spirit of Bruce and Wallace and thought that the sturdy independence and indomitable will were still the chief characteristics of the Scottish race. As explorers in the Canadian West, Scotsmen were well to the fore by reason of their force of character. Referring to Scottish literature, Mr. Rae spoke of the works of Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott. Scotchmen had many reasons to be proud of Scottish heroes, and their duty here was to be worthy of their heritage.

The Pride of the Empire.

"Oor country the pride o' the empire" was responded to by Mr. James McGeorge and Rev. Dr. McQueen. The genial secretary rejoiced in the success of the St. Andrew's celebration on this occasion and attributed it to the presence of the ladies. Rev. Dr. McQueen referred to the new era upon which the society had entered and felt that the "modified proceedings" did not confuse the gathering in the least. In the land that we called ours let us never be untrue to the land we came from. Let us play our part in the building up of Canada as loyal men and women. While we do our duty to the land we live in, let us remember there is a land to which we all are going.

Greeting From the City.

Aldermen Gariepy and Fraser spoke to the toast of "Oor city" in the absence of Mayor McDougall. The former spoke of the wonderful development of Edmonton. Only a few years ago a million and a half dollars was deemed adequate as the purchase price of the Northwest Territories. The assessment of Edmonton alone at the present day is twenty-five million dollars. In 1887 there were only 3,000 electors in the whole of Alberta; today there will be 5,000 voters at the coming municipal elections.

The musical program, which was Scottish in character, contributed no small part to the evening's enjoyment. Solos were rendered by Mr. McIsaacs, Mr. Morton, Miss McCrimmon. The Misses McCrimmon gave a mandolin selection and Miss Grant a Highland dance. The pipers played superbly throughout the evening. The most successful banquet was brought to a close with "Auld Lang Syne."

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Edmonton a United City—Council's Greatest Wor Year's Accomplishm

That one of the most prog uniformly successful years tory of the city of Edmont deed, in the history of an Canada, is drawing to its brought to the attention of t Friday evening by the hold annual ratepayers' meeting arate school theatre. At th the annual report showing done during the past year a a detailed statement of all re expenditures was presented ing but complete satisfactio qualified approval of the w civic administration of the was heard.

The outstanding figure in t of the city during the past the man to whom the city large debt of gratitude for h and yet progressive policy John A. McDougall. As t important position of chief m of the city at a time when confusion reigned supreme, city's financial standing wa ed, its various departments ized, and the city split up positive factions, Mayor McD stored order and placed the the proud position of one of progressive and up-to-date Canada. When he appeare meeting before the ratepaye city to give an account of his ship, he was met by prolon hearty applause, a tribute to t did success he has made. A dress proceeded and he set fo clear cut statement of the fin the city, showed the impre made and the flourishing con all departments, admiration work of the mayor and co the year 1908 deepened; an conclusion a hearty vote of to the administration was una ly carried.

There were present on the besides the mayor, Comm Butchart and McNaughton, a Bellamy, Lee, Armstrong, Man derson, McInnis, Fraser and The meeting was not large, in itself, might be taken as indication of the satisfaction zens feel in the way the city have been handled during th The mayor spoke for over an h a half. Upon the conclusion address Commissioner McN referred briefly to the new c ducer plant, explaining the c the trouble experienced in pu in regular operation after wh meeting adjourned. Nearly aldermanic candidates were and listened with marked atte the resume of the work of during the past year.

Mayor McDougall Speak

Mayor McDougall stated th purpose of this meeting was mayor and council of the past give an account of their stewa They had not made many p when seeking election, but he they had carried out these p and more, too. (Applause.)

The mayor deplored the fa there were not more present meeting, but felt that he mig it as implying a feeling of satis with the work of the council the past year. (Cries of "Sur applause.)

"Industry, energy and ente was the motto adopted by Ed when it was created a city fou ago, and the mayor stated th council during the past year h devoured to exemplify this mot

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