EDMONTON NEWS

LOCALS.

Nelson Monteith, of Strathford, Ontario, former minister of agriculture for the province of Ontario in the Whitney government, is in the city, a guest at the St. James Hotel.

Among the Edmontonians who left the city recently on the C.N.R. for England, sailing from St. John on the Grampian on Dec. 12th are Mr. Wilson, Mr. Leggett, W. Ansell, F. H. Durston and A. Peart.

Alderman D. R. Fraser informs the Bulletin that in the first two charters under which Edmonton was a self-governing municipality the tenants' franchise existed. Twelve years ago this right was stricken from the charter and the poll tax substituted. Alderman Fraser says he is in favor of the tenants' franchise, not as a concession, but as a justice, and he promises to use his best endeavors to have the charter so amended.

The Public Hospital acknowledges with many thanks the following donations received during the past month: From Lieut. Governor Bulyea, fruit; All Saints church, fruit; St. Paul's church, case of fruit; Syndicate Avenue Baptist church, $5; ladies' aid, Queen's Avenue Presbyterian church, magazines; Mrs. Williamson Taylor, magazines; Mrs. John Somerville, old linen; Mrs. Blaney, jelly (for nurses); Mrs. David Fowler, chicken (for nurses); Women's Hospital Aid, 3 doz. nightgowns, 2 table cloths, 2 operating gowns, 3 dressing gowns, 2 doz. cup towels, one-half doz. floor rugs.

MR. NORQUAY LEAVES CITY.

Mr. Alex. Norquay, who has for several years occupied the position of senior assistant Dominion lands agent at Edmonton, has been transferred to the land office at Humboldt, where he takes the position of Dominion land agent. Mr. Norquay went east to Humboldt Monday on the C. N. R. to assume his new duties. Before leaving he was presented with a gold chain and locket from the staff of the local land office as a token of the esteem in which he was held, and with a brief address. He was much affected by the presentation and in a few words thanked his associates for their kind remembrance, and stated that he would always look back with pleasure on his connection with the Edmonton land office.

BORING FOR GAS.

Boring operations for gas on Rossdale flats are now in full progress and the promoters, Donald Ross and Alex Taylor expect to stick to the work until a paying stream is struck if it can be secured at any reasonable distance into the earth. The boring outfit is now at work about one hundred yards east of the power house, on the southern side of the exhibition grounds, and a boring fourteen inches in diameter has now been sunk about 230 feet. No casings have yet been inserted, as an effort is being made to go as deep as possible without the use of such aids. The water that now fills the boring serves the purpose of keeping back the earth around the hole. The outfit of the Northwest Gas Co. that stood for some years in the eastern part of the city is being used for the work.

Should gas be discovered in sufficient quantity to justify its use it can be used in the new producer gas engine, and thus entirely do away with the gas producer and the use of coal for generation of the artificial gas at present in use.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

The scheme which was organized three years ago of having the young people's societies of the city churches hold a joint meeting every three months could have no better demonstration of the benefits that accrue from it than was given at McDougall Methodist Church on Monday evening. The church was well filled with young people, who greatly enjoyed the social time and profited by the most entertaining and instructive programme.

Mrs. Marshall spoke on the subject of "Young Women, Their Place in Society." Rev. A. M. McDonald addressed the gathering on the subject of "Young Men, Their Place in the Church and in Society." He pointed out that the world, commercially and socially, required strong men. "Be strong" was the theme for both young men and women.

Miss Pilkie sang a very appropriate solo and Mr. C. A. Grant occupied the chair.

STREET CAR OPERATION.

Monday was the most successful day of street car operation since the inauguration of the system, and gave promise of the time to come shortly when the whole system will be working smoothly. Four cars were kept in service in Edmonton and one between Edmonton and Strathcona all day and through the evening up till midnight. The Strathcona car, though not running on schedule time, was largely patronized and was crowded with passengers throughout the day and well on into the night. To-day the cars are again running regularly and it is hoped will continue to do so without further tie-up. Superintendent Taylor expects to put the second car on the Strathcona route in the course of a day or two. At the present time some attachments are being placed upon it at the car barns. The work of installing the diamonds over the C.P.R. at Strathcona will be finished this evening.

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PERSONAL.

E. C. Kugler left yesterday on the C.N.R. for Ansbach, Germany, sailing from St. John on the Grampian on Dec. 12th.

L. Malholt, of Calgary, government engineer in charge of Dominion public works in the west is in the city a guest at the Alberta hotel.

FORT GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Friday, December 18th, Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, of Fort Saskatchewan, will celebrate their golden wedding. Invitations have been sent to their relatives in California, Ontario and elsewhere to be present. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Walker will receive their friends in Simmond's Hall, Fort Saskatchewan. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have lived for the past twenty-six years in Fort Saskatchewan, coming west from Lucan, Ontario, where they formerly resided.

THE INTERURBAN SERVICE.

The interurban street car service between Edmonton and Strathcona is now in full operation and cars are making the trip every hour and a half for the present until the second car is put on the route. This will be done whenever a continuance of power supply is assured. The Edmonton and Strathcona cars will not pick up passengers coming east on Jasper avenue in future, as it is impossible to make the necessary stops to do this and keep up the schedule time. A necessity in connection with the interurban cars is larger signs on either end. The present signs are hard to discern after dark.

ADVERTISING THE WEST.

Agnes Deans Cameron is still carrying on the good work of making Western Canada better known to the people of the United States. On the back of the letter paper she uses is a map of th Canadian Northwest showing the route of her 10,000 mile journey last summer from Chicago to the mouth of the Mackenzie river on the Arctic Ocean. Here is a note which appeared in a recent issue of the Chicago Evening American recently:

"Agnes D. Cameron of Alberta, Canada, is a booster. She told members of the academy in the Woodlawn Masonic Temple that they raised 10,000,000 bushels of wheat a year around Alberta, and that there are about the same number of acres there on which wheat could be raised. 'It is a country to which the youth of the world will flock in search of fortune,' she says."

A MISING GIRL WANTED.

Through a small advertisement in an eastern paper, a girl who gives her address as Edmonton and name Ida Gould has attracted the attention of a woman in Toulin, Illinois, who thinks that she has at last obtained word of her thirty-year lost brother Danville Gould. J. Hamilt Black, formerly of Edmonton, who now is residing in Toulin has written Crafts, Lee and Gallinger with reference to the affair which promises to develop a little romance. In the adv. in the eastern paper Miss Gould says that her father Danville Gould, has recently died and she is desirous of ascertaining the whereabouts of some of her relatives. Mr. Black writes that Mrs. Gould has a brother from whom she has not heard for over thirty years, and when last she heard he was living in Montana. She believes that this Ida Gould is undoubtedly her niece and she is very anxious to find out more about her.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING.

The annual meeting of All Saints' Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held in All Saints' School-room Monday evening, Ven. Archdeacon H. A. Gray being in the chair. The officers of the chapter presented reports showing the work accomplished during the past year and the growth in size and importance of the chapter. The officers for their work during the year. The financial affairs of the chapter are in a flourishing condition and the prospects for the coming year are very bright.

The election of officers took place and resulted in the re-election of all of last year's officers. Arthur Bull was re-elected director, W. G. Melrose re-elected vice-director, and R. S. Young re-elected secretary. The membership of All Saints' Chapter now consists of 16 active members, five probationers and four who are attending the meetings of the Brotherhood. During the year the St. Paul's Chapter has been re-organized with four active members and three probationers, and the Westward Ho Junior Chapter has been started with three members. Plans are now being made for the organization of a junior All Saints chapter, to be under the charge of Rev. Mr. Sale.

Active preparations are being made for holding the Alberta conference of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Edmonton in February. Archdeacon Lloyd, of Prince Albert, has been invited to be present at this conference and deliver an address and invitations have also been extended to other prominent speakers in Canada.

TO MEET HERE IN JANUARY.

The annual convention of the association of Albertan municipalities will be held in this city in January next. The date has not yet been definitely arranged, but the convention will take place during the first week of the legislature, and the definite date will be announced when the time is fixed for the meeting. It is probable that the session will last for two days. The following is the program of the convention:

Paper—James Smart, chief of the Calgary Fire Brigade, on "Fire Appliances for Small Municipalities."

Paper—A. M. Arnold on "Filtration in Connection with Water and Sewerage Systems."

Paper—G. Percy Blythe, Edmonton, on "Uniform Municipal Bookkeeping."

Discussion on Municipal Government, opened by a paper to be read by Mayor H. H. Gaetz of Red Deer.

G. T. P. MAY EXPROPRIATE.

Geo. H. Pope, right of way purchasing agent on the G. T. P., is in the city this week looking after the affairs of his department. He states that all the right of way from Winnipeg west has been purchased but a few pieces near Edmonton. In these cases the property owners are still holding out for a higher price for their property. If satisfactory arrangements cannot be made in any other way, it is probable that the matter will be submitted to arbitration. Mr. Pope will remain in the city for a week looking after this business. He has not yet decided whether he will then return east or proceed to the Pacific coast.

A CIVIC BANQUET.

The civic employees are contemplating the holding of a civic banquet, which it is hoped will become an annual affair similar to those in other Canadian cities. No decision has yet been arrived at as to whether it will be held, but the matter will be further discussed at a meeting to be held in the course of a few days.

The city commissioners with the city engineer and other experts will make a thorough inspection of the wood block paving on First street before the street car operation is begun there. The object is to ascertain if its condition is affected by the running of the street car, as is claimed to be the case on Jasper and Namayo avenues.

The date of the first annual ball of St. George's Society in the Separate school has been changed from New Year's eve to the night of January 8th.

WANT TRAFFIC BRIDGE.

Residents of the Clover Bar district are very keenly interested in the matter of having a new traffic bridge built over the North Saskatchewan River at that point to accommodate the farmers and others of the district. This morning the matter was formally brought to the attention of the Edmonton Board of Trade by the receipt of the following letter and resolution:

"I have been requested by the Clover Bar branch of the Alberta Farmers' Association to forward to you the enclosed request for assistance in securing a traffic bridge at Clover Bar to accommodate the public north and east of Edmonton and to relieve them present bridge of a part of the congested traffic."—E. Keith.

"At a largely attended meeting of the A.F.A., held on November 30th, we, the members and residents of Clover Bar, respectfully ask the co-operation of the Edmonton Board of Trade in securing a traffic bridge across the Saskatchewan River to accommodate the public north and east of Edmonton and to relieve part of the congested traffic. This request will be backed up by asigned petition as soon as convenient."

W. F. WILKINSON.
D. W. WARNER.

MILTON'S TERCENTENARY.

Instead of the regular classes at the University of Alberta on Wednesday the time from eleven o'clock was taken up with a public session in celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Milton. In addition to the students of the university there were present the teachers of the city schools and a large number of residents of Strathcona, the greater part of whom were ladies. In the absence of Dr. Tory, the introductory remarks were made by Dr. Brodus, who referred to the fact that the gathering was the first public tribute of the new university of Alberta to any writer. The life, influence and works of John Milton were taken up in three different aspects.

Professor W. H. Alexander dealt with Milton as an educator. He described the poet's idea of a complete residential college and compared it with the modern educational institution as to rules of living and courses of study.

Professor L. H. Alexander took for his subject the fame of Milton on the continent. He showed how his idea of enduring fame was realized in Western Europe and pointed out the influence of his writings on contemporary and succeeding writers.

Dr. Broadus gave the concluding address. His subject was Milton's life in relation to his influence on English poetry. He first dealt with the greatest of the great poet's personality and secondly with his great poem, Paradise Lost. The speaker fascinated his hearers with his description of Milton's characteristic consecration to his work, his simplicity, steadfastness and single-heartedness in the midst of a nationally and politically disturbed people revealing the man as well as the intellectual giant.

POULTRY FANCIERS MEET.

An important meeting of the Alberta Twin City Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held in the Mechanics Hall Monday with a large representation of members. Among those present were Mrs. Heathcote, Mr Karron of Fort Saskatchewan, J. E. Frith, manager of the poultry fattening station for the Alberta government, and Judge Tipton of Strathcona. In the absence of Jas. Stovel, who for many years has held the position of president, and of J. E. Lundy, vice-president, who retired to attend a municipal meeting, the chair was occupied by G. W. Open. Leo Knowles performed the duties of secretary of the meeting.

The annual show of the association will be held in the first week of February, provided it works on satisfactorily with the circuit of the Calgary and Lethbridge shows. It was decided to adopt the score card system at the next show and to submit the name of W. McNiel of London, Ont., for the sanction of the government as official poultry judge.

A committee composed of T. S. Mathieson, J. G. Tipton and F. Taylor was formed to draft bylaws for the approval of the association.

A motion was carried that a subscription list be opened for the purpose of securing coops for the forthcoming show. The matter was left in the hands of the following members: R. Worsley, J. G. Tipton, J. E. Frith, J. S. Knowles and J. B. Nixon.

The interest shown in the meeting last evening indicates the increasing importance of the poultry industry in this district. The local association has over one hundred members. The meeting felt the absence of the late Thos. Daly, who for several years took an active interest in the work of the local association.

MYSTIC SHRINERS CONCLAVE.

The Edmonton Mystic Shriners in attendance at the convention of Al Azhar Temple in Calgary Tuesday evening returned to the city on Wednesday night's late train. Visiting Nobles were also present from Gunn; high priest, J. vbgkdj wyppp Vancouver, B. C., Winnipeg, Toronto, Helena, Spokane and Seattle.

The following officers were elected: Illustrious Potentate, R. A. Darker; Chief Rabban, W. P. Cutten; Assistant Chief Rabban, J. Stanley; Recorder, T. F. English; Treasurer, W. W. R. Markley; First Ceremonial Master, W. M. Connacher; Second Ceremonial Master, T. Sharpe; Oriental Guide, Dr. Gunn; High Priest, J. Winn; Marshall, W. C. Armstrong; Captain of Guard, T. Bellew; Outside Guard, R. H. Finch; Director of Ceremonies, J. T. Macdonald.

A large class of novices "crossed the hot sands of the desert." Medicine Hat sent the largest number of candidates, thirty. At the conclusion of the ceremonial session about 500 Shriners sat down to the traditional banquet of the order, the following toasts being honored:

The King.

The Imperial Council. Responded to by Illustrious Potentate M. T. Harstone, and Nobles Jantzey and Brown, of El Katif Temple, Spokane.

The President of the United States. Responded to by C. Wright and W. A. Brown, of Edmonton.

The Visiting Nobles. By Noble Mayor McDougall, Dr. Braithwaite, Judge Taylor, E. Trowbridge, of Edmonton; W. P. McLeish, Toronto, and W. P. Ryland, of Victoria, B. C.

Newly Initiated Nobles. By Nobles Price, Johnston, Watterbury, Wyatt, O. W. Kealy, K. C., and John R. Boyle, M.P.P.

The Officers of Al Azhar Temple. Proposed by His Honor Judge Taylor, and responded to by Illustrious Potentate R. A. Darker and the other officers.

The toast to the ladies was also duly honored in royal style.

The following Edmonton Shriners were in attendance: Messrs. Ibbotson, Watson, Chas. May, John McDougall, J. R. Boyle, M.P.P., Dr. Braithwaite, M. C. Wright, R. W. Day, E. Trowbridge, Supt. W. A. T. Bishop, M. McKay, A. J. Smale, J. McKnight and His Honor Judge Taylor.

REPORT ON CITY DAIRIES.

The report of the Veterinary Inspector, Dr. J. G. Shearer, upon the city dairies and milk supply for the month of November has just been handed in to the City Commissioners. The report shows that the sanitary conditions of the stables, milk houses and utensils are generally good and the milk tests by the new Babcock tester average high. Following are the detailed statements:

Sanitaria Dairy—LaDerval & Sons, 10 cows, test 4.20, sanitary condition of stable good, sanitary condition of milk house good, sanitary condition of utensils good.

Eastwood Dairy—H. Wonnocott, 40 cows, test 4.80, stable good, milk house good, utensils good.

East End Dairy—H. Doherty, 40 cows, test —, stable good, milk house good, utensils good.

Edmonton Dairy—N. Ross, 31 cows, test 4.20, stable good, milk house good, utensils good.

Cherry Grove Dairy—A. Bowman, 8 cows, test 5, stable fair, milk house good, utensils good.

Delton Dairy—Mr. Ritchie, 27 cows, test 4.40, stable good, milkhouse good, utensils good.

Highland Park Dairy—Mrs. Davis, 12 cows, test 4.40, stable fair, milkhouse good, utensils good.

J. Donnan, 50 cows, test —, stable good, milk house good, utensils good.

Woodland Dairy—Haire Bros., 15 cows, test 4.60, stable good, milk house good, utensils good.

W. P. Huff, 36 cows, test 4.60, stable good, milk house good, utensils good.

Hazelwood Dairy—J. McLinn, 50 cows, test 4.60, stable fair, milk house good, utensils good. Three cows suffering from mammitis.

Alberta Dairy—Morris Bros., 35 cows, test 4.60, stable fair, milk house good, utensils good.

D. Fulton, 10 cows, test —, stable fair, milk house good, utensils good.

Edmonton City Dairy—W. Prevey, no cows, test 4.60, no stable, milk house good, utensils good.

M. Van Camp, 19 cows, stable fair, milk house good, utensils good.

H. Smith, 20 cows, stable good, milk house fair, utensils good.

Win. Daley, 11 cows, stable not completed, milk house fair, utensils good.

J. Davis, 22 cows, stables good, milk house good, utensils good.

R. Lindsey, Clover Bar, 13 cows, stable good, milk house fair, utensils good.

G. Wilkerson, Leduc, 30 cows, stable fair, milk house fair, utensils good.

N. Tweddle, Leduc, 10 cows, stable good, milk house fair, utensils good.

Hatty Leduc, 10 cows, stable fair, milk house good, utensils good.

Currie, Leduc, ordered to stop sending sweet cream to the city.

C. Wright, Leduc, 8 cows, stable good, milkhouse fair, utensils good.

J. Shaw, Leduc, 16 cows, stable fair, milk house fair, utensils fair.

F. Falkenburg, Leduc, 15 cows, stable good, milk house fair, utensils good.

L. Roth, Leduc, 14 cows, stable good, milk house fair, utensils good.

P. Mullen, Willet, 20 cows, stable good, milkhouse not completed, utensils good.

LABOR CONDITIONS HERE.

Another very satisfactory report of the trade and labor conditions in Edmonton was published in a recent issue of the Labor Gazette, issued by the Department of Labor. This report, which was prepared by P. C. Foley, J. Edmonton is as follows:

"The labor market during October was satisfactory, with good prospects for the balance of the season. Building permits issued in September amounted to $123,425, the largest total for September in the history of the city. Last year, for the same month the total was $43,300. Eight miles of the municipal street car line is completed and will be in operation by November 1st. It is the intention of the civic authorities to extend the line next spring. The demand for land in the district still continues active, 868 homesteads were taken up in September, as compared with 286 for the corresponding month in 1907. The bank clearings for the month of September totalled $3,875,161.94, and for September, 1907, $3,401,258.33. The customs receipts for September were $87,511.01, an increase over the corresponding month last year of $12,062.24. The customs revenue for the six months ending September 30th totalled $182,559.49. A report has been received by the city commissioners from the electric light and power department for the nine months ending August 31st, which showed that total receipts for this period were $81,941.41, and the expenses $47,648.52, leaving a surplus of $34,292.89. Merchants reported wholesale and retail trade quiet and collections slow. There were no strikes or lockouts, and no changes in wages or hours of labor.

Condition of Local Industries.

Agriculture: Threshing is well advanced throughout the district. The wheat gives evidence of having been more or less frosted, and yields are from 12 to 22 bushels per acre. Oats are of good quality and yield from 65 to 70 bushels per acre, with barley running about 35 bushels per acre. The demand for hogs is greatly augmented by the requirements of the J. Y. Griffin packing plant. The supply is weakening, as the threshing season has not enabled the farmers to put their hogs in marketable condition. As a result, the price of hogs in the district is steadily rising and now stands at 6 to 6 3-4 cents per pound live weight.

The export cattle trade is dull, with the butcher trade steady and prices unchanged. Export steers are quoted at 3 to 3 3-4 cents per lb.; butcher cattle, 2 1-2 to 3 1-2 cents per lb., and calves, 4 to 5 cents. Retail prices of flour are as follows

Five Roses, 98 lb. sack, $3.60.
Capital, 98 lb. sack, $3.15.
Superior, 98 lb. sack, $2.75.
Strong Bakers, 98 lb. sack, $2.75.

City market prices are as follows:

New hay, per ton, $8.
Slough hay, per ton, $6 to $10.
Upland hay, per ton, $8 to $12.
Timothy hay, per ton, $10 to $14.
Green feed hay, per ton, $6 to $8.
Potatoes, per bush., 25 to 35c.
Oats, per bush. 28 to 30c.
Fowl per pound, 10 to 12 1-2c.
Spring chicken, per pound, 12 1-2 to 15c.
Turkeys, per pound, 17 to 20c.
Ducks, per pound, 12c.
Eggs, strictly fresh per dozen, 30c.
Choice dairy butter, per pound, 25 to 30c.
Fancy dairy farmers' butter, 1 lb. prints, 25c.
Creamery, 1 lb. prints, 30c.

Mining—The coal mine operators report a shortage of cars; consequently the mines are not running to full capacity.

Railroad construction—The contractors are freighting cement, etc., to the Pembina river, 60 miles west of the city. It is their intention to erect the piers for the Grand Trunk Pacific bridge at that point this winter.

Condition of Particular Trades.

Bricklayers and, masons, carpenter and joiners, lathers, painters, plumbers, gas and steamfitters were quiet. There was a large number of unskilled laborers unemployed."

WILL SUBMIT SITES.

Dispite the action of the Board of Trade, composed of the business men and largest ratepayers of Strathcona, in selection of the new post office site at the corner of First street west and Whyte avenue, the Strathcona city council have decided to take no further vote on the matter. A committee, composed of the Mayor, Ald. Bush and Ald. Baalim, were appointed to select three or four sites to be voted upon next Monday at the municipal elections, and they have chosen the following:

Northwest corner of block 59, Whyle avenue and Third street east.

Northeast corner of block 63, Whyle avenue and First street west.

Northeast corner of block 40, Main street and First avenue south.

Southwest corner of block 79, Main street and First avenue north.

CURLING IN FULL SWING.

The season's curling is now in full swing at the Strathcona ring and each evening enthusiastic curlers and interested spectators fill the building. The opening contest of the season, the President's and Vice-president's series which opened on Monday night resulted in a victory for the rinks of President Arthur McLean over those chosen by Vice-president G. W. Marridth, the total score being 43 to 41.

Wednesday the Sandeman Cup series were begun. This is a Knock out contest and will be finished on next Tuesday evening. In last night's draws Skip J. S. McWitley defeated Skip Rev. J. C. Bowen by a score of 9 to 7 in ten ends. Skip A. J. McLean defeated R. B. Douglas, 11 to 8, and Skip J. B. Mella defeated Skip W. T. Congdon, 9 to 7. The draws for seven o'clock tonight are A. Torgerson vs. J. M. Kinnear, Ed. O-Donnell vs. A. McLean; and for nine o'clock W. H. Sheppard vs. G. W. Marricott and J. F. Weir vs. G. F. Downes.

These games are for the cup offered by H. F. Sandeman some years ago, and held by the winning skip for a year.

TWO CARS THROUGH STRATHCONA.

A new proposition and one that commends itself to all who have heard of it is now being advocated for street car operation in Strathcona, when the service is brought to its proper schedule. The idea up to the present has been to run two interurban cars from the C. P. R. station in Strathcona to the corner of Ninth street and Jasper avenue in Edmonton and the smaller one truck car through Strathcona alone from Sixth street west to McClaggen's corner in the east. This would mean that to come from the west end of Strathcona to the centre of Edmonton there would necessarily be two changes of cars with tiresome waits to make connections at each change. The delay would be especially annoying at the corner of Jasper and Ninth where every person from Strathcona would necessarily have to make a change from the interurban to a Jasper avenue car.

Instead of this method of operation Superintendent Taylor has a new scheme which he is presenting to the Strathcona authorities. It is to run the two interurban cars from the west end of Strathcona to a central point in Edmonton, probably the Windsor hotel and give this extra Stratheona service in place of the smaller car on Whyte avenue and Cameron street. Were the two cars put on this suggested route it would mean that a trip could be made in the one car from Strathcona west to the centre of Edmonton and vice versa without change. This would be a great convenience to the hundreds who travel daily between the two cities.

The suggested change in the operation has not yet been taken up officially by the city council or other bodies but it has met with the approval of many to whom its details were outlined. It may be considered tonight at the regular meeting of the city council.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

As a result of Monday's nominations there will be but three ward elections in Strathcona next Monday, the contestants being W. F. Cameron and John Donnan in ward 1, R. W. Bush and J. C. Wainwright in ward 2, and O. Bush and T. P. Malone in ward 4. Of the four aldermen whose term of office expired this year one has so won the approbation of the ratepayers as to be returned by acclamation. Ald. Baalim is the fortunate one. He is the youngest member of the present council and in his one year at the aldermanic board has shown himself to be worthy of the confidence that was placed in him in the election of 1907.

The second alderman whose term expired this year is Ald. Somersall, chairman of the finance committee. He has decided not to contest the coming election as is probably the wisest course in view of the discredit that the police committee brought upon itself in the early part of the present year. He has, however, been nominated for public school trustee and will fill the vacancy on that board caused by the retirement of Ald. Bush.

In ward 1 Ald. Cameron, chairman of the hospital committee, will be opposed by John Donnan, proprietor of Donnan's lumber yard, and in ward 4 Ald. Bush, chairman of the water and sewer committee, will be opposed by T. P. Malone, one of the prominent young business men of Whyte avenue. Both of the present aldermen will likely be given a hard fight.

The election of Mayor Duggan by acclamation was expected and is received with general endorsation. The mayor entered upon his present position about the middle of last year and it is felt that in view of the good work he has done that he is entitled to a full term in the mayoralty chair. His action in repeatedly refusing to take a part in the police imbroglio, as well as in the prolongation of the same dispute which was before the council several weeks ago, was received with general favor. He will enter upon the new year's work with a bright prospect. The year 1909 will be a banner one in Strathcona's development.

Handled Dynamite Carelessly.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 7—A special message from Edmunston, N.B., says that an Italian, named Ciariarili Angelos, aged 40, foreman, was killed and another, Angelo Blagado, was slightly hurt by an explosion of dynamite during construction work on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway at Baker Brook today. An inquest will be held tomorrow. Carelessness in handling the explosive is given as cause of the fatality.

Swedish Consul Suicides.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—Charles A. Eckstromer, Swedish consul in St. Louis, famous for his controversy with President Roosevelt over the action of the post office department in the E. G. Lewis Publishing Company's case swallowed cyanide of potassium today and expired a few minutes later. He was manager of the local office of the West Disinfecting Co., New York.

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CENSORSHIP OF THEATRES.

Anglican Clergy in Ottawa Take Up This Question.

Ottawa, Dec. 7—At a conference of Anglican clergy of the city, presided over by Bishop Hamilton, the whole question of present day dramatic performances was discussed, with the result that a committee was appointed to consider a practical means of controlling the theatres as to the character of the plays presented in Ottawa. The members of that committee are disposed to urge upon the Dominion government, the necessity of a system of censorship. Just as the government is moving to keep out evil literature, so there should, the committee believes, be a power given to some official to control theatres.