# AROUND THE CITY

## LOCALS.

(From Thursday's Bulletin.)

H. J. McCarthy, Stony Plain, left last night on the C.N.R. for the east on a pleasure tour.

Thos. Harris, Vermilion, came up this morning on the C.N.R. and leaves this afternoon on the C.P.R. for the coast.

Edmonton bank clearings for the week ending to-day totalled $760,591.54. For the similar week last year the total was $4,017,272.55.

At the office of the building inspector this morning Sheriff Robertson took out a permit for a residence on Sixth street, lot 74, block 6, H. B. R., to cost $5,200; C. S. Vaniteker, a residence and stable on Namayo ave., lot 20, block 31, R. L. 14, to cost $1,000 and $400 respectively.

Ald. Manson has returned from a trip to Hardisty and the new G. T. P. townsite of Wainwright. The alderman says that Martin Forrester is moving his hotel from Denwood to Wainwright, a distance of two and a half miles. The first tent on the townsite of Wainwright was raised on Saturday by G. T. P. men. Ald. Manson inspected the bridge over the Battle river and he is of the opinion it will easily be finished in time to permit of the continuance of the line to Edmonton before the end of the year.

The report of the city electrician, A. W. Ormsby, for the month of March shows that there were 87 applications for incandescent light service and 25 wiring permits were granted. There were no connections or disconnections in power service. During the month in incandescent service there were 88 connections and 80 disconnected, making an increase of 8.

Workmen are now engaged in finishing a room in the south end of the basement of the legislative assembly hall for the Edmonton headquarters of the government long distance telephone line. Telephone booths are also being fitted up for various long distance stations throughout the province.

In two and a half minutes after Rev. Dr. McQueen pulled the fire alarm this morning at box 21, corner of Victoria and Third, the corps from Central station were at the fire in the house of W. T. Henry at 478 Fourth street. The cause of the fire was an overheated stove which set the oilcloth ablaze close by. The chemical was sufficient to subdue the flames with practically no damage.

The work of preparing the appeal case of the Retail Lumber Dealers' association against the decision of Chief Justice Sifton in imposing a fine on them for forming an illegal combine in restraint of trade, is being proceeded with and the case will probably come up for hearing at the next sittings of the Supreme court en banc. Court Stenographer McLeash last evening finished transcribing his notes of the voluminous evidence in the lumber case. The evidence makes in all 906 pages of typewritten matter. This must be printed for the hearing of the appeal.

Yesterday a party composed of Chief of Police Beale and Mrs. Beale and Dr. and Mrs. Wilson visited the buffalo at Lamont. The party went down to Fort Saskatchewan by the local train and then drove in to the Elk park. "We saw nearly four hundred buffalo," said the chief to a Bulletin representative this morning, "and they were all in excellent condition, fat and healthy. During the winter only one animal died which is considered a very good showing, considering the large number of animals. I was very agreeably surprised to see the buffalo in such excellent condition for I had heard reports that they were not thriving well."

(From Friday's Bulletin.)

Calgary's assessment roll has been completed and shows a total assessment of $17,945,001. Edmonton's assessment last year was $21,985,700.

Mrs. Panton, wife of Rev. E. W. Panton, of Radisson, Saskatchewan, who has been visiting her daughter, Miss Panton, matron of the Public Hospital, Vernon, B.C., is now the guest of her daughter here, Mrs. W. D. McPhail, en route home.

Hon. W. T. Finlay, minister of agriculture, returned to the city last evening from attending the creamery convention held at Red Deer this week. H. A. Crang, superintendent of fairs and institutes in the province, has also returned from this convention. Both report a largely attended and highly successful convention of farmers and creamery men. Many important subjects were discussed and ideas brought forward that should be of decided benefit to the dairy and creamery business in Alberta.

Arrangements are now being completed for holding a road race from St. Albert to Edmonton, a distance of nine miles by road, on Monday, May 25th. This race will be open to all bona fide amateurs and is being held under the direction of the Edmonton Y. M. C. A. It is probable that there will be a large number of entries and for the next month the running track in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium will probably be in constant use by the boys getting in shape for the race. Particulars may be obtained from J. W. Ward, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., or from G. R. Jackson, physical director.

Constable Seymour, of the city police force, has been appointed as one of the new mounted patrolmen. The other is D. H. Reeves, for eight years with the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. The place of Constable Seymour on the regular constable staff will be filled by David George, fromerly of the police force of Leith, Scotland. Both the new men are good specimens physically and will well maintain the good appearance of the force. The two black horses used by the fire department at No. 3 hall will be used for the mounted men, while a new team is being procured for the use of the brigade.

A new Rebekah Lodge to be known as Beatrice Rebekah Lodge No. 4 was instituted yesterday afternoon at Millet. Grand Warden French, Wetaskiwin, of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, instituted the lodge. He was assisted by Past Grand Master Young of Ontario, as acting Deputy Grand Master; District Deputy Haskill, Edmonton, as Grand Marshall; Deputy Grand Master, T. A. Tilley, Peterborough, as Vice-Deputy Grand Master; Patriarch Orchard, Edmonton, as Grand Scribe; and Past Chief Patriarch Riddick, Edmonton, as Grand Inside Guard.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Percy Blois took place this morning from the family residence on Boyle street to the Immaculate Conception Church, where a requiem service was sung by Rev. Father Norman, of St. Albert. The church was crowded with the many in attendance at the funeral to pay a last tribute of respect to the estimable character of the deceased, and to denote their sympathy with Mr. Blois, who has made many friends during his twelve years' residence in Edmonton. Numerous floral offerings were piled upon the coffin, marks of the affection and regard of many friends. The pall bearers were Messrs. Johnson, Clark, Irwin, Shaw, Camichael and Cooney. The funeral procession, which was very large, reformed at the church and proceeded to the Catholic cemetery. The chief mourners were the husband of the deceased and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McDougall.

R. W. Jones, divisional engineer of the G. T. P. between Saskatoon and Edmonton, arrived in the city this morninig on the C. N. R. with his wife and is a guest at the Hotel Cecil. Mr. Jones intends making Edmonton his headquarters until the G. T. P. line is completed as far as this city. Construction work, or at least the grading, is finished on the line for 200 miles west of Saskatoon as far as the Battle river. In order to get near the scene of operations it was necessary for Mr. Jones to come west on the C. N. R. to Edmonton, south on the C. P. R. to Wetaskiwin, and thence east to Hardisty. The divisional headquarters have, accordingly, been moved to Edmonton and will be maintained here this summer. Mr. Jones has an office staff, six or eight in number. His offices will be on the flat over the Merchants' bank at present occupied by C. C. Van Arsdol, divisional engineer of the G. T. P., from Edmonton west to Prince Rupert.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

W. F. Stevens, Clover Bar secretary of the A. F. A., will speak next Monday at the Canadian Club luncheon in Cronn's Club cafe.

F. H. Kerr, who was assistant to Rev. Dr. McQueen in the First Presbyterian church last summer, took first place in the final year examinations at Knox college and he won the post-graduate scholarship of $400.

James Parker, who was employed in Mr. Cautley's surveying camp, about 100 miles out of Edmonton was brought to the Public hospital last night with his foot badly cut. He was choppinig when the axe slipped.

At the meeting of the Supreme Court en banc on Monday the arguments in the two remaining appeal cases will be heard, and judgments will then be given in all the cases. The cases still to be heard are Wm. R. Peters vs. Perras, an appeal by the plaintiff, and Jure Barnard vs. Jure Manley.

The Scotch play, Cramond Brig, will, by request, be repeated by G. M. Mitchell next Saturday, April 18, afternoon and evening, in the Seperate School theatre, Third street. A new curtain riser of vocal and instrumental music will be arranged. G. M. Mitchell will take part in the recitation, accompanied by J. C. Edwards, pianist.

## RESUME WORK ON MONDAY.

(From Friday's Bulletin.)

On Monday next the Canadian White Company will resume grading operations on the 200,000 cubic yard fill on the Grand Trunk Pacific right of way immediately west of the Clover Bar bridge. This work was postponed last winter, when the frost rendered working difficult. It will be started again next week and a sufficient force of men employed to rush it to completion by August at the latest.

The place where this work is being carried on is a depression in the right of way. Instead of bridging this it was decided to fill it with earth and it was estimated that some 200,000 cubic yards of earth would be required for this purpose. The Canadian White Company commenced this work last summer. A steam shovel was used, and by the time the frost stopped work in the winter some 50,000 cubic yards had been dumped into the depression. Although this is only one-quarter of the amount of earth, it is fully one half of the labor, as the most difficult work was experienced at the beginning.

This summer a force of from 90 to 100 men will be employed on the work. About 30 men will be employed on the steam shovel work, and about 40 men with teams and scrapers. These men are now being employed and will be taken out ready for work next Monday. Laborers are plentiful in the city at present, and the Canadian White Company are experiencing little difficulty in securing enough men.

## FOUND DEAD IN SHACK.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

The dead body of a man named Frank Mahar, aged fifty years, who lived in a shack on the farm of Jas. Sinclair, Beaver Hills, was found in the shack yesterday by some neighbors. Mahar has looked after the farm for the past winter, but as he had not been seen around for several days the neighbors made an investigation with the above result. An inquest will be held to-day by Dr. Forin of this city, though there has been no evidence of foul play revealed up to the present time.

## TIME OF TENDERS EXTENDED.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

The tenders for plank for the new city sidewalks expired at noon today, but have been extended until next Wednesday to give an opportunity for more tenders to be sent in. The time for receiving tenders for concrete has also been extended for a week.

## LECTURE ON ALCOHOL.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

A large assembly gathered together last evening in the schools adjoining the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kinistino avenue, to hear a lecture on "Alcohol and Its Effects," by Dr. J. F. Rymer. The rector, Rev. A. Lemarchand, occupied the chair. The lecturer, in the course of his remarks, showed how the process of fermentation took place, and the chemical action. He also dwelt upon the physiological effects of alcohol upon the human subject and other bodies. He stated that those who use alcohol should do so in a rational manner, and forcibly pointed out that alcohol in any shape or form given to the young acted as a poison, and retarded growth. In conclusion he spoke in eulogistic terms of the city of Edmonton. Rev. E. Lemarchand cordially endorsed all that had been said, and it gave him pleasure to announce that before long he hoped there would be a good Central Catholic club worthy of the city. Such institutions were a sure means of promoting temperance. Mr. Larue proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by Mr. Gilmurray.

Dr. Rymer, in replying, spoke of the great work being done in this mission by Fr. Lemarchand. The mission was growing by leaps and bounds. All must support their rector, so that his labors would be lightened. An enjoyable programme of vocal music followed, and much credit due to those who kindly gave their services, the following taking part: Miss Lambert, Miss Healey (recitation), Mr. Larue and M. Duggan.

## SENT TO REFORMATORY.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

Four years in the Alberta Industrial school was the sentence imposed on Frederick Vogel, the fourteen year old Edmonton lad, who was convicted of forgery. The accused was brought up for trial at the District Court yesterday. He pleaded guilty, and Judge Taylor sentenced him to four years in the new reformatory to be established in Alberta shortly. Until this institution is started the accused will be kept at the R. N. W. M. P. guard room at Fort Saskatchewan.

Vogel was arrested by the city police early in April. He was charged with forging the name of Paul Rudyk to a cheque for $9.30 for wages. He made the cheque payable to Albert Helbert and cashed it at a Namayo avenue store under that alias. He was brought up for trial at the city police court and after hearing the evidence Magistrate Wilson sent the lad up to the District Court for trial. He pleaded guilty at the District Court, and was given the above sentence.

Before being taken to the Fort, Vogel stated that his home at present was at Strathcona. He came originally from Portland, Ore.

## ENTRIES FOR THE FESTIVAL.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

As the time draws near for the closing of entries in the Alberta musical festival to be held on May 5th, and the list keeps piling up, it looks as if the affair will assume even greater proportions than at first anticipated. The interest manifested is surprising. Nor is this interest confined to the Edmonton district alone, but from all over the province the entries are arriving thick and fast and the attendance from outside points on the days of the festival will be large. A special railway excursion rate of single fare has been secured.

At a recent meeting of the committee in charge it was decided to engage Mr. Matthews, a noted Winnipeg musician, as assistant adjudicator to Mr. Rhys Thomas—and to hold the competitions in the separate school theatre and the All Saints' school room. The public will be admitted to all the contests and on the evening of May 5th a grand concert will be held in the Thistle rink, in which the massed chorus and male choruses will take part.

## WORK IN PACKING PLANT.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

P. O. Dwyer, of packing plant fame returned to the city this morning on the C.N.R. after spending the winter in the Southern States and Mexico. He has returned to look after his property interests here and may possibly be connected with the establishment of a new industry in the city this year.

In reply to a question of a Bulletin representative as to the probability of construction work on the new packing plant being resumed shortly, Mr. Dwyer stated that he had no connection with that industry now.

"There was a mistaken idea," said Mr. Dwyer, "that I was representing Swift & Co., of Chicago, in starting this plant as a private undertaking, and later sold out to Griffin & Co. of Winnipeg."

Mr. Dwyer stated that he understood, however, that the Griffin Co. intended proceeding with the construction work on the new plant immediately after Easter. They were only waiting until the cold weather had gone before resuming work.

## CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

The Caledonian Society held a musical evening in the Mechanics' hall on Thursday. President J. H. Bell was in the chair. There was a crowded attendance of members and lady friends. An excellent programme was rendered, including songs, readings, bagpipe music, gramophone and mandolin selections, violin selections, dances, highland fling and sword dance. Mayor McDougall, who was accompanied by Mrs. and Miss McDougall, gave a short interesting address. President Bell remarked on the need of some place where the people could spend an enjoyable evening on Saturday. He hoped this would be looked after next fall. The society hold a conversazione for members only and their lady friends on the 23rd, an address by Principal Rea on the 30th, an address on the 30th by Rev. Dr. McQueen. A Ladies' Auxiliary is now being formed in connection with this society. The annual Scotch games are to be held on Citizens' Day.

## CAMROSE APPEAL CASE.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

An interesting appeal case in which a large number of Camrose farmers are interested, was argued before the full court yesterday. This was an appeal by the defendants in the case of Even Olstadt, August Link et al vs. John Lineham. Griesbach, O'Connor & Allison appeared for the plaintiffs, and W. J. Loggie, of Wetaskiwin for the defendant.

In this case the plaintiffs were 87 farmers residing near Camrose, and the defendants were R. L. Corey, of Leavings, an organizer, John Lineham, of Okotoks, a capitalist and the Merchants Bank at Camrose.

In June 1905, according to the statement of claim, the defendant R. L. Corey, induced the plaintiffs to sign and deliver to him certain promissory notes in his favor for $30 each, payable $10 per year with interest at 8 per cent. They claimed that Corey procured the notes from them by falsely and fraudulently representing that he was an official of the Alberta government sent out to organize branches of the Farmers' Independent Elevator Association. He claimed that he was bonded at $3,000.

The plaintiffs claim that the defendant agree to erect and operate an elevator of 60,000 bushels capacity at Camrose before October 25th, 1905, together with other necessary buildings. If he did not build these the agreement was to become void. The elevator would be under government control, and would after five years become the property of the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs might at any time withdraw their notes from the bank and would have no further interest or liability in the scheme. The plaintiffs were to have the privilege of storing grain in the elevator one month free of charge, and for 1-2c per bushel for each month thereafter. The Merchants Bank was to advance them two-thirds of the value of the grain stored if desired.

It is claimed that the plaintiffs have only recently come to Canada and cannot speak or understand English and they believed the representations of the defendant Corey, and signed the notes. They now claim that Corey was not a government agent nor under bond. That he refuses to erect the elevator and buildings or to return the notes, but that he has placed these notes in the Merchants Bank for collection. They claim that John E. Lineham, the holder of the notes has instructed the Merchants Bank to refuse to deliver these notes. They, therefore claim the notes and $10,000 damages from Corey and Lineham.

The defendants say the notes were not fraudulently obtained. They claim the defendants could speak English and knew why they signed the notes. Corey claims he carried out his part of the agreement. They deny that Lineham instructed the Merchants Bank not to deliver up the notes, and they say the plaintiffs never claimed the notes. Lineham did not know the circumstances under which the notes were obtained. He claims that Corey erected an elevator at Camrose in accordance with the agreement entered into by him.

The case was tried before a jury and a verdict was returned holding that the plaintiffs were not liable for the notes. Mr. Justice Beck ordered that the defendants should return these notes. The defendants appealed against the decision of the judge and jury.

## YUKON NEWSPAPERMEN HERE.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

Mr. Wm. McIntyre and Chas. Dever left the city this morning after a stay of a few days. Mr. McIntyre is the proprietor of the Dawson City News, and Mr. Dever has been managing the paper for some years past. Their visit to the city was purely a pleasure tour, in which they combined an inspection of the surrounding country.

Mr. Dever is a newspaper man of wide experience, having been engaged on most of the cities of the coast as well as Chicago and other large centres.

Mr. McIntyre expressed himself freely on the future of Dawson and the Yukon Territory. "The Guggenheims," he said, "will no doubt enliven things up quite a bit when the operations of the Yukon Gold Co. are in full swing, but the old days of the placer mining seems gone, and the population of the district is not likely to be what it once was. The work of the great gold trust in the district is being carried out on a gigantic and efficient scale, and it is possible that there will be 2,500 men employed when everything is in full swing."

Mr. Dever declared himself very favorably impressed with the surrounding country, and believed that what he had seen on his brief inspection indicated that Edmonton was bound to become a large centre of population. Both left to proceed to Okanagan.

## AT THE POLICE COURT.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

At the police court this morning, Mah Wai Hing, the keeper of a Chinese restaurant on First street, was fined $50 and costs for selling liquor without a license. Another case against the same man for keeping liquor in a restaurant without a permit will come up for hearing.

The gambling case against the Fan Cigar Store came up again last night and was further adjourned for a week. The only evidence taken last night was that of Sergeant Detective Griffith, who told of the part taken by him in the raid last Saturday night. A feature of the hearing was the expert opinion given of the game of black jack, which, it is alleged, was in progress at the time of the raid.

## SPEER—McRAE.

(From Thursday's Bulletin.)

The marriage of Mr. Frederick W. Speer to Miss Anna McRae was solemnized at Queen's Avenue Presbyterian church on Tuesday at two o'clock. The bride entered the church accompanied by her brother, Miss Ethel Lidstone being bridesmaid. The bridal party entered the church to the strain of the wedding march from "Lohengrin", played by Miss Yuill. The groom was attended by his brother, Harold Speer. The bride was prettily attired in a champagne-colored cloth travelling suit, with tulle hat of the same color, and carried a bouquet of white bridal roses. The bridesmaid was dressed in cream voile, carrying pink roses. A brief reception was held after the ceremony, the young couple leaving on the afternoon train for a honeymoon trip to Banff.

# STRATHCONA NEWS

## LOCALS.

(From Thursday's Bulletin.)

Mrs. James Gregg received a telegram last evening from Southampton, Ont., announcing the sad news that her mother was at the point of death and was not expected to live more than a week at most. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg leave this afternoon for Ontario where they will spend the summer months.

A session of the District court is to be held in Strathcona on next Tuesday, April 14 in the office of A. M. Fuller. The presiding justice is Judge Taylor. There are a number of small cases to come up for hearing. A. M. Fuller is process issuer for the district.

The Strathcona city council will hold an adjourned meeting this evening to consider the American-Canadian Oil company's proposed gas franchise. The agreement to be adopted will likely be almost identical to that endorsed by the Edmonton ratepayers last Monday.

J. Maurice Kinnear has resigned his position in the Bank of Nova Scotia at Edmonton and has been appointed to a vacancy in the treasury department at the offices of the local government.

The funeral of the late Robt. McKernan will take place tomorrow, Friday, afternoon at half past two o'clock from his late residence, First avenue south to the Strathcona cemetery.

The Catholic club has added to the equipment of their rooms over the separate school two new pool tables. The club now boasts of having one of the best equipped church club rooms in the west.

A meeting of members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, No. 1109, is called for Saturday evening next, at eight o'clock, at the home of Mr. McGee, corner of Fourth street east and First avenue south. There is urgent business for consideration.

The Associated Young Men's clubs are arranging to give the mock trial in course of preparation for some time at the Presbyterian church basement next Friday week.

The military equipment of squadron B, Nineteenth Mounted Rifles, was subjected to inspection yesterday by Staff Adjutant Mackie. The squadron is now using the building adjoining the hay market and owned by H. Wilson as an armory.

In the Presbyterian church last night A. T. Waters, an independent self-supporting medical missionary to the Tongo tribe in Zululand, gave an illustrated lecture in the Presbyterian church devoted to a narration of travel, exploration and adventure in South Africa. Mr. Waters is now on his return journey to Africa via the Pacific after a furlough in Canada and the United States. Mr. Waters was in South Africa just after the Boer war and is familiar with the most interesting parts of the history of that country.

(From Friday's Bulletin.)

Work is now in full swing on the construction of the new Collegiate Institute. The contractors, the May-Sharpe Construction Co., have no time to lose as the building must be ready at the opening of the fall term in view of Duggan street school being used in part for the university work.

The roller skating at the Opera House is becoming quite a popular form of amusement and each evening the hall is filled with young people. If the present patronage continues the venture is sure to be a great success.

The old Methodist church is being moved today by the purchaser, F. H. Sache, to the right of way of the C.P.R. where it is to be set up in two sections for a warehouse.

C. W. Speer, the Dominion government colonization agent, with headquarters at Brandon, was in Strathcona yesterday looking after the departmental work. He anticipates a large influx of settlers this spring to the Strathcona district.

Building operations in Strathcona are commencing to boom and already a number of contracts for new dwellings have been awarded to different contractors in the city.

The city is filled with foreigners looking for railway work along the line of the company. The employment agent of the company is O. Bush and his office on White ave., is besieged all hours of the day by men who wish to get out on the railway line. Several days ago 150 men were sent down the line and more will likely be sent out next week. Large crowds of men are arriving by each train and many are proceeding to Edmonton with the object of going out on the G.T.P. grade west of the city.

The Strathcona City Council were in in consideration of the proposed gas franchise agreement between the American-Canadian Oil Co., and the city. The Mayor occupied the chair and all the aldermen were present with the exception of Aldermen Somersall and Baalim. E. B. Williams, of Short, Cross and Biggar, Edmonton, and H. L. Williams, manager of the company were also present. The council after the two readings went into consideration of the bill in committee with Ald. Elliott in the chair. It was finally agreed upon with some minor amendments and will be read a third time next Tuesday evening. No other business came up for consideration at the council meeting.

(From Saturday's Bulletin.)

H. W. Dakin, of Strathcona, was visiting in Wetaskiwin and other cities along the C. & E. line this week.

The Easter examinations begin in the city schools on Monday next. Schools will close for the holidays on Thursday.

Mrs. J. D. Skinner, of Lacombe, has returned from a visit to friends in Strathcona.

In the Baptist church tomorrow morning Rev. Mr. Bowen will preach on "A Great Man's Humble Choice," and in the evening on "Purity in Civic Government."

Inspector Ross, of Strathcona, visited the separate school, Wetaskiwin, on Tuesday and the Alexandra school on Wednesday and Thursday.

W. H. Sheppard, of this city, has ordered a car load of boats for use on Gull lake, near Lacombe this year. This is something much needed at the summer resort.

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The proposed gas franchise agreement with the American-Canadian Oil company will be submitted to the Strathcona ratepayers on Tuesday, May 5th next.

At the present time there are only four patients undergoing treatment at the Strathcona hospital. This is surely a tribute to the healthfulness of the city.

The Strathcona hockey club will hold a ball in the Oddfellows' hall on Easter Monday night for the purpose of securing money to pay off the debt incurred during the past winter.

A. M. Terrabain, the Syrian merchant, is anxiously inquiring for his brother, Samuel Terrabain, who left Strathcona on February 13th last and has not since been heard from by him.

The entire household furniture of R. S. Alexander is being sold this afternoon by J. G. Tipton & Son. Mr. Alexander intends removing from the city. His house has been taken by G. W. Dale.

The immigration hall has been under quarantine for several days owing to a case of scarlet fever. The patient has been removed however and the building is being disinfected and will shortly be reopened.

Members of the official staff of the C. N. R. are expected in Strathcona shortly when it is expected that an announcement will be made of the policy of the company in Strathcona during the coming summer.

The Scottish play, Cramond Brig, which was produced very successfully in Edmonton recently, will be put on at the Strathcona opera house on Friday, April 24. A scene from Rob Roy will also be given.

The funeral took place this morning from Wainwright's undertaking rooms to St. Anthony's church and thence to the R. C. cemetery, of Miss Grace Gill, a well known young lady of the Salisbury settlement. The deceased has been ill for some time with consumption which she contracted in Toronto. Some time ago she came to her mother's home in the Salisbury district, but the change did not effect a cure.

James Weir, formerly editor of the Strathcona Chronicle, is now empolyed on the Calgary Albertan. He was one of the speakers at a recent meeting of the Conservative club in that city. An exchange says: Mr. Weir interspersed his interesting comment on current political events with a number of anecdotes which made a hit with his audience. Mr. Weir is a pleasing speaker, who appeals to the cold logic of historical facts rather than to invective, and does not endeavor to make up for lack of argument. His address was highly appreciated by his hearers, and he was graciously applauded.

## REPORTED OPTION BY C. N. R.

(From Thursday's Bulletin.)

There was a flutter in real estate circles of Strathcona yesterday at a report which obtained currency to the effect that the C. N. R. had secured an option in the southern part of the city on property which they proposed using for a station site and railway yards. Though it was impossible to gain any direct confirmation of the report there is much to give to it an air of probability. It is known that the C. N. R. is surveying a line from Fort Saskatchewan to Strathcona up along the south side of the river and this in addition to the Ottawa dispatch of yesterday of a probable C. N. R. line from Strathcona to Calgary shows that the University City will shortly be a centre for the Canadian Northern in its extensions towards the southern part of the province.

## C. P. R. LINE TO STRATHCONA.

The surveying party from the C. P. R. engineering department which has been working for the past few weeks on the proposed line between Killam and Strathcona is expected to reach Strathcona within the next few days. The party consists of twenty men under the direction of Engineer McMillan. The survey left the Wetaskiwin branch line at Killam and proceeded in a northwesterly direction to Strathcona. The line when completed will give direct communication from Winnipeg to Strathcona and from the Wetaskiwin end will likely be extended to the coast, reaching it at the north end of Vancouver island and giving better grades through the mountains than on the present one.

It is expected that the line will reach the coast at Hardy Bay, where a large area has recently been bonded by unknown parties who are believed to be acting for the C. P. R. Hardy Bay is one of the best harbors on the Canadian Pacific coast, with excellent water accommodation and a good country back of it, while it is close to the great timber lands of the north end of Vancouver island. A further advantage of such a line and terminus would be that it would afford much better competition with the Grand Trunk Pacific, since, the northern harbor would enjoy almost equal facilities with Prince Rupert so far as ocean navigation is concerned. When built, the line will connect with the main line of the C. P. R. at Wetaskiwin.

## MAIL BOX SERVICE.

The post office department has decided upon a street letter box service for Strathcona and are calling for tenders for making collections, once a day and twice a day. The new boxes are to be located as follows:—

1—Corner of Whyte avenue and Third street west.

2—Corner of Fourth avenue north and First street west.

3—Corner of Whyte avenue and Fifth street east.

4—Corner of Third avenue north and Fourth street east.

5—Corner of Main street and Fourth avenue north.

6—Corner of Second street west and Third avenue north.

7—Walterdale (or Walter's Flats).

8—Bridge Flats, corner Ferry and Fifth street.

Tenders are to be received up to May 22nd next. When the service will go into operation is not stated, but probably on June 1st, the begining of the postal year.

It is not stated whether the service will be daily or twice a day, but tenders are to be made on both separately.

The hours for a daily service are for collection to begin at 5.30 a.m. and all boxes to be cleared and delivery made at the city post office at 6.45 a.m.

The hours for a semi-daily service are for collection to begin at 5.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. and to be completed by 6.45 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. respectively.

## AUSTRALIA FEARS JAPANESE.

### Cannot Keep Colony by Flying Union Jack Over it.

London, April 10—Australia's apprehension in the matter of possible aggression on the part of Japan was voiced at the meeting held at London this afternoon by the Australasia of which the commerce by Thomas Price, premier of South Australia. Mr. Price was emphasizing the necessity of Great Britain giving a more tangible proof of her interests in the colonies.

"You cannot keep a colony by merely flying a flag over it, even the Union Jack," he said. "There must be sympathy and understanding behind the flag. With the awakening of the east if you are going to retain Australasia a jewel of the British crown, some one has got to stand up and fight to keep it."

Mr. Price expressed his approval in strong terms of the proposal to raise a numerous federal citizen army in Australasia.

## VANCOUVER ASSAY OFFICE.

### Purchase of Bullion During Last Fiscal Year Broke All Records.

Ottawa, April 10.—The past year's returns of the Vancouver Assay Office have not yet been made to the Government, but the purchases of bullion have been larger than either 1906 or 1907, or the years before. The amount for the nine months ending March 31, 1907, was $336,676, representing 20,695 ounces.

There will be an assay office established in connection with the Royal Mint, Ottawa, but this of course does not involve the closing of the Vancouver office. In the United States several of the assay offices show much smaller purchases of bullion than the Vancouver office.

## A NEW OCEAN LINE.

### Believed That White Star Line Will Land In Canada.

Liverpool, April 9.—Great Interest has been aroused here by the report that the White Star Steamship Company contemplates inaugurating a service from Liverpool to Montreal, for which it will place an order for new 24 knot liners with the shipbuilding firm of Harland & Wolff. It is said the service will be conducted in conjunction with the Dominion Line and the Grand Trunk Railroad. The White Star officials here refuse either to confirm or deny the story.

### Adopt Eight Hour Day.

Lethbridge, Alta., April 11—At a joint meeting of the bricklayers' masons' and plasterers' unions last night it was decided to adopt the eight hour day after May 1st. At present nine hours constitutes a day's work. The international unions will make the eight hour day compulsory after May 1st, 1909, but the local unions decided to follow the action of the other labor organizations and adopt the eight hour day system this year. This will mean lower wages as the rate per hour will remann the same. This step is taken in view of the fact that many men are out of work.

### $100,000 Freight Train Wrecked.

Montreal, April 8.—A spreading rail on the Portland division of the Grand Trunk near St. Hilaire, Que., early this morning caused the wreck of a freight train loaded with export goods. The loss is on hundred thousand dollars. The employees escaped uninjured.

### Santa Fe Train Ditched.

La Plata, Mo., April 11.—Eight cars of the Sante Fe train, No. 9, went into the ditch a mile west of here. It is claimed by the officials that nobody was killed or seriously injured.

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FIRE DESTROYED LIVERY STA

First Street, North of C.N.R., of Destructive Blaze this Morning.

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

One of the most difficult fire the city brigade has had to figh many months broke out this m shortly before ten o'clock i C.N.R. livery and feed barns on street, just north of the tracks. The buildings where t started were two stories in and closely adjoining each other is about 140 feet long and the about 100 feet, while each had a of about 60 feet. They are oce by Robert Bowman, the proprie the stables, and the owner is A. who has the buildings well cover insurance.

It was five minutes to ten o when the first alarm went in at east end station responded. seconds later a second call was in and central turned out. Whe firemen arrived both of the struc which are close to each other, w flames and dense black smoke pouring out of all parts. The fi peared to be principaly in the west corner.

Before the water was turned o the horses, about thirty-five in some of which were being boarde local men, had been taken out turned loose on the streets. Th ness was also all removed.

### Four Streams at Work.

Four streams of water were playing through the windows, b was hard to reach the seat of flames, which was in the midst hay on the second storey. The at first seemed to be in the nort building, but a breeze that sp up carried it to the south one the flames began to break out th the roof. All the attention of brigade was then turned to this and after half an hour's fighting fire was got completely under co The interiors of both the buil upstairs were badly burned out the walls still stand intact.

In the rear of the longer one two were several hundred bags of owned by Markman & Orton and Woodyard, as well as a big pi contractors' supplies, consisting picks, shovels, etc. These threatened with destruction at time, but a large number of s tors set themselves to remove th and in a few minutes they were ed on drays and carted away to other building. That portion o structure was kept entirely free the fire.

The cause of the fire is unkn but is supposed to have starte the second storey, near the hay, the offices were located. Whe was first seen by one of the empl dense smoke was pouring out windows. The alarm was slow being sent in, as the men set selves to getting out the horses harness first.

### One Man Slightly Burned.

One of the men who was emp at the place was severely bu about the face and hands in att ing to go upstairs and rescue a t which he had stored there. He taken into the Union house next north and his injuries were dre after which he was able to be ar again.

This fire and the one last nigh C. W. Ribchester's blacksmith wood-working establishment on street, to the rear of the En Block, threatened to be disastrou both buildings were virtually traps. The work done by the department in both cases is hi

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