NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

WABAMUN.

Bulletin News Service.

A. G. Bennett is preparing to build a few cottages for rent to summer visitors, and it is rumored that several others will be erected. Silver Beach will have a few ready for occupancy by the time the season opens.

Several teams are engaged in hauling lumber from White & Short's mill to the yards at the east end of the lake.

The provincial election having been announced, H. H. Rendall has been appointed organizer and Fred Francey returning officer for this district. Peter Gunn, of Lac Ste Anne, will be the Liberal candidate. No Conservative candidate has announced himself as yet. The convention is to be held at Lac Ste Anne. The new district is bounded on the east by the line running east of section 4-53-3-5 and on the south by the base line, on the west by the mountains.

There was a very pleasant dance given at Mrs. Woollard's last Tuesday evening. The attendance was good and all present enjoyed themselves.

Fred Jaucastry has the material out for a 35 foot gasoline launch, which he will have ready for use this season.

Wabamun now has three mails a week by stage. Mr. Akins, former mail carrier, performed his duties faithfully for the six years in which he delivered the mail to the Mission House on Paul's Reserve, never making a mistake in the mails. He well earned the gratitude of all concerned.

Harry White has now about 200,000 feet of excellent lumber on the south side of the lake, opposite Coal Point. He has still 8,000 logs to cut before spring. Now is the time to build in Wabamun.

T. Doyle, barber, is spending the week at Entwhistle, previous to going to Edmonton.

That liquor was being sold illegally and a house of ill-fame was being run at Entwhistle has been well known for some time. After service on Sunday evening, February 21st, Rev. J. W. Wright, Methodist minister, undertook to make an investigation and to secure evidence. Having gained his evidence he laid the facts before R.N.W.M. Policeman Tyler, stationed at Entwhistle. Constable Tyler was himself planning a raid. Mr. Wright took up his position at the front door and Constable Tyler sought admission at the back. "Who's there?" came a woman's voice from within. Tyler mumbled. "I'll not let you in till I know who you are," came the voice. "Police," came the answer.

At this there was a stampede for the front door. Here stood the preacher waiting with an automatic six-shooter. "Oh!" gasped the crowd as they hurriedly retired indoors. "Don't shoot," cried one, "I'm afraid."

Constable Tyler was at once admitted, and though liquor was supposed to be in the house it could not be found. Six men and five women comprised the crowd. The women were told to appear in court the next day. Some of the men were freighters. All the women pleaded guilty. Mrs. Campbell, the landlady, was fined $10 and costs and the rest $5 and costs.

Wabamun, March 1.

REXBORO.

Bulletin News Service.

The farmers have put corduroy on the mile of road allowance running east and west between the property of Messrs. Remingar and McAuley. This is a part of the main road from Wabamun to Entwistle which must be put through this summer.

It is reported that Mr. Marjarison has been asked by the C.N.R. to set a price on his quarter section.

At the next regular weekly meeting of the Literary Society at the Methodist parsonage a debate on "Woman Suffrage" will be held, Mrs. K. McAuley leading the free for, and Mrs. R. McClelland against the lady voters.

Fishing has now ceased on the whole lake except that an odd Story Indian sets a net. This has been an exceptionally poor season and very little money was made.

Rexboro, March 1.

ALIX.

Bulletin News Service.

The machinery and presses for the new local paper are being installed. The first issue is expected on March 11th.

Messrs. Tate and Kean gave a whist party last Thursday evening to their friends, which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

Rev. Wm. Hamilton was in Camrose last week attending a meeting of the Presbytery.

Capt. Fagan, who has been stopping with Pinnell Bros. for the past few few weeks, left for Edmonton this morning.

H. Dalby is building a new residence at the south end of town.

H. Turnbull is making preparations to erect a new house on the McMillan farm recently purchased by him. E. Bashaw is the contractor.

M. A. Mather contemplates putting up a new general store in the spring.

The new Stanton school district, southwest of town, recently organized, has let a contract to Waterman for a school building.

Alix, March 2nd.

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

The District court met in the town hall today, Judge Taylor presiding. There were two criminal cases and three civil ones. Crown vs. Luczak. This was a case of assault, in which Geo. Luczak, from Sacred Heart, was charged with assaulting his wife last August by tieing her hands with binder twine to get her to make a confession. This case was tried before Boileau, J.P., Duverney, and the prisoner committed for trial. He was taken to the Fort, where he was kept until last month, when he was let out on bail. The parties are Galicians. The evidence went to show that the plaintiff was confined last August and a little girl was born, when the husband got jealous and abused her as above stated. The judge was very severe and stated that he was sorry that the act under which this case was tried did not allow the lash, as it was a brutal act, the accused allowing his jealousy to get the better of him. This being his first offence he would let him off easy by sentencing him to nine months in the guard room at Fort Saskatchewan with hard labor. Crown Attorney Lees prosecuted and F. A. Morrison appeared for the defence.

The other criminal case of the Crown vs. Welsh, was not tried as the accused elected to be tried by jury.

The first civil case was one of a small debt contracted by one Stephen McHaight, in W. J. Earl's store at Hurry. As Haight was not present the judge gave judgment for $10.27, the amount of the debt, with the privilege of the defendant to open up the case again.

Earl vs. Droney. This was a case of debt on a plow. The defendant had bought a plow from Earl and it did not give satisfaction and the plow was brought back. The plow was made up of different parts of other machinery which caused it to tip over. He lost quite a deal of work on account of the promises made to get a new plow. There was a counter claim put in by Droney. The defendant was put under severe examination by J. T. J. Collison, but his evidence was unshaken. Droney had a great many witnesses. The defence claimed that alterations had been made in the notes after he had signed them. The plaintiff received judgment for the three notes of $85, $38 and $7 and the general costs of the action. In contra to that the defendant received $10 for his trouble and plaintiff had to pay the costs of the witnesses of the counter claim other than the plaintiff himself. Jas. T. J. Collison appeared for the plaintiff and W. A. D. Lees for the deendant.

Worth and Holden vs. Sigler. This was an action brought by Worth and Holden, insurance agents, to recover a premium of $64 on insurance on the livery stable of Philip Sigler. As the plaintiffs failed to prove that the money had been paid to the insurance company the action was dismissed. F. A. Morrison appeared for the plaintiff and Jas. T. J. Colison for the defendant.

J. E. Loucks, Geo. Stewart, E. E. Morton, G. W. Walker (skip), brought back the Gallagher cup and four chairs as their share of the booty from the Twin City bonspiel.

The Vegreville fire brigade have affiliated with the Provincial association. Chief McInnis has been appointed representative on the executive. Thomas Charlebois handed in his resignation as sub-chief owing to the pressure of business. The resignation was accepted.

Revival meetings are being conducted in the Methodist church this week. Owing to ill health Harrech, the fancy skater, has cancelled his engagement here.

Vegreville, March 4.

BLACKFALDS.

Bulletin News Service.

Rev. T. A. Bowen of this place delivered a lecture on the life of Abraham Lincoln Thursday evening, which was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Callicut and family from Armstrong, B. C., are moving this week to their property south of town which was recently purchased from Mr. Fisher. Mr. Callicut is expecting his car of stock and household goods to arrive in a few days.

Arthur Jenkins left today for Langolan, Alta., where he is employed as a carpenter.

W. P. Donald returned from Minnesota, where he spent the winter. He reports some severe weather there this winter.

B. Fackler is doing carpenter work in Valley City for E. L. Johnson.

The hockey match between Blackfalds and Lakeside resulted in a score of 3 to 2 in favor of Blackfalds. The game was played in Blackfalds on Thursday evening.

A. J. Fisher and family are moving to Armstrong, B. C., where they have purchased a farm.

Mr. J. Capron, A. J. Shular, G. B. Share and James McNicol of this place attended the Liberal convention at Lacombe on Friday, the 5th, as delegates.

Blackfalds, March 4th.

RED DEER.

Bulletin News Service.

C. P. McCutcheon left for the coast Wednesday night, where he has been promoted to a branch of the Merchant's Bank in Vancouver.

Mr. Hayes, formerly of Wetaskiwin, has arrived in town and is taking a position as accountant with the Great West Lumber Company.

W. P. Helliwell has withdrawn from the Imperial Bank as manager and leaves for Calgary shortly. Mr. and Mrs. Helliwell have made many friends in Red Deer who will regret their departure from town.

A. T. Stephenson, skip, and his rink consisting of W. H. Hanna, Hugh Clark and R. C. Brumpton, took part in the Edmonton bonspiel last week, and secured a number of valuable prizes. They made a good showing against some of the best rinks in the province.

A fast game of hockey took place here Tuesday night between the Waskasoo and Wanderer teams for the championship of the city league and the Wallace & Gaetz cup. The game was won by the Waskasoos, this being the second year in succession for them to capture the cup.

The sale of $19,400 of city of Red Deer debentures, tenders for which were opened on Monday, proved that this city holds a very high place in the money markets of the Dominion. The price obtained was $113.54, equal to a rate of about 4¾ per cent. This is about the best price ever obtained by any town in Alberta, which shows that we stand second to none in the province. Thirteen tenders were submitted, the highest being Wood, Gundy Co., to whom the debentures were awarded.

The Liberal convention was held in the Alexandra Hall Wednesday night for the purpose of electing a candidate in this constituency. Three names came before the convention, namely, J. T. Moore, F. W. Galbraith and T. B. Miller. The first ballot decided strongly in favor of Mr. J. T. Moore. In an eloquent address Mr. Moore heartily thanked his supporters for the honor conferred on him in choosing him as their representative, and at some length reviewed his work as member of this constituency during the past four years.

Red Deer, March 5th.

SUCCESSFUL PUPILS IN STRATHCONA SCHOOLS.

Those Who Have Won Distinction During the Month of February—Pupils of Grandin Street and Duggan Street Schools Who Have Gained Honorable Mention.

Grandin Street School.

Standard V., E. L. Luck, Teacher...

Seniors—Isabel Hotson, Harry Wilson, Clifton Chapman, Jim Bell, John Annable, Annie Sheppard, Donald McDonald.

Juniors—Ollie Lynn, Reta Thomson.

Standard IV., Miss L. M. Bell, Teacher.

Seniors—Verna Mayor, Helen Flemming, Helen Miller, Lila Richards, Gladys Powers, Olive Wells, Dora Richards.

Juniors—Lillie Whitla, Ruth Ruccius, Pearl McCuaig, Mary Beaton.

Standard III., Miss J. Porter, Teacher.

Seniors—Lang Chapman, Gertie Gray, Gay Russius, Jeannie Watson, Mabel McLean, Clara McMenomy, Neil Duggan, Lily Vogle, Connie Skinner.

Juniors—Norman Scott, GladysAncocks, Allen Wilson, Willie Howatson, Harry Thomson, Keitha Green, Albert Harris.

Standard II., Miss J. E. Fraser, Teacher—Martha Stockman, Kathleen Dickson, Dolly Mewman, Jean Lloydd, Lily Richardson, Rhea Nagle.

Standard I. C, Miss C. E. Blackney, Teacher—Herman Riske, Thomas Sheppard, Harold Miller, Lexie Elder, Lizzie Ruccius, Arthur Chapman, Mary Smith, Hattie Riske, Emma Bosenius, Olive Warren, Edna Scott, Roy Terry.

Standard I. B, Miss I. M. Durrand, Teacher—Alvina Jabs, Emil Parno, Dolly Lawes, Ray Gurger, Albert Werter, Adolf Jabs, Eddie McCormick, Robert Werner, Winnifred Terry, Maggie Caughlin, Sam Shafer, Ralph Pullam, Roy McDowell.

Standard I. A, Miss A. Thomson, Teacher—Sidney Gale, Maggie Howatson, Henry Kruger, Ida Glaser, Jane Eafner, Jean Henessey, Willie Runge, Lydia Huff, Amelia Parno, Leona Gaulet, Arthur Stifter.

Duggan School.

Standard V., R. H. Dobson, Teacher—Pearl Bisset, Genie Crumb, Gertie Watters, Annie McPhedran, Jack Kennedy, Alice McLean, Macie Radway, Ena McCombs, Louise Leake, May Adkins.

Standard III., Miss M. P. Kirkwood, Teacher—Wesley Madill, Ettie Foster, Edith Paterson, Nina Paterson, Gordon Robbins, Meta Robinson, Marjorie Spicer, Shirley Lowther, Harold Armstrong.

Standard IV., Miss G. E. Lou, Teacher.

Senior—Flossie Henderson, Arthur Davies, Floyd Kelly, Nora Young, Clarence Armstrong, Alex Smith and Winnie Armstrong, Lyle McCombs.

Juniors—Florence Gilmore, Fred Purvis, Norman McClellan.

Standard II., Miss J. F. Montgomery, Teacher.

Seniors—Ina McKenzie, Lily Mathews, Isabel Munro, Ivy Tuller, Cecil Clark.

Juniors—Stella Hepburn, Fred Maudii, Esther Ross, Georgina Carr, Robert Toube.

Standard I. C, Miss A. D. Lyle, Teacher—Mike Maudii, Rita Brick, Evelyn Daley, Roy Watters, Bertha Mollar, Ruth Brown, George Davies, Genevieve Jackson, Roy Thompson.

Standard I. B, Miss M. S. Bell, Teacher—Mary Moellar, Elsie Lecombs, Arnold Thompson, Helena Gauske, Jackie Melon, Amy Thomson, Irene O'Neil, Helena Mills, James MacDonald, Herbert Heap, John Thompson, Alban Fransen.

Standard I. A, Miss E. Sutherland, Teacher—Alice Joyce, Clarence Brown, Otto Ganske, Harry Bard, Cameron MacKinnon, Gladys McKernan, Annie Jackson, Pearl Hyney, Edith Van Someren, Willie Hutchinson.

TIN PLATE CO. IN LIQUIDATION.

Toronto Industry to be Wound Up—Assets More Than Liabilities.

Toronto, Mar. 5—An order for winding up the Canada Tin Plate and Sheet Steel Co., Limited, of Morrisburg, Ont., was granted today by Chief Justice Mulock, on petition of the American Securities company, creditor for $78,000. The liabilities said to total $225,000, but assets, when realized on, may show a small surplus. The company suffered from fire last April. The winding up order was asked for in October but was withdrawn, a re-organization resulting in a new company, the Canadian Sheet Steel corporation, which was to assume all debts of the old company, and 50,000 shares of stock in the new concern were to be turned over to shareholders of the old company. The liquidation entered upon is directed at the old company, not the new.

Direct Wireless Communication.

Rome, Mar. 6—King Victor Emmanuel granted a private audience to Wm. Marconi on Friday, and afterward entertained him at dinner. Marconi said that by the erection of an extra power plant at Coltano, near Pisa, he expected, within 12 months, to have direct wireless communication with America.

His Holiness' Indisposition.

Rome, March 5.—The Pope, who is suffering from a cold, is a little worse today. He is obliged to remain in bed this morning and he was not able to attend the Lenten sermon delivered before the Sacred College.

Coal Company Protests.

Glace Bay, N.S., Mar. 5—The Dominion Coal company will contest the United Mine Workers' application for a board of conciliation.

General Weyler Promoted.

Madrid, March 5—General Weyler, former minister of war, has been offered the captain-generaley of Catalonia.

MURDER OF D'ARCY M'GEE 41 YEARS AGO

Career of Brilliant Irishman Who Became a Leading Figure in Canadian Public Life. Details of His Assassination at Ottawa By a Fenian Sympathizer.

Ottawa, March 5—On April 7, 1868, Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee was shot and killed as he was about to enter the Toronto House, on Sparks street, Ottawa, the present site of the Citizen building.

The murdere was the first and only great political crime of the new nation and despite the fact that nearly half a century has rolled around, the event is recalled and discussed more than any incident in the history of the capital.

McGee was only 43 years of age at the time of his death, but had already gained a worldwide reputation, as a writer of prose and poetry, while his eloquence was a feature of all discussions in which he took part. Born in Carlingford, Louth, in 1825, he emigrated to America when only 17 years of age. His writings, all of which were devoted to the cause of Irish independence, soon attracted the notice of the great O'Connell, who offered him a position on the staff of the Dublin Freeman's Journal. McGee returned to Ireland in 1845 and affiliated himself with the Young Ireland party, soon assuming a prominent place in the councils of the organization. The futile revolution of 1848 caused him to leave Ireland and again take up his abode in the United States. He contributed at this period many bitter yet scholarly articles to the Celt and the Nation, breathing a fiery dislike to all British institutions. As time wore on, however, McGee, while still intensely loyal to the Irish cause, became less and less enamored of the United States and apparently realized that the democracy of that period, at any rate, was hardly liberal enough to permit of the recognition of the talents displayed by one of his race and religion.

In 1857 an invitation by the Irish Catholics of Montreal induced him to take up his abode in that city. He found in Canada the environment, he desired and soon became an enthusiastic advocate of the advantages of his adopted land. His advocacy of Canada as the objective point of Irish emigrants and his earnest efforts towards tolerance and broadmindedness soon brought him into prominence and his advancement followed and in 1863 he entered the administration of Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald, subsequently that of Sir E. P. Tache, of which he continued a member until the confederation act was passed.

Denounced Fenian Movement.

McGee had become, at this period, an opponent of the Fenian movement and denounced the whole scheme as a base deceit at every opportunity. His influence among thinking Irishmen was very great and his opposition grew very annoying to the Fenian leaders. During the last year of his life many ominous threats had been made against him and his friends had become solicitous for his safety. There was a strong Fenian element in Ottawa and it afterwards developed that the murdered man had been closely watched for months previous to his death.

The assassination of McGee in the dawn of April 7, 1868, is thus described in the Ottawa Citizen of that date:

"This morning shortly after two o'clock the city was thrown into a state of horror and alarm by a report that the Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee had been assassinated at the door of his boarding house in Sparks street. At first the dire intelligence was scarcely credted. But few who heard it could resist the desire to inquire into the correctness of the statement, which upon investigation turned out to be only too true. During the evening, the appointment of Dr. Tupper as commissioner to England had been under discussion in the House and the honorable gentlemen had addressed the Commons at some length on the subject. After the adjournment he must have left the Parliament buildings almost immediately, as the House had not risen more than twenty minutes before he was found lying murdered on the sidewalk in a pool of blood in front of the Toronto House, where he resided. It appears that a servant in the boarding-house heard someone at the door and a shot fired. Going to the door at once, she discovered the body of the murdered man lying on the planks, and at once gave the alarm. From the nature of the wound and the position in which the body lay there can be no doubt but that the murder was coolly done, and that instantaneous death ensued. The deceased was found lying on his back, his hat not even displaced from his head, and his walking cane under his arm. It is evident the honorable gentleman must have been in the act of opening the door, stooping to find the keyhole, with his head close to it, and his cane under his arm, and that the assassin must have approached him cautiously, and putting the pistol to his head behind his ear, discharged it and fled.

The News Spread Rapidly.

"The fearful news soon spread among the members of the Legislature, few of whom had retired to rest, and ere long the place was filled with his sorrowing friends and admirers, whose deeply-expressed detestation of the cowardly crime will find an echo in every honest breast. The Premier and the Premier of Ontario, with many others, hastened to the spot, and every effort was at once set on foot to discover the perpetrator of the crime, which for audacity and coldbloodedness stands unequaled in our history."

The old files of the Citizen convey in their faded pages a good idea of the tremendous sensation caused in the little city of Ottawa by the awful crime. Many are yet living who remember the stirring events that followed when the police, during the next few days, began their investigations which resulted in the arrest of P. Buckley and J. Buckley, messengers of the House; P. A. Egleson and P. J. Egleson, clothiers, of Sussex st.; Ralph Slattery, a school master; a young carpenter named White, and a printer named McKenna. The latter was arrested for a chance remark in which he expressed the opinion that McGee got only his just deserts, but it throws a strong light on the state of public feeling. In the meantime $10,000 reward had been offered by the privy council and the cabinets of Ontario and Quebec. Eventually all the prisoners were released and a new arrest made. The latter proved to be a tailor employed in the Egleson firm, named Patrick James Whelan. The latter, who was about 30 years of age, was a former Dublin man and turned up first in America at Quebec in 1865. He was a member of the volunteer cavalry in the ancient capital and a splendid horseman, but his outspoken Fenian opinions caused his expulsion from the regiment. He went to Buffalo, N.Y., but subsequently returned to Montreal, where he worked at his trade. He came of a strong Fenian family and had been heard in Montreal to threaten McGee's life on several occasions.

Whelan, curiously enough, was defended in the trial that followed by Hon. John Hillyard Cameron grand master of the Orange Order, who was a celebrated lawyer, and with whom were associated John O'Farrell, M.C. Cameron, provincal secretary of Ontario, and Mr. Kenneth MacKenzie, a well-known Reform leader. James O'Reilly, of Kingston, handled the case for the crown, and Hon. Chief Justice Richards presided at the trial, which proved to be one of the greatest legal battles of a period of intellectual giants. The case was complicated by the arrest of John Doyle, a waiter in the Russell House, and Mitchell, a Toronto man, the crown first wavering between Doyle and Whelan. The most dramatic incident in the trial was the testimony of the detectives who, concealed near Whalen's cell, overheard him one night confide to Doyle that he had "shot McGee like a dog at twenty paces."

The case against Whelan was a fairly strong one, although there was much that was circumstantial in it, and after a long trial he was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged on Dec. 10, 1868. John Hillyard Cameron carried the case to the court of queen's bench, Toronto, and Whelan was taken there on Nov. 21. Judge Morrison here dissented from a judgment by Chief Justice Richards and Judge Adam Wilson and a respite was granted to Whelan to allow Cameron to carry the case before the court of error and appeal, the execution being postponed until Feb. 11, 1869. The court, consisting of the judges of the courts of queen's bench, common pleas and chancery, was presided over by Hon. W. H. Draper and included ten judges. A great legal fight to save Whelan ensued and four judges, viz: Chief Justice Hagarty, Chancellor Vankoughnet, Vice-Chancellor Sprague and Judge Morrison, voted for a new trial on the ground of error in challenging the jury, but Hon. W. H. Draper, Chief Justice Richards, Vice-Chancellor Mowat, and Judges John Wilson, Adam Wilson and Gwynne agreed with the sentence of the court of queen's bench, and the sentence of death was sustained.

MODIFICATION OF TREATY.

U.S. Amendment to Waterways Treaty is Accepted By Great Britain.

Washington, March 6—Although the fight led by Senator Wm. A. Smith, of Michigan, for a modification of the treaty settling the boundary waters between the United States and Canada, resulted in a resolution providing that none of the existing riparian and other international rights of parties on either side of the St. Mary's river rapids in Michigan, should be affected, this resolution will not prevent the treaty from becoming effective. The Honorable James Bryce, the British ambassador, called at the state department this afternoon and agreed to the treaty as modified. It was feared in some quarters that the treaty might, with this resolution attached, be unacceptable to Great Britain but Mr. Bryce's assurance has removed that apprehension.

TWO VICTIMS OF DYNAMITE.

Missed Hole Results Fatally to Ten Miners.

Madoc, March 5.—Two men were killed and two injured by a dynamite explosion in Madoc township. W. A. Hungerford, M.E.V., of Madoc, and Robert Phillips, of Madoc township, have had a gang of men doing development work on what is known as Vankleek Gold property in Elziver township, about 10 miles northeast of Madoc. Last night at quitting time they put off a number of blasts, and, according to account, all the charges exploded. The men went to work this morning as usual and while engaged in drilling an explosion occurred. Dan Phillips was killed instantly. Felix Elore was so badly injured that he died a few hours afterwards. George Young was slightly injured about the head. J. C. Moore had his hands badly torn.

Earl Grey as a Miner.

Montreal, Mar. 5—The annual convention of the Canadian Mining institute closed tonight with a banquet at the Windsor. The principal speaker at the dinner was His Excellency Earl Grey, who made a humorous speech, in which he claimed to be a miner himself as many years ago he had taken a prospector's license in South Africa, which was about all he ever got out of active mining. Hon. Wm. Templeman, minister of mines, was also present and spoke briefly.

Monument to Irish Immigrants.

Cornwall, Ont., March 5.—The Ancient Order of Hibernians have authorized the erection of a monument at Grosse Isle, Quebec, to the memory of the Irish immigrants who perished there of fever half a century ago. The monument will be 56 feet high and will be built of Canadian granite. The price is about $10,000.

Alderman by Acclamation.

St. Catharines, Ont., March 5—Except in one ward nomination for the election of a council, made necessary by the unseating of aldermen which resulted over a technicality, resulted in acclamation.

HARBIN SITUATION LIVE ISSUE.

Railroad Policy is Not Approved By China or United States.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—The situation at Harbin, Manchuria, arising from the apparent determination of the railroad authorities to control the local administration, has become a live issue in Russian politics. The protests of China and the United States attract public attention, and it is believed that the aggressive stand of the railroad authorities in Manchuria will lead to complications.

Foreign Minister Iswolsky has sent a letter to Finance Minister Kokovsoff urgently advocating a modification of the railroad policy and the adoption of the foreign office plan for the government of all towns in the railroad zone. This step was necessary, because under the Russian system the administration of this city is in the hands of the ministry of finance. Iswolsky's plan contemplates the retirement of the railroad company from the municipal administration and the substitution of a government similar to that in other treaty ports, but with the participation of the Chinese residents. M. Iswolsky proposes also that the entire question be referred to an interministerial commission.

Negotiations with China are at a standstill until the policy of the government shall be determined. The foreign office outwardly supports General Horvath in closing the stores of the Chinese merchants who refuse to pay taxes to Russia, but privately he is dissatisfied with the situation. General Horvath has been informed that the foreign office has no intention of expelling the merchants in case of their continued refusal to pay these taxes.

The Novoe Vremyia today sharply criticises the foreign office for its stand in the matter and says it believes Germany is stirring up the question to divert attention from the Near East.

PRESS ASSOCIATION BANQUETTED

Will Meet in Winnipeg Next Year—Executive Committee Elected.

Regina, Mar. 6—The Western Canadian Press association will meet in Winnipeg next year. This was decided at the session today. Both in the morning and afternoon the members were engaged in discussing matters of vital importance to the publishers and several valuable addresses were given. In the evening the city council entertained the visiting members at a banquet in the Wascana hotel. The following were today elected to comprise the executive committee: J. A. Osborne (Fort Frances Times), J. K. McInnis (Regina Standard), J. Holmes (Calgary Herald), F. H. Schooly (Lacombe Advertiser), C. D. McPherson (Portage la Prairie Graphic).

VICTIMS OF HEAD HUNTERS.

Detachment of American Troops Massacred in Philippines.

Manila, March 6—The constabulary are searching the hills of northern Luzon for traces of Lieut. Harry L. King, of the First Cavalry, and his detachment, who were reported Thursday to have been killed by head hunters. They have not been able to confirm the story of the massacre, but at the same time they have been unable so far to locate Lieut. King and his men.

Taft at Home at White House.

Washington, D.C., Mar. 5—The president, tired out by the exacting work of the day, but happy withal, is spending the night in the White house with Mrs. Taft and the three Taft brothers, Chas. P., Henry and Horace, and their families. It is essentially a family party, and the first night in the White house since last night was given up entirely to the inaugural ball.

Alfonso at Algeciras Today.

Madrid, Mar. 6—King Alfonso arrived at Algeciras Friday, the population giving him a cordial welcome. The British warships in the Bay and the French cruiser, the Cassini, fired a salute. General Linares, the minister of war, left Madrid last night to join the king at Algeciras. Both will embark on the warship, the Extramadura, this evening, and will reach Africa Sunday morning.

No Enquiry Into Coal Mine.

Victoria, B.C., March 5—The legislature today, by a majority of eight, voted down the resolution of the Liberals for the appointment of a provincial commission to enquire into the coal combine in British Columbia. The house, on the same majority, supported an amendment re-affirming the resolution of last year for that inquiry by federal commission.

Court Decides Against Timmins.

Toronto, Mar. 5—The claims of the Timmins interests were discussed in regard to the famous Mann properties in Gow Ganda. C. A. Foster, C. B. Cronyn and E. B. Eyckman are confirmed in the ownership of these pioneer discoveries which brought this camp into prominence.

Ex-Member for Peel Dead.

Brampton, Ont., March 5—John Smith ex-M.P., for Peel, died this morning from pneumonia, aged 78. He was a staunch Liberal of the old school representing the riding from 1892 to 1908. He contracted his illness while conducting an auction sale at Meadowvale on Monday.

FOREIGN CAPITALISTS OWN RIGHT OF WAY

Purchase of G.T.P. Right of Way in B. C. Involves Much Correspondence—Holders of Property Refuse to Sell Till They See Land For Themselves—Geo. H. Pope Interviewed.

Geo. H. Pope, right of way agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, left for Winnipeg Friday evening after having made a business trip to Edmonton in connection with the appeal cases for the right-of-way which was argued Thursday before the Supreme Court of Alberta.

On his return to Winnipeg Mr. Pope will clean off the business slate and set out shortly for Prince Rupert, where he will complete the purchase of additional right of way over the first one hundred miles east of Prince Rupert. After this Mr. Pope will hold himself in readiness for any rush work that may be necessary when spring opens. To a Bulletin representative Mr. Pope said that if any branch lines are to be built this year he will soon be busy purchasing the right of way, but as yet he has had no intimation to this effect.

Asked as to the condition of affairs on the G.T.P. east of Prince Rupert Mr. Pope said that the only contract that has been let is for the first hundred miles, which will run almost parallel with the Skeena river to Hazelton. The purchase of the right of way along the river has been in hand for about a year and many holders have been given compensation, but a great deal of correspondence has been necessary on account of much of the land being held by capitalists all over the world. Some of these will visit the site of the right-of-way before closing with Mr. Pope. On this account the final settlement will not be made for some time, but in all cases permission has been given to go ahead with the work of construction.

Mr. Pope said that about 2,000 men have been at work on the line all winter. Much of the work consisted of making cuts in the rock formation along the bank of the Skeena. The construction gangs will likely be increased when spring opens up and by then contractors will be at work along the entire distance.

Mr. Pope has concluded the purchase of all the right of way from Winnipeg to the McLeod river with the exception of the three disputes which are awaiting the decision of the Alberta Supreme Court. The decision of the arbitrators last December in the dispute over the Beechmount right of way has been accepted by the G.T.P., and the cheques have been forwarded for settlement. Concessions over the stretch between the McLeod river and the Yellowhead pass must be secured from the Dominion government, as this is under the direction of the crown lands department.

Storms on Atlantic Coast.

New York, March 4—Capt. Ferguson, his wife, and two unidentified bodies were washed ashore, drowned in the gale which swept New York harbor. The gale was the highest in years, many vessels dragging anchors before the gale. Several schooners are in danger on the sea board, and many lives are imperilled.

Great Strike is Threatened.

New York, March 5.—The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers today issued a notice that it will resist all efforts by the Steel Trust to reduce wages and in the event of failure will precipitate one of the greatest labor strikes ever known in the country.

Silver Quotations.

New York, March 5.—Bar silver in London today was 1-16d higher at 23¾ per ounce. Today's New York price was ⅝c higher at 50¾c. Mexican dollars were 44 to 50.

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Wednesday's Session

Ottawa, Ont., March 3.—The Commons spent the afternoon d resolution by Ernest Lapointe (mouraska) setting forth the d of the establishment of new ex farm stations, "removed from s in existence," but more especia eastern part of the province o The debate was carried on p French and partly in English, from different parts of the Dom ing the opportunity to press t of their respective districts. Burrill, (Cons., Yale-Cariboo), u the Minister of Agriculture th ity of establishing one experim tion somewhere in the arid di British Columbia, where irrigati essary for the proper production etc. Owing to the difficulty of f question of the reclamation of such a station would be of grea at the present time. People ar menting and are more or less in the consequence being a great confusion. Mr. Burrill said fruit industry of British Colum which is getting to be of enor portance to Canada. He hoped ister would see his way clear to the matter at once and establi tion at whatever point in Brit bia he considered it would do m

A. S. Goodeve, (Cons., Kootene ed upon the government the of further experiments in grow for the purpose of improvin g ket values of fruits. Such work confident would much more than itself.

C. A. McGrath (Cons., Medic supported the principle of the r in general, but made no special to the west. No new country settled without experiments in ture, he said, and on that basis tily supported the resolution.

Minister Accepts Resoluti

Hon. Sydney Fisher accepted olution as expressing the policy government. It would be diffic ever, to meet all demands for ex het ??cp'wuoaPi a?B ..i etac tal stations on account of the Consequently it was necessary a choice and in making that ch government was guided by the of establishing farms where the serve the larger populations rat the smaller population, or whe tions were such that the results cured would be applied only to range. Three new stations had cently established, two in Alberta, in Saskatchewan. When the ne ince of Alberta was established discovered that it had no far investigation it was seen that methods could not be applied southern section, where dry farm in vogue, and in the north, wh farming was mixed. Consequen stations had been established. same way it was found advisab tablish a second station at Ros Saskatchewan.

Mr. Fisher stated that he h in communication with the p governments of Nova Scotia an Edward Island for the establish two new stations. Sites, which a furnished by provinces, have not chosen. In British Columbia, h the government intended to est station on Vancouver Island an on the mainland. He recalled t tention of the house a plan whic proposed seven or eight years ag experimental farm in every cou plan had been rejected by the but he was still looking forwar day when, at least, every distric country would have such a stat periments on irrigation are no made at Lethbridge, but they yet reached a stage where resu be published. In the course of would be necessary to establish se perimental stations in British C In reply to a suggestion of Messr and McCaig, Mr. Fisher cited ces of the government in figh San Jose scale, by excluding stock, as a result of which its new districts had been prevente

Thursday's Session.

Ottawa, Ont., March 4.—A tion to establish a new depar external affairs was introd Secretary of State Hon. Ch phy, in the House of Comm afternoon. At the present. despatches from imperial or f eign governments came to Hi leney, who forwarded them to vy council, which in turn di them to the departments unde purview came the subjects di No change was intended in stitutional field.

After the new department tablished despatches would st to his excellency, but instead distributed by the privy coun present, they would be handle department of external affair would consist of a small sta cials trained especially for th

Mr. Borden asked why th could not be done by the sec state's department.

Sir Wilfrid said that all ments had a special depar deal with foreign affairs. Ca new reached the stage wher judgment of the governmen department was needed. already had such a departme year there had been five treat negotiation. Further, Canad lation was now not less than while her trade had passed 003.

Foster Favors Departme

Hon. Geo. E. Foster was to give the new department thetic consideration, but he know how it would work out not see in the first place wha be gained by bundling off spatches to the secretary of stead of having them sent to council. At present the co the distribution of despatche council as a whole was less make a mistake in that reg would the secretary of state ment was of but one mau what about confidential de would they not have to go to council? Mr. Foster said th were minister in another de he would not want his cl coach officials in the depar external affairs. He would handle the problem himself.

That the principles and no tails of all proposals shoul subject of discussion at the stage of proceedings was po by Hon. A. B. Aylesworth. satisfied that there must change made if Canada's bus to be successfully carried on stanced the case of the seizu Canadian fishing schooner A oghue by the government of a few years ago. Upon the