

TO INVESTIGATE THE G.T.P. LABOR CAMPS

Complaints of ill-treatment of laborers and unsanitary conditions to be looked into by Department of Labor.

(Thursday's Daily.) The secretary of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council yesterday received from the Department of Labor the following reply to the charges alleging ill-treatment of laborers and unsanitary conditions in camps of G.T.P. contractors west of Edmonton, promising to investigate the conditions complained of.

Department of Labor, Canada. Ottawa, October 24, 1910. Sir,—Referring to your communication of October 10th, addressed to the Honourable the Minister of Labor, and to the acknowledgment of the same which was sent you on October 18th, I have the honor to inform you that the Minister of Labor has had under consideration the statements contained in your communication, above mentioned, respecting conditions in the construction camps along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, west of Edmonton, and has taken steps which will ensure a thorough inquiry being made without delay into the complaint in question.

By the Minister's direction, a letter has today been addressed to the Director General of Public Health, asking that an inquiry should be made by the Inspector of Public Health into the matters complained of in your letter, in so far as the same relate to the health of those who are employed on this work. Instructions have also been given to Dr. J. D. McNiven, one of the fair wages officers of the department, who conducted during the summer of 1909, an inquiry into certain complaints made in relation to wages paid on construction work in the Prince Rupert section of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, to conduct an investigation into your allegation of the occurrence of unreasonable delay in the payment of workmen's wages, alleged ill-treatment of persons employed by employment agencies for G. T. P. construction work in transit from Winnipeg to the field of operations and generally into all other points of your complaint which are not covered by the inquiry of the Public Health Inspector above referred to.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, GERALD H. BROWN, Acting Insp. Min. of Labor, T. H. CLARK, Esq., Secretary, Edmonton Trades and Labor Council, P. O. Box 1565, Edmonton.

TO RUSH STEEL LAYING. Steel laying on the Grand Trunk Pacific will be rushed ahead with all possible speed from now on, said Edward Phalen, of the firm of Phalen and Shirley, contractors on the Grand Trunk Pacific west of Edmonton.

At present the steel is laid up to sixteen miles west of Wolf Creek, but for the last few months steel laying operations have been practically a standstill and the grading has been washed ahead.

The work of grading cannot be continued after freeze sets in and will be laid right up to the end of the grade during the winter months.

DEATH BY BROKEN NECK. At the inquest held Friday afternoon to inquire into the death of L. C. White, the young stone cutter whose body was found in the basement of the partially completed court house, the verdict brought in by the jury was that the deceased came to his death through having his neck broken by a fall from one of the upper stories of the building to the basement below.

Evidence taken at the inquest brought out the fact that the deceased must have visited the building between the hours of eleven o'clock Thursday night and four o'clock Friday morning as the rest of the time a night watchman was on duty at the building.

TENDERS FOR MAIL CONTRACTS. Sealed tenders addressed to the postmaster general and marked "Tender for mail service," will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, December 2nd, for carrying the mails between the following points:—Between Junkins post office and the G. T. P. station, four times per week. Between Manly post office and the G. T. P. station at Carvel, three times per week.

Between Gainford post office and the G. T. P. station at Carvel, three times per week. Between the Kirk post office and the G. T. P. station at Carvel, twice per week. Between the Mink Lake post office and Carvel station on the G. T. P. once per week.

Between Heatherwood post office and the G. T. P. station at Edson, six times per week. Between Lac Ste. Anne and Wabamun, three times per week. Between Gainford and Magnolia, twice per week. Between Rexboro post office and the G. T. P. station at Fallis, twice per week. Between Wabamun post office and the G. T. P. station, six times per week.

Further information may be received on application to W. Cairns, post office inspector, Edmonton. Archbishop Denies Reports. St. Boniface, Nov. 4.—Archbishop Kanevina has returned from a visit to Rhode Island. He denied emphatically that he was arrested or concerned in any way in the case of automobile speeding at Springfield, Mass., a few days ago as reported in the dispatches to the western papers.

PHONE LINE TO CLEARWATER

A telephone line from Leduc ten miles east through Clearwater district and north to Beaumont post office is to be constructed just as soon as the work can be got under way. A telephone line east of Leduc has been talked of for some time, but very little was done until Tom Hull took the matter up and secured the names of about fifteen subscribers. The proposition was then laid before R. T. Teiford, M.P.P., in order to secure his influence with the department at Edmonton with the result that the line will soon be a reality—the poles having already been delivered here.

ABOLISH THE INCOME AND BUSINESS TAX

City Assessor McMillan Makes a Proposition for a Radical Change in the System of Taxation in the City of Edmonton. To completely abolish the income and business taxes is the ambition of City Assessor McMillan. The correct application of the present tax system in Edmonton is to tax land only. The system as applied at present, the city assessor says, does not permit of securing sufficient funds with assessing for income and business.

"When the outlying sections of the city, which are now exempt from all except school taxes, are assessed for municipal purposes as they will be in 1913, the city will have sufficient land tax revenue to admit of wiping out the income and business taxes," said the assessor.

In his statement Assessor McMillan advises a much more radical re-arrangement than Mayor Les, who says that a further reduction in the business tax should be made next year. The amount of taxes collected for income and business is one-tenth of the total taxes imposed for municipal purposes.

The sub-divisions to be taxed in 1913 are as follows: Section 25, Capri Hill, Glenora, Winesboro, Woodcroft, North Inglewood, the Hagman estate, Summerwilde, Dorval, Northcott, Westwood, Woodland, Evanston, Fairview, Grand Trunk Park, Deltion, northwest quarter of section 15, Eastwood, Cromdale and river lot 25. All of these sub-divisions are now within the city limits, but they are exempt from taxation until 1913.

"When these sub-divisions are taxed for municipal purposes," said the city assessor, "they will contribute sufficient revenue without imposing income and business taxes. We will make the land speculators pay their fair proportion to the maintenance of the city."

MR. BARKER MAY ACCEPT. Mr. J. T. Barker, who was offered an important position with the Canadian Northern Railway company's immigration and colonization department, has accepted the offer.

RECORD TRIP IN CANOE. Capt. Mills, of the Hudson Bay boat "Northern Explorer," returned to Fort McPherson on the Mackenzie river, reached Edmonton from the far north on his way to Winnipeg on Wednesday. Capt. Smith docked his steamer at Fort Smith on the 27th of September and on the following day accompanied by one man he left in a small canoe for Fort Chipewyan.

260 Cases of Measles in Montreal. Montreal, Nov. 3.—Three hundred cases of measles are reported throughout the city. The effect is noticeable in the schools where a large proportion are on the sick roll. The officials of the health department are becoming uneasy over the increase of the disease. The schools may have to be closed as a preventative for a time as well as other institutions for children.

FIFTY-NINE CASES OF TYPHOID FROM OUTSIDE

This Number of Fever Patients Admitted to Edmonton Hospitals During October From Points Outside of the City—Medical Health Officer's Report. The number of typhoid fever cases admitted to the city hospitals from points outside the city continues to be large. The Medical Health Officer, W. L. White, in his report to the city commissioners for October, points out that 59 cases of typhoid originated outside of the city.

His report is as follows: I beg to report you follows the work of the Health Department for the month ending October 31, 1910. Isolation Hospital. Patients admitted, 14. Scarlet fever, 5. Measles, 1. Diphtheria, 1. Erysipelas, 2. Tuberculosis, 3.

Patients discharged, 7. Scarlet fever, 1. Measles, 1. Diphtheria, 2. Erysipelas, 1. Tuberculosis, 1. One death occurred from tuberculosis.

Patients still under treatment 10. Scarlet fever, 1. Measles, 3. Tuberculosis, 3. Erysipelas, 1. Diphtheria, 1. Infectious Disease. The city has been comparatively free from infectious disease during the last month, only 29 cases in all being reported from the city, while 67, of which 59 were typhoid fever, were brought to the city for treatment. Only 5 cases of typhoid fever out of a total of 64 contracted the disease in the city, and none of these were taken from premises where the conditions were sanitary as regards sewer and water service.

For October, 1909, 29 city cases were reported, as compared with 5 for October, 1910, which is the lowest number for the month of October for many years. This diminution in October typhoid, with the city is probably due to several factors, that is, the prompt removal of outside cases to the hospitals, the decrease in the number of sanitary privies due to installation of water and sewer services or the substitution of deep pits therefor, the improvement in the sanitary condition of back yards and lanes as a result of the more efficient scavenging service and the earlier disposal of the house fly, due to colder weather.

Burns Slaughter House. In accordance with arrangements made with the city solicitor the Burns slaughter house is to be closed permanently on December 31st, 1910. The Health Inspector's Report. The Health Inspector's report submitted to the Medical Health Officer is as follows: The following is a synopsis of the infectious disease for the month ending October 31st, 1910:

Table with 2 columns: Disease, Number of cases. Includes Typhoid fever (5), Scarlet fever (5), Measles (1), Diphtheria (1), Erysipelas (2), Whooping Cough (1), Infantile Paralysis (1), Total (17).

Table with 2 columns: Disease, Number of cases. Includes Tuberculosis (1), Scarlet Fever (1), Diphtheria (1), Erysipelas (1), Measles (2), Whooping Cough (1), Infantile Paralysis (1), Total (8).

Births 51, marriages 33, deaths 10. Of these latter, 9 were from typhoid fever, 7 from tuberculosis, and one from diphtheria. The butchers' shops inspected were all found in good condition.

Dairy Inspector's Report. The Dairy Inspector submitted the following report to the Medical Health Officer: For the past month I have to report visiting all dairies licensed to furnish milk for consumption in the city. Taking the dairies as a whole they were found in general to be in a fair sanitary condition and evident signs of improvement are visible.

Mr. W. P. Huff has installed the window light of his cow barn. Morris Brothers have installed the King's system of ventilation in their barn, the most perfect system of ventilation known for this purpose, and are also doubling the window light of the barn.

Mr. A. A. Metcalfe has just completed a new barn, which practically meets all the new requirements of air space, light and ventilation. Two new barns are in course of construction in the Leduc district and should, when completed, be an advantage on anything in that district.

One sample of milk taken during the month did not come up to the requirement of By-law 132. The fermentation test was applied to all samples of milk taken. A few of the samples showed bacterial contamination.

One of the herds of cows was found to be kept as clean as cows ought to be kept. Sanitary Inspector's Report. The Sanitary Inspector reported as follows: The following is a report of the work for October: Number of complaints received from citizens, 19. Total number of inspections made, 354. Number of tenements visited, 164. Verbal notices to abate nuisance issued, 1. Number of tenements inspected, 14. Number of restaurants inspected, 11. Number of saw cans sold, 5. Number of garbage cans sold, 2.

MATTER TAKEN UP

C. Ross Palmer, secretary of the Edmonton Liberal Association, is in receipt of the following letter from the minister of the interior: Ottawa, Oct. 26, 1910. Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant with regard to the labour conditions on the construction work along the Grand Trunk Pacific.

In reply, I beg to say that I have already discussed the matter with the minister of labour, and he has decided to cause an inspection of the conditions complained of to be made by his department. Yours faithfully, FRANK OLIVER, C. Ross Palmer, Esq., Edmonton, Alta.

VOTERS' LIST SHOWS AN INCREASE OF 557

Number of Actual Ratepayers Entitled to Vote in Municipal Elections is 6,223.—No Tenants Are Included.—Poll Tax Not Collected. The voters' list for 1910-11 which is now in the hands of the printer shows a large increase over last year in the number of qualified voters.

The total number of ratepayers last year was 5,766, the total this year will be 6,223, an increase of 557. These are all ratepayers, that is, owners of land, and income tax payers. There are no tenants numbered on the voters' list for this year. A single household in this year has paid the \$5 optional tax which entitles him to a vote. The poll tax, imposed by the city, has not been collected this year. The collection of this tax last year involved the assessment department in endless trouble.

The collection was handed over to the police department, and in many instances men who were property owners were forced to pay the poll tax. Their wages were garnished in many cases, with the result that the amount had to be refunded. The work was completed on the 23rd of October and the seven men who were employed on the dredge reached the city last Saturday.

THREE SCHOOL LAND SALES WERE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

Over \$600,000 Worth of Land Disposed of in the Sales Held at Vermilion, Vegreville and Tofield—Highest Average Price is Obtained at Tofield Sale—Inspector Ingram Pleased With all Three Sales. Returns for the three sales of school lands held in Vermilion, Vegreville and Tofield, respectively, have now been compiled by W. M. Ingram, inspector of school lands for the three Prairie Provinces.

Mr. Ingram reached the city this morning and expressed himself as extremely pleased with the results of the three sales. In Vermilion 2,427 acres of land were disposed of, bringing in altogether a total of \$241,839.29. The average price per acre for the land was \$10.81. At the sale held in Vegreville last Tuesday, 28,552 acres of land were sold for \$292,546, and the average price per acre was \$10.25.

In Tofield, where the last sale was held on Thursday, 13,377 acres of land were sold for \$175,416, which is an average price of \$13.04 per acre. A wide diversity in the prices of the land was a feature of the sales. Some choice quarters sold as high as twenty-five dollars an acre, while others of inferior quality, were disposed of for less than seven dollars an acre.

Next Monday Mr. Ingram will hold a sale of school lands in Edmonton. The largest gain was in the customs receipts where an increase of over ten thousand dollars, from \$20,255.36 to \$30,859.61, was made, and in the bank clearings which came near the seven million dollar mark, reaching a total of \$6,277,932.60, as against \$4,441,143 in October, 1909. The clearings for the ten months of the year now passed have reached the enormous total of \$65,324,814, as compared with \$50,000,000 during the first ten months of 1910.

October, 1910, was a busier month for the building than October, 1909, as the permits issued last month, \$148,464, compare with \$83,535 issued during October of last year. The value of stamps sold at the post office during last month was \$7,864, as against \$5,864, the proceeds of sales during October, 1909.

There were 141 arrivals at immigration hall during the month as compared with 108 during October, 1909. Those arriving were of a good class and should make valuable settlers. Many nationalities were represented. The majority came from the United States and the British Isles. There were others from Norway, Galicia and Germany.

The street railway carried 331,096 passengers during the month as against 312,837 last month, and 246,666 during October, 1909. The receipts were \$13,914.65. The receipts for October, 1909, were \$10,024.10. The weather report for October as compiled by Campbell Young, meteorological observer, is as follows: Hours of bright sunshine, 138.4. Mean temperature, 48.50. Highest maximum, 78 deg. on Oct 3. Lowest minimum, -19 deg. on Oct 27. Precipitation, .051.

Farmer Attacked by Two Unknown Men. Well Known Resident of O'Connell Township Near Fort William Attacked in His Yard and Struck Down by a Club. Fort William, Nov. 3.—The victim of the apparently murderous assault at the hands of a couple of supposedly unknown men within ten days, J. Musgrave, a prominent farmer of O'Connell township, fourteen miles northwest of here, is in a critical condition at his home. Musgrave, who lives alone, is well to do. When two neighbors who had been engaged to gather in the crop of potatoes for him called at his home this morning, they were compelled to break in the door. Musgrave was lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Regarding the circumstances for a few minutes about noon, Musgrave told of being struck down by a club while in the yard. Two men attacked him ten days ago, but help arrived before he was seriously injured.

Robbery was not the object as a considerable sum of money in the victim's pockets was untouched. He had no enemies so far as he knew. The settlement is considerably worked up as Musgrave enjoyed an excellent reputation. Militia for Fire Districts. Detail of Eighteen Men and Three Officers in Spooner and Beaudette's All Winter. Minneapolis, Nov. 4.—A detail of eighteen men and three officers of the state militia will remain in Spooner and Beaudette during the winter under the instructions of Adjutant General Wood, who returned from northern Minnesota today. General Wood investigated the conditions at the request of the permanent relief committee. He found that although there was no lawlessness the people of that district had great respect for the uniform of state militiamen and paid little attention to the officers in civilian clothes. He also learned that the saloon keepers were eager to reopen and the militiamen were needed to keep order. The soldiers also will help distribute supplies.

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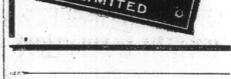
Dredging operations on the Lesser Slave river, which have been going on for some three summers, are now completed, and as a result the Northern Transportation Company's boats can now run from Athabasca Landing to the head of Lesser Slave Lake. A channel three feet in depth has been dredged up the entire distance of the river and all rocks and ob-

stacles, which previously made the passage of a large craft up and down the stream practically impossible, have been removed. Wing dams have also been built at intervals along the river, in order to divert the current into the artificial channel. The work was completed on the 23rd of October and the seven men who were employed on the dredge reached the city last Saturday.

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On His Lordship's Interpose a Mr. Croft, a friend of the prisoner, was introduced. "Your lordship is perfectly correct," said the prisoner. "I am a Canadian and my name is Croft."

GIRL COMMITTED PERJURY

Prince Albert, Nov. 4.—Helen Seamer, the girl whose evidence before the police investigation caused B. J. McBerrett, ex-chief of police here to resign, was sent to jail today for three months on a charge of perjury committed at the investigation. The Seamer girl arrived from Quebec this morning, was arrested this afternoon at two o'clock, pleaded guilty, elected to be tried summarily and within a short time was sentenced as above.

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Gerald Crowe Is Sent to Prison for 3 Months for Forgery and Lying

Winnipeg, Nov. 4.—Manitoba justice meted out this morning by Judge G. H. Allen Stone, Henry, alias Prince, a charge of forgery a charge for \$25. Hamilton, Winnipeg.

In passing sentence, the judge stated that the prisoner had been in a reformatory for an extraordinary hour in justice in Manitoba to be a man of crime and a man of law. He stated that the prisoner had been in a reformatory for an extraordinary hour in justice in Manitoba to be a man of crime and a man of law.

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