

AROUND THE CITY

BANK CLEARINGS.

Edmonton bank clearings for the month of December, 1925, totalled \$7,738,728. The clearings for the year 1925 reached a total of \$45,716,792. A comparison cannot be made with 1924, as the clearing house was only established in July of that year.

RECENT PERMITS.

Among the list of the building permits issued during the year are the following, which have been taken out since Christmas: James Matthews, Christabelle, store, \$12,500. City of Edmonton, Kirkness, school, \$13,000. Arch York, Sixth, addition to dwelling, \$2,400. City of Edmonton, incinerator, \$12,000.

DEATH OF B. H. CROWN.

Bert H. Crown, youngest son of R. B. Crown, the well-known proprietor of the Alberta Cafe, died suddenly this morning of heart failure at the McLeod Hospital, where he had been taken a couple of hours before. He was taken ill yesterday morning. The deceased was born in Winnipeg in 1875 and came to Edmonton four years ago, where he has since been connected with the Alberta Cafe. Besides his wife, who is at present in Chicago, the late Mr. Crown leaves behind him his father, R. B. Crown, his brothers, P. A. and R. Harry Crown, and sister, Mrs. R. A. Turner, of Edmonton. The stipulation of many friends and acquaintances is extended to the family. The date of the funeral has not yet been announced.

100,000 CLUB SUGGESTION.

Secretary Harrison, of the Board of Trade, is advocating the formation of a 100,000 club, to be run jointly by Edmonton and Strathcona. "The Board of Trade," he says, "could work to better advantage along with such a body and he would suggest that immediate steps be taken to form such a club. If there was a club here composed of the Govt and most business men of the town the club would be better able to deal with visitors, to arrange contacts with large companies and in every way to advance and promote the interests of the twin cities. With the present great prospects both have in the new railway, the university and the parliament buildings, a brighter view of the present situation should be taken. It is undoubtedly next summer, after the crop has been taken, both places will make rapid strides, and such a club would materially assist in the advancement of the cities."

TO DEPORT TWO.

The immigration officers are busy receiving and replying to letters of inquiry. The general trend of the replies is "I was not satisfied with the being of moderate means desire information that will enable me to get the best results for money." Some speak of different sections, while others want a more general synopsis of the country. These letters are answered promptly, and the opinion is that a fine class of settlers will come in next year. During the past couple of days the hall has been visited by George Simmers and W. Gellery, of Winnipeg. Dominion Government agents, and other officers, who came up here to make arrangements for the deportation of a couple of undesired immigrants. These immigrants have made themselves extremely obnoxious to both the immigration and city authorities, and one in particular has been incarcerated in the police cells for some time past. The officers state that they have not a lot of this work to do, this being the second deportation in the past two months. The officers will leave tonight for St. John, with the charges.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENTS.

At Grace Methodist church last night the building was crowded at the entertainment given for the school children. The choir was occupied by A. T. Cushing, the first superintendent of the school, and the programme which included music, dialogues, drills and tableaux was much enjoyed. At the new West End Methodist church last night there was a big attendance at the concert given for the children. The choir was occupied by W. J. Macgrath, of the firm of Hart, Macgrath & Co. On New Year's Eve the Sunday school of McDougall Methodist church provided a supper for the school children from six till eight o'clock. It was followed by a lecture on the Holy Land, illustrated by stereopticon views. The lantern was operated by Rev. Mr. Black, of Innisfail, and the views explained by Mrs. Black.

INDIAN FROZEN TO DEATH.

An Indian was found frozen to death at the Stony Plain reserve yesterday. His body was found near a house and it is thought that he was intoxicated and became unconscious in making his way to his home. This Harrison O'Brien, a blacksmith, and Sergeant Munro, of the R. N. W. M. Co., went to the reserve and will hold an inquest on the body. No further particulars were received this forenoon at the Mounted Police barracks.

NEW FIELD SECRETARY.

The office of field secretary of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, of Red Deer. Rev. Mr. Fortune has definitely announced his acceptance of the position and will give his whole time to the interests of moral reform in Alberta as soon as he can be released from his present charge. This completes the list of officers of this provincial organization. It means the commencement of a diligent aggressive campaign throughout the province.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

J. B. Boyd, M.P.P. for Sturgeon, is arranging for a series of public meetings in his constituency during the next two weeks. The discussions of the establishment of a rural system of telephony will be discussed and Mr. Boyd is desirous of meeting all persons interested in rural telephony at these gatherings and to discuss as well local matters affecting the electorate. The places and times arranged for the meetings are as follows: Sturgeon Valley Schoolhouse, Friday evening, January 10th, at 7.30 p.m. Bigg Accord Schoolhouse, Saturday evening, January 11th, at 7.30 p.m. Sunny Side Schoolhouse, Monday evening, January 12th, at 7.30 p.m. Home Hill Schoolhouse, Tuesday evening, January 13th, at 7.30 p.m.

EXCHANGE GREETINGS.

The following telegrams have passed between the Hon. the Governor and the Governor General with reference to the proposed purchase of the Plains of Sturgeon, Alberta: The Hon. the Governor, Edmonton, December 31st, 1925. To His Excellency the Governor General, Ottawa: The Edmonton Canadian Club sends New Year's greetings. Approve proposed nationalization Quebec battlefields and guarantee grant of five hundred dollars for this purpose.—G. H. V. Blair.

CHARGED WITH POISONING.

A man named Andreas Zippel, of Stony Plain, has been remanded for trial to the Supreme Court on a charge of horse poisoning. The alleged offence was committed about five months ago, and since that time Zippel has been absent from the province. Recently he returned and information was laid against him by a man named Baron. Two horses had been found dead in a stable, and strychnine was discovered in the manger. It is alleged that the accused purchased strychnine in a city drug store shortly before the preliminary hearing. Mr. Short appeared for the defendant, and J. C. B. Brown for the prosecution. The accused has been released on bail.

ENTERTAINED STAFF.

The staff of the Edmonton post office were entertained on New Year's Eve by Postmaster A. E. May. There were about thirty guests present. Progressive euchre provided a part of the entertainment. During the evening Mr. May made a short speech, in which he thanked the staff, individually and collectively, for their good work in the past year. He told of the improvement over last year's work, and only hoped that it would continue to improve. The Edmonton was noted for its efficient postal service. Mr. A. Cairns, deputy postmaster, on behalf of the staff, thanked Mr. May for his hospitality and complimentary remarks, and assured him that every member of the staff would continue to do their best during the coming year. About midnight the party broke up.

CLOVER BAR WEDDING.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsay, Clover Bar, on New Year's evening, their daughter, Elizabeth, was married to Arthur James, of Ottelwell, by Rev. F. T. Johnston, assisted by Rev. J. O. Conifer. The bride was dressed in a handsome gown and with chignon hair and looked handsome. Miss Nellie Jackson, who acted as bridesmaid, wore a gown of pale blue. The groom was supported by Mr. Albert Ottelwell, of Alberta College, Edmonton. The ceremony was performed in the spacious drawing room under a prettily decorated arch. The bride was given away by her father. About 20 guests were present. The presents were numerous and valuable, which showed the high esteem in which the bride and groom were held by their friends. They will reside in Edmonton.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME.

The annual Christmas entertainment by Grace Methodist church Sunday school was held last evening. The church was crowded to the doors. Scores of people were unable to get seats and stood the whole evening. The children took their parts well, reflecting great credit on those who trained them. The program consisted of choruses, solos, recitations, dialogues and drills. The rainbow drill by seven little girls, the candle drill by eight little boys and the flag drill by sixteen larger girls, brought down the house. The program was as follows: Chorus—Ring O' Ring. Piano duet—Mildred Parson and Edna Fowler. Dialogue—Gospel. Rainy Day. Dialogue—Marie Dickenson. Song—Finn Williams. Dialogue—Little Women. Solo—Elnor Stutchbury. Flag Drill. Recitation—Hattie Sparks. Dialogue—Train Tomorrow. Tableaux—Feasting on the Old Camp Ground, Temptation of St. Anthony, Hallowed be Thy Name, The Disgrace, The Templed, Rock of Ages, Joan of Arc.

SENT UP TO SUPREME COURT.

At the Supreme court on Tuesday afternoon the preliminary hearing of the charge against Wesley R. Bennett for alleged fraudulent securing of money by changing wire checks for funds of coal, was concluded before Magistrate Becher. Bennett was remanded to stand trial in the Supreme court. He was afterwards released on \$1,000 bail. As it was a preliminary hearing no evidence was put in for the defence. Crown Prosecutor Coswell conducted the prosecution and H. H. Robertson defended.

A VICE-PATRON.

The premier, Hon. Dr. Rutherford, has been asked by His Excellency the Governor to become vice-patron of the society recently organized to secure the historic Plains of Abraham for a national park. This movement has been started in connection with the grand celebration of the centenary of Quebec, which will be held next summer. It is considered only proper that this battlefield upon which a British Army won Canada for the British empire, should be left to the Canadian people as a whole and come under the supervision of the Federal government.

WILL ASK FOR REDOUT.

The Morinville gas people will apply before one of the judges of the Supreme Court for a redout of the ballots cast for and against the proposed gas franchise bill at the municipal election last Monday. The bill was defeated by a majority of two-thirds of the total vote by 28 votes. As there were 11 spoiled ballots, and as one of the clerks in making the count made six marks for each tally of five, the company thinks there is still a strong probability of getting the bill passed to secure the passage of the by-law.

C.P.R. OFFICIALS HERE.

A number of prominent C.P.R. officials from Calgary came up to Strathcona on the late train last night, and are visiting the two cities today. Among them are J. Price, general superintendent of the western division, succeeding Mr. Jamieson; John Niblock, superintendent; N. E. Brooks, chief engineer; F. W. Alexander, divisional engineer, and W. McKenty, inspector of bridges and buildings. Speaking in a public address this morning the new general superintendent said his visit here had no particular significance. He was just making a trip to the north to confer with the people of this section.

NEW ADMINISTRATION NEXT WEEK.

The new civic administration assumes office next Monday night when the first council meeting is held, under the leadership of Mayor Price, some suppose. The clause of the city charter dealing with this reads as follows: "The first meeting of the council in each year shall be held on the first Monday in January, except when the day is a Sunday, in which case the meeting shall take place on the next subsequent day, which is not a Sunday." The council of the previous year shall hold office until the new council meets.

GREETINGS FROM OTHERS.

The following New Year's greetings have been received by the Bulletin from several of its contemporaries: Regina, Sask., Dec. 31.—The Regina Leader extends New Year's greetings to the Bulletin. The Bulletin is a fine paper and wishes that 1926 may be a year of unprecedented prosperity for the city. St. John, N.B., Dec. 31.—Happy New Year from the winter port; we've had a good year, but we expect better and greater failures here. The Sun, Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—A happy and prosperous New Year.—Free Press.

DEATH OF A CAMPBELL.

Angus Campbell, a native of Owen Sound, Ontario, died at his home at 3 o'clock in the General hospital, where he had been a patient for the past few weeks. He was a man of an estimable young man, and his death is much regretted. He had not been in good health for several weeks. Messrs. George and John Campbell, his city, are brothers of the deceased, who came out to Alberta two months ago from Manitoba where he had lived for several years. The deceased was a member of the First Presbyterian church and Rev. Dr. McQueen, the pastor, will conduct the funeral services, which will take place from Moffat's mortuary to Edmonton cemetery on Friday afternoon at 2.30.

Challenges Car to Singing Duet.

Philadelphus, Dec. 24.—Senior Franciscan Constantino, the famous Spanish tenor, through Harry Russell, director of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, now playing in Boston, issued a challenge to Signor Enrico Caruso of the Metropolitan Opera Company for a singing contest to determine who is the best singer of the two. The only condition of the contest, since Constantino insists on it, is that the opera selected should be of the Italian repertoire. Mr. Russell, senior Constantino's impresario, under whose management Signor Caruso sang at Covent Garden, London, discovered Constantino two years ago, when he sang at the Royal Opera House, in Madrid. After some negotiations Constantino signed a contract for five years to sing in America exclusively under Mr. Russell's management. Mr. Russell considers Constantino the greatest living tenor of the age and offers to put up \$10,000 to defend Caruso if he is not put up an equal amount as the prize of the contest. It is believed by many of prominent musicians of Philadelphia to the winner.

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Last Session of 1925 Council—Mayor Bringing Salary for Year's Work up to \$1,700. Telephone Company Franchise Stopped of System by Incinerator Question.

The valdety meeting of the municipal council was held Tuesday evening. There were more empty chairs than voters in the city hall. The most prominent speaker was Alderman-elect Armstrong, who assumed the chair for an hour. The principal business transacted was the authorization of a grant of \$500 to the Mayor for his salary for the year 1926. The grant was made by the council, and the Mayor's salary was increased to \$1,700. The telephone company franchise was stopped by the council, and the incinerator question was discussed. The council also discussed the matter of the city electric lighting, and it was decided that the city should take over the lighting system. The council also discussed the matter of the city's water supply, and it was decided that the city should take over the water supply system. The council also discussed the matter of the city's fire department, and it was decided that the city should take over the fire department. 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